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The Only Way to Win

It takes a little courage
And a little self-control
And some grim determination,
If you want to reach the goal.
It takes a deal of striving,
And a firm and stern-set chin,
No matter what the battle,
If you really want to win.

There's no easy path to glory,
There's no rosy road to fame.
Life, however we may view it,
Is no simple parlor game;
But its prizes call for fighting,
For endurance and for grit;
For a rugged disposition
And a "don't-know-when-to-quit."

You must take a blow or give one,
You must risk and you must lose,
And expect that in the struggle
You will suffer from the bruise.
But you mustn't wince or falter,
If a fight you once begin;
Be a man and face the battle—
That's the way to win.

—Anon.

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MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Eight of the Free Will Baptist members gathered together on July 26, 1946, in the name of our Lord to make plans to organize a Free Will Baptist Church. It was voted on and passed that Rev. Steve English act as moderator of the conference. Rev. Lester English was called to pastor the work. A building committee was appointed, and they started to work immediately. In four weeks' time, we were holding services in our new church.

This church was named in the memory of our service men who gave their lives for their country and for their God. Many prayers were sent up for the making of this new work. The men toiled with their hands with untiring efforts until the work was done.

The dedication of the church was held on September 29, with a very large attendance. Our Sunday School is growing rapidly with an average attendance of 75 members. We have organized a League for the young people and have a fine group of young people who are interested in the work. We desire the prayers of the Christian people everywhere.

Blandell Carter,

East Rockingham, N. C.

Real love, pure and fervent love, means more than the absence of hatred, and manifest itself in fruit. It will show itself both in word and deed.—Rev. S. B. Shaw.

If you cannot do great things, you can do small things in a great way.

Editorial

LOOKING FORWARD—1947

It is the indomitable spirit of man—progressive man—to look forward and upward. Had this not been true in the beginning, man would never have built nations and civilizations. The spirit or the urge to move forward is a God-give spirit. It is a divine endowment for the purpose of growth and development. Naturally, therefore, people look forward, at the beginning of the New Year, to achieve success in whatever business or calling in which they are engaged. And surely, this is equally true with the program of the church.

Toward the Bible College

It is gratifying to say that the church people are becoming more and more interested in the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Their ever increasing financial support proves this fact. The increased enrollment of students in the college is also proof that more people are giving the school more concern. The ever growing need for more and better trained leadership for the denomination is becoming more and more apparent in the minds of the church people as a whole. This, too, is causing a greater interest to be taken by more and more people of the denomination. And all of these are serving to boost the work and expansion of the Bible College. But the institution is yet an infant and very small. It needs to grow, it wants to grow, it must grow.

Now, what is needed to be done this year 1947, is a larger and more systematic giving of money than ever before. Now there is set up at the college by the president two separate fund accounts; namely, the **Expansion Fund**, and the **Maintenance Fund**. First, to the **Expansion Fund**, for the building of dormitories and class rooms to take care of the student body, there must be made or given larger sums of money this year by substantial individuals, by local churches and Sunday Schools, by quarterly meetings, district conferences and associations throughout the denomination. The church people have the money and can endow the college with a large expansion fund for building purposes. In fact, this is vitally necessary before the college can expand.

But this is not all. No. The school must be operated year after year and the student fees, and the margin of profits realized from their room rent and meals do not take care of all the cost of the maintenance of the school. Teachers and other employees of the college have to be paid their salaries. Furniture for class rooms have to be bought. Janitorial services, fuel, water and lights, as well as repairs have to be cared for from month to month. Certainly, no sensible person who knows anything about running a Bible school would dare say all of the maintenance operations can be cared for from student fees and board margins of profit. Anyone who thinks that is sadly wrong.

Therefore, be it definitely understood by every loyal Free Will Baptist that he or she is to give money for maintenance, the operation of the Bible College in Nashville, if it is to be able to operate its business as it should, and as they know it should be operated. We have had definite experience, in years gone by, in running a religious school and know full well that a greater part of the operation expenses must always come from the church people at large. Therefore, we urge individuals, churches, Sunday Schools, Women's Auxiliaries, the Young People's Leagues, and all of the church organizations to give money to both funds of the college: To the **Expansion Fund**, and also to the **Maintenance Fund**. It is a known fact that both must be supported at the same time for the best interests of the denomination. Divide, therefore, your giving to the college, as you feel led by the Holy Spirit, and for the best interest of the college.

Toward the Mission Program

What has just been said in a general way concerning giving to the college in 1947 is also applicable to the support of the **Mission Program** of the church. Both are essential to the growth and expansion of the denomination and for the glory of God. People never fail in good living nor in happy experiences when they give to the good causes of righteousness. God will repay them many fold for their much giving in the right spirit.

The foreign mission work in Cuba needs more money for building purposes, as well as more for maintenance. As the work there grows, more missionaries will be needed for that field. God has prospered it so far, and we should be happy because of this fact. Our giving for this cause alone during 1947 must be greatly increased. Certainly, we cannot do otherwise and hope for the best results to be accomplished by those whom we have sent there on that field.

Then, too, all of us are thinking of far away India and God's faithful servant, Miss Laura Belle Barnard. The work there is growing, and now Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey are planning to sail for India very soon. This means the call for more money to support that field of mission work. Consequently, gifts this year must be larger than ever before. More of the church people must give for the support to be what it should be for the growth and expansion of that field of missions. Therefore, every church, Sunday School, Young People's League, and Auxiliary should set up some systematic plan of giving to all of these causes. Then, when the year is ended, and your church or organization has made out its annual report, you will have, let us hope, the best record that you have ever had in the work of the support of the cause of the denominational work.

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CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Church Finance Association, Inc., for 1947, will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 1947, at 11:00 A. M., in the Free Will Baptist Church at Lucama, N. C.

This meeting has been being held in April of each year, but in the last Annual Meeting there were some changes made in the By-Laws, which call for our Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday after the second Sunday in January.

It is very needful that as many members be present as can, for we will have to have a majority of the members present in order to attend to the business. All individual members, and all representatives of organizations holding membership, are hereby notified of this meeting, and asked to attend or send your proxy. Visitors are also invited to attend.

Remember the time and place: January 14, 1947, 11:00 A. M., in the Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church at Lucama, N. C.

Geo. Webster, President,

M. L. Johnson, Secy.-Treas.

THREE WAYS TO BE HAPPY

A hermit there was

Who lived in a grot,

And the way to be happy

They said he had got.

As I wanted to learn it,

I went to his cell;

And this answer he gave,

As I asked him to tell:

" 'Tis being and doing,

And having that make

All the pleasures and pains

Of which mortals partake.

To be what God pleases,

To be what is best,

And to have a good heart

Is the way to be blest."

Think of it! Make just one person happy each day and in forty years you will have made 14,600 human beings happy—for a little time at least. Who says you can't be rich!

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

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REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD

Executive Secretary

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Nashville, Tennessee

FINANCIAL REPORT FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

For October and November, 1946

By J. R. Davidson, Treasurer

I regret being late with the reports for the past two months and prefer to combine them at this time, December 13. Notwithstanding the fact, our expenditures have been very heavy of late you will observe our in-

come as exceeding our operating expenses and investments by \$495.91. We thank the Lord and the faithful Free Will Baptists for the splendid progress being made in our program of development of our educational institution. I trust you will realize a degree of inspiration by reading the following figures, and if the record made by your state is not sufficiently stimulating to satisfy you, launch into the program wholeheartedly in the opening of the New Year.

Receipts

Alabama	\$ 100.00	\$ 128.84	\$-----	\$ 228.84
Arkansas	-----	-----	44.00	44.00
Florida	64.50	169.24	-----	233.74
Georgia	239.00	313.02	618.00	1,170.27
Illinois	19.00	10.00	-----	29.00
Kansas	3.00	-----	-----	3.00
Kentucky	30.00	24.25	-----	54.25
Michigan	12.00	61.18	-----	73.18
Mississippi	-----	103.55	-----	103.55
Missouri	115.00	27.82	-----	143.32
North Carolina	211.00	928.50	-----	1,139.50
Ohio	14.00	-----	-----	14.00
Oklahoma	83.00	7.00	-----	90.00
South Carolina	37.00	46.00	1,216.72	1,299.72
Tennessee	120.03	334.72	-----	454.75
Texas	17.00	117.31	102.48	236.79
Virginia	6.00	-----	-----	6.00
West Virginia	2.50	14.42	-----	16.92
National Women's Auxiliary Convention				110.05
Students' Fees				95.35
Room and Board				718.55
Registration Fees				119.85
J. R. Davidson, Refund on salary and traveling expenses				110.00
Miscellaneous Income				41.14
	\$1,073.03	\$2,285.85	\$1,981.20	\$6,695.90

Disbursements

Maintenance, Improvements, Equipment	- - - - -	\$1,104.30
Salaries	- - - - -	2,292.40
Labor	- - - - -	277.42
Traveling Expenses	- - - - -	139.00
School Supplies	- - - - -	182.90
Telephones	- - - - -	39.19

Heat, Light, Water, Laundry	- - - - -	293.72
Groceries	- - - - -	705.57
Kitchen and Household Supplies	- - - - -	35.58
Books	- - - - -	408.14
Room Rent	- - - - -	75.00
Pictures and Cuts	- - - - -	25.51
Withholding Taxes	- - - - -	144.50
Extension Service	- - - - -	19.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, Music Fees for six weeks	- - - - -	137.40
Everett Bryan, Refund on Room and Board	- - - - -	107.61
Miscellaneous Income	- - - - -	210.75
Total	- - - - -	\$6,199.99

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REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts during the month of November, 1946

Lillie Herring, Nashville, Tenn.	\$ 5.00
Amanda Skelton, Comanche, Okla.	2.50
Mary Katherine Schucht, Haddam, Kan., Present to Miss Barnard	20.00
Mrs. Hadley Dunn, Hartville, Mo.	5.00
Mrs. Ella Lovering and children, Colquitt, Ga.	10.00
Clayton, Texas, church	4.40
David Wooten, Fountain, N. C.	10.00
Central F. W. B. Church, Johnson City, Tenn.	5.00
William Hensley, Roderfield, W. Va.	15.00
H. N. Baxter, Glennville, Ga.	10.00
Rev. Carl W. Vallance, Monaville, W. Va.	25.00
State of Okla., by D. B. Hellard, Treasurer	47.04
State of Georgia, by C. J. Harvey	114.25
Offering taken at Ala. State Association	64.41
First F. W. B. Church, Elizabethton, Tenn.	18.86
Sandy City Church of Kentucky, present to Miss Barnard	16.50
Union F. W. B. Church of Ill., by Opal Jeffries	10.00
Union Hill Church of Alabama	20.00
Good Springs Church of Alabama	11.45
Magnolia Church of Alabama	8.43
New Harmony Church of Alabama	13.36
Pleasant Ridge Church of Alabama	5.00
Springhill Church of Alabama	23.67
Howard's Grove Church of Alabama	25.00
Service in a home in Alabama	15.00
Springfield Church of Alabama	8.00
Union Springs Church of	6.10
Prospect Church of Alabama	15.00
Prospect Sunday School of Alabama	5.00
Shilo Church of Alabama	9.03
Hickory Grove Church of Florida	43.00
Holly Grove Church of Florida	21.00
Piney Grove Church of Florida	8.43
St. John Church of Florida	41.15
Salem Church of Florida	15.85
Love Wood Church of Florida	13.00
Morris Chapel Church of Florida	31.00
Travellers Rest Church of Florida	29.04
Blountstown Church of Florida	8.57

WHO WAS IT?

Somebody did a golden deed;
Somebody proved a friend in need;
Somebody sang a beautiful song;
Somebody smiled the whole day long;
Somebody thought, "'Tis sweet to
live";
Somebody said, "I'm glad to give";
Somebody fought a valiant fight;
Somebody lived to shield the right.—
Was that somebody YOU?

—J. R. Clements

Midway Church of Florida	10.72
Christian Home Church of Florida	26.00
Friendship Church of Florida	10.10
Evergreen Church of Florida	17.00
Evergreen Sunday School of Florida	8.00
New Zion Church of Florida	14.00
Mt. Carmel Church of West Virginia	30.00
National Auxiliary Convention, by Fannie Polston, Treasurer	89.55
William H. Hensley, Roderfield, W. Va.	22.00
Mrs. W. C. Rietman, Nazel Place, Geneva, N. Y., Christmas present to Miss Barnard	6.00
Mrs. Joseph Barnhill, Bethel, N. C.	1.00
Jennings Church of Oklahoma	8.47
Vance Chapel of Oklahoma	10.00
South Carolina State Ass'n., by Dan Cronk	12.50
Mission Society, Sapulpa, Okla., Christmas present for Rev. and Mrs. Willey	5.50
Received as subs to Free Will Echo, by Raymond Riggs	4.20
Dunham Church of Kentucky	50.00
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Okla.	10.00
Missouri State Association, by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer	224.57
F. W. B. Church of Squire, W. Va.	2.51
New Hope League of Tennessee	2.74
Heads Church of Tennessee	43.14
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treas.	192.50
Mrs. Pennie Boyette, Greensboro, N. C.	2.00
Grover Gould, Wellston, Ohio	15.30
Moore's Chapel Church of Tennessee	3.00
For General Treasury	\$1,579.84

The Following was Given on Building Fund for the Cuban School during the Month of November

F. W. B. Sunday School, Ayden, N. C.	\$ 25.00
Amanda Skelton, Comanche, Okla.	2.50
Missionary Society, East Nashville Church	31.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ennis, Nashville, Tenn.	10.00
David Wooten, Fountain, N. C.	10.00
William Hensley, Roderfield, W. Va.	10.00
Rev. Geo. Waggoner, Mt. Vernon, Ill.	5.00
Letcher County Conference of Kentucky	50.00
Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.	2.00

Paul Terry, Cordova, Ala. -----	1.00	J. B. Redding, Adams, Tenn. -----	100.00
W. L. McKay, Cordova, Ala. -----	1.00	E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va. -----	50.00
Cora Aldridge, Cordova, Ala. -----	1.00	Ellis Freshour, Greenville, Tennessee -----	50.00
Wesley Carter, Cordova, Ala. -----	1.00	Rev. Hubert Morelock, Rogersville, Tenn. -----	4.00
Jesse Ryland, Cordova, Ala. -----	1.00	Rev. Gilbert Morelock, Rogersville, Tenn. -----	11.00
Earl Richardson, Cordova, Ala. -----	1.00	Mr. H. Doty Barlington, Greenville, Tenn. -----	5.00
Rev. C. Vandenburg, Huntington, W. Va. -----	85.00	Mrs. G. I. Harris, Ashland City, Tenn. -----	15.00
LaGrange Aid Society of North Carolina -----	10.00	Women's Aux. of Mary's Church, Coeburn, Va. -----	15.00
Keystone Church of Tennessee -----	42.02	Rev. J. W. Addington, Coeburn, Va. -----	5.00
Martin Chapel of Tennessee -----	113.50	Rev. Linton Johnson, East Tupelo, Miss. -----	10.00
First F. W. B. Church, Elizabethton, Tenn. -----	102.40	Turned in by a friend -----	1.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. -----	150.00	Rev. Wayne Light, Rogersville, Tenn. -----	1.00
Aux. Convention, Progressive Ass'n., of Ala. --	18.50	Mrs. Lloyd Light, Kingsport, Tenn. -----	1.00
St. Louis Churches in joint service -----	111.95	Turned in by a friend -----	.50
Desloge Church of Missouri -----	17.00	Rescue Church of Illinois -----	234.00
State of North Carolina, By J. W. Alford, Treas. -----	15.00		
	\$ 816.87		\$ 534.50

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**The Following was Given on Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey's
Equipment for the India Mission Field during
the Month of November**

East Tupelo, Mississippi Church ----- \$ 32.00

Total ----- \$2,931.21

WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer.

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR NEW SET OF BUILDINGS FOR CUBAN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

In the last missionary paper which we distributed there was an announcement of a campaign having been launched for a girls' dormitory building at the Cuban School. Since that time the Board has given the matter further consideration, and have voted to enlarge the project to an entire new set of buildings. Not only a girls' dormitory, but also a boys' dormitory, and an administration building. We have launched this expansion program for a period of five years, but the Board voted to finish the buildings in three years if possible. The first school building which was erected in 1943 was only a temporary building. It was covered with a thatched roof, and a very thin and inferior grade of siding material. While it served the purpose it could not be expected to last for any long period of time. It was an all inclusive building in which the cooking was done, meals served, students housed, classes conducted, etc. You are right in concluding that it was a congested affair. However it was a noble piece of work considering the

infancy of our work on the island, and the limited financial means. Now the time has come when that building is in bad need of repair. It especially needs re-roofing. Too, another year will find us just as badly in need of a boys' dormitory as we are in need of a girls' dormitory this year. Our work in Cuba is growing and our student body at the school promises to be larger year by year. It is tragic to turn those eager Cubans away from the Bible school simply because of the lack of room.

The new buildings we hope to erect will be of fireproof material covered with tile roof. They will be carefully designed, and will be adequate in every way. They will be built in view of accommodating the growing demand. While the first necessity seems to be that of dormitory space for the girls, and we are finishing that building this winter; but we want that to be only a part of this all inclusive set of buildings for our fine Cuban School of Missions.

The Lord is promising very definitely to use Free Will Baptists, and their splendid work in Cuba as a base for a wide and far reaching work in Central and South America. Looking forward in that light it is certain that

we must establish permanently our School in Cuba. In fact the success of the school. We believe it to be the expression of wisdom to relieve the Cuban School of its congested condition, and to erect a new spacious fireproof set of buildings which will not only speed up the work of sending the gospel to Latin America; but will indeed be an asset to our entire missionary program.

The Director and Business Manager on the Cuban field have been successful in employing an excellent and experienced mason and builder who is overseeing the erection of these buildings. He works for a pitiful small sum in addition to his room and board, and with the help of the students will erect these buildings just as fast as we will get the funds to them with which to buy material.

So far, since we started on this building program in July, there has been \$1,450.56 turned in for that purpose up to December 18, 1946. If you have money to give to this worthy purpose just send it in and say, "for building program in Cuba."

Yours for the success of this campaign,

Winford Davis, Treasurer,
Monett, Missouri

NOTES AND QUOTES

J. C. Griffin

Good Will vs. Fighting

Right where the angels sang "Peace on earth and good will to man," there is hatred, and envy, and fighting. The devil in the Arabs and in the Jews alike causes destruction of life and property. This is a family row, for Arabs claim to be Abraham's children, which they are by Hagar, and Hagar hated Sarah, Abraham's lawful wife. Through all the life of the descendants of Isaac and Ishmael they have been enemies. The angel of the Lord told Hagar what kind of a man that Ishmael would be. "And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren" (Gen. 16:12). So the Jews and Arabs are enemies and cannot agree. There is no "good will" between them as races. There never will be as long as they have the same mind as now possessed. However, the time will come when God will make good His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Arabs have a promise of "dwelling with their brethren." But only the Jews have the promise in Isaac and Jacob, so until God takes over and "for His sake," not for the sake of the Jews, nor for the faithfulness of the Jews, but because God is faithful, He will gather the Jews home to their promised land. Then the Jews will rule their enemies. But the real Ruler, will be the one that "Rules with a rod of iron" which is none other than He that "will sit on the throne of David."

Yes, there will come a time when "Swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks," and "war will be known no more."

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree;

and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it" (Micah 4:3, 4).

"In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted: And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever" (Micah 4: 6, 7).

So, war will cease in Palestine some day. God will settle the dispute as to how many Jews will be admitted to Jerusalem. God calls it a remnant and this "Remnant" may be a million or it may be ten million, but there will be enough to carry out God's purpose in this "Remnant."

"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace" (Rom. 11:5). (The word "Also" refers to the "Seven thousand that God had who had not bowed their knee to Baal.) God has literally made good His promises and will continue to make them good literally as well as spiritually. Literally, the Jews will take over in the country that was given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Lord Jesus Christ foretold the destruction of Jerusalem, using these words: "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). This prophecy of Christ was literally fulfilled 70 A. D. when Titus captured Jerusalem. So, it will soon be time for the Arabs to get out and let the Jews go to treading the streets as it belongs to them to do. Yes, "the times of the Gentiles is about fulfilled."

"For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring ye into your own land" (Eze. 36:24).

The New Year

We are now beginning what we call a New Year, 1947. New experiences will have to be realized because new things will continue to arise as long as time lasts. But the devil will be the same in his tactics

to destroy and damn souls; but thanks be to the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ will be ready to meet every temptation to give us victory over the devil, the flesh and the world. He has made "a way for our escape," so victory belongs to us. If we believe in the Lord Jesus in reality, we will be able to overcome.

For Sale

At a bargain, I will sell a 16mm. silent motion picture projector with a splicing machine, screen cloth, two tripods (adjustable) and about 2,000 lineal feet of exposed film, showing the following scenes: The Bible college, the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, the National Association of Free Will Baptists as held in Middlesex, 1945, the Cragmont property and mountain scenery; the Central conference of North Carolina at the noon hour at Bethany Church in Pitt County, various churches and congregations, including the Black Jack Church, in Pitt County, with various Union meetings, and other pictures. A good camera and easel for holding camera for picture making, or exposing of film. Write for particulars.

AWAKE

Awake, awake, why sleepest thou?

The Lord is calling thee,
Arise, and quickly answer now,
"Here Lord, am I, send me."

The fields are ripe with golden grain,
Behold them now and see;
The heathen long to hear the Name
That sounds so sweet to me.

Look far across the ocean wide,
And see them standing there
Awaiting for the rolling tide
To bring an answered prayer.

They plead for help to fill their need,
How can you hear their cry
And refuse their helpless soul to feed,
But rather see them die?

Awake and answer to their call,
All fears from off thee shake;
Oh, help them now, before they fall.
To heathen cries, Awake.

—Mrs. Venie M. Carney

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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SELF-EXAMINATION, OR APPRAISAL

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
New Bern, N. C.

It is just as reasonable, and just as necessary for believers in Christ to take, what is termed an "inventory," in the business world, at the beginning of a New Year, as it is for them to take stock of their assets and liabilities.

St. Paul speaks to us in II Corinthians 13:5, in these words: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." Truly, this should be done oftener than once a year—we should make it a daily duty, for by so doing, we will be able to detect any mistake we may have made, and rectify it before it has had time to create harm, either to ourselves or to others. The world is looking to us for proof of the Christ in us, and no matter how strong, or how eloquent our words may be, they do not speak as convincingly as the things we do. We are enjoined to avoid "debates, envyings, wrath, strife, back-biting, whisperings, swellings and tumults" (II Cor. 12:20), so we need to examine ourselves, that we may know if we are strong in the faith. We should prove ourselves, and know that "Jesus Christ is in us, except we be reprobates." Then, if Christ be in us, and He is our first love, we shall be ready to say, "Here am I, Lord, What will you have me to do?" Paul said to the Ephesians 6:10, "Finally, brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

May we all, especially our Auxiliary women, determine to be more willing and obedient workers in His vineyard this year, than ever before. Perhaps some of us cannot do as much work as we have heretofore, but God is able to make what we do, more effectual, if we give to Him our

best. May we look out on a world that is distressed, sin-sick, restless and undone, and realize the responsibility that rests on the few who are proclaiming the gospel of salvation, either by preaching it, or practicing it through the various opportunities that are coming to us daily through our auxiliaries and other avenues. It has been said by some one, that "The great need of the hour is a passionate evangelical Faith." There is some very responsible work to be done before Jesus returns, and the time is short, therefore, let us be "about our Father's business," while it is called to-day. There is no time to idle away the precious moments He has given us.

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The New Year Book of Programs, compiled by our National 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Marie Hyatt, of Centerville, Mo., is, let us hope, in the hands of all of our auxiliaries by this time.

Let us note how inspiring the president's message is, and apply it in our activities this year.

The Watchword, "Exalt ye the Lord," if kept in mind and lived, will make us more faithful and more mindful of the greatness and goodness of our heavenly Father, and His mercies toward us.

Our Calendar of Activities gives very definite information and instructions how and when to work toward certain goals. We note that in January, the 1st Vice-Presidents are to put on "membership drives"; "Study of the New Year Book of Programs"; and make a special effort in behalf of our church papers. These V.-Presidents can have wonderful results, if we give them our co-operation, our sympathy and our prayers. They will need our very best efforts, and these activities should be as much our concern as they are theirs. We look to them for leaders, and we must fol-

low the leader in all that is good and noble, knowing that when we do this, we are helping to "Exalt ye the Lord." It will take more than mere profession to "exalt Him," but whatever we may do, let it be done for His glory and exaltation. He says in Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

I am wishing for one and all a prosperous New Year, in which the Lord will take first place in your hearts and lives.

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Cragmont Assembly

In my last article to the Baptist, relative to the rooms at Cragmont Assembly, I overlooked the Union Grove Auxiliary of the Western Conference. They had, with the others named, raised the balance due on their room and had remitted same. I am sorry this was not in my first report, however, I assure them that we are very grateful to them, as well as to all others who have been so co-operative in completing the rooms taken.

Some inquiry has been made about the Plaques. I will say that in the first "drive" for funds with which to purchase the property, many of our Auxiliaries took part in helping to raise the necessary amount needed. To these, and others who sent in \$100.00 or more, it was stated that the church, auxiliary, or person, would be entitled to the naming of some loved one, living or deceased, or their church, or other organization, to be placed on a Plaque, same to be hung in some convenient place. This has been done, according to plans. In our "drive" last spring for furnishings, the same plans were followed, except that such Plaque would be placed on the door of the room taken, or assigned, which at that time it was estimated would cost \$100.00. I have explained, this was before we learned that each room in the building, except one, contains from two to six beds, therefore making the cost of furnishing higher. It was regrettable that we were not better acquainted with the situation, so as to

avoid the necessity of soliciting more funds from those who had so generously contributed to this work. However, I have had some very encouraging responses to this last plea, as several have already sent in the balance needful to complete their rooms. As soon as possible, after the funds are received for the rooms taken, plaques will be placed on the doors.

I hope we will not delay this matter, as we are very desirous of having all of this taken care of before time for our summer assemblies.

Mrs. Alice Lupton, of New Bern, suggests that, "each one taking a room, place a Bible therein," and I heartily endorse her suggestion. I think it would mean much to everyone who is deeply concerned in the growth of our spiritual life, especially among our youth. The Bible can also be placed as a Memorial, or in honor of some one, whose name may be placed on the "fly-leaf."

This, as well as completing the rooms taken, is, of course, optional—there is no compulsion behind it at all, but we hope our people will respond graciously and willingly to the completion of the rooms as early as possible. Now, that Christmas, with all of its obligations and responsibilities, expenditures, etc., is in the background, may we settle down to real business for our Lord and Master, and make our work count for something that is substantial. May we become better stewards this year, by being "doers of the Word."

I shall be glad to co-operate in every way I can toward a greater, a more complete surrender, and a greater service in His name.

Perhaps I will have some definite news in my next letter, relative to the pianos that have been donated. I am only waiting to secure all the information possible, before making a statement.

May we start the New Year with greater determination to accomplish more, and be more diligent in our service to the Lord than we have been in 1946. Let us "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. C. Griffin

REPORT OF EVERGREEN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Evergreen Church of Keith, Texas, met on a recent afternoon and elected new officers for the coming year. The meeting was opened by the singing of the hymn, "The Kingdom Is Coming." Then Mrs. Ida Mae Dudley read the scripture lesson which was selected from the Book of Psalms, chapter twenty-eight. The opening prayer was led by the pastor, Rev. Alvin Halbrook.

The business session opened and the previous minutes were read. Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook presided over the business session, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ruby Maxwell; first vice-president, Evelyn Trant; second vice-president, Mrs. Ivey Brotherton; third vice-president, Mrs. Lizzie Trant; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Alice Conley; fifth vice-president, Mrs. Ida Mae Dudley; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Vallie Moon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ida Eddie Beene.

At the close of the business session, a nice box of canned goods, soaps, spices, and puddings was packed for the Dodds in Cuba.

The Evergreen Auxiliary has high hopes for a highly successful year. They covet the prayers of the Christian people for the success of their work for the new year. The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Ruby Maxwell

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENES

The Texas State Association convened with North Zulch Free Will Baptist Church October 29 to November 1, in what was said to have been one of the best, if not the best session in the history of the Association. The reports to this session revealed remarkable progress during the past year, and plans for even greater progress were formulated for the coming year.

Texas is supporting the entire program of work as set forth by the Na-

tional Association. She plans to reach the goal set for her in the Expansion Program. The quota for the State is divided among the five district associations. Some of the district associations have redistributed their quotas among their churches.

The Home Mission Program has been wonderfully blessed through the untiring efforts of our Texas State Home Missionary, Rev. C. B. Thompson. The churches have been greatly strengthened and enlightened, and two new churches have been organized, one at El Paso, and the other at Huntsville. Rev. James F. Miller of Desloge, Mo., is now serving the Huntsville Church. There is the possibility of numerous other churches to be organized, however, the lack of pastors makes this unwise at the present time.

During the past summer, the State Superannuation Board began compensating its eligible retired F. W. Baptist ministers. Payment of this compensation is based on the number of years of continued service rendered by the minister.

The various auxiliaries are also making rapid strides in their work. The Women's Auxiliary work is growing all the while in the State. At the present, however, there is but one district auxiliary convention organized, but the women are looking forward with much enthusiasm toward the organization of other districts, and then the organization of a State Convention.

Several important steps have been made this last year toward the promotion of better Sunday Schools in the State. We have two district conventions, and also a State Sunday School Convention. Texas has many fine young people who are eager to serve the Lord. They are receiving training through the F. W. B. Leagues. They plan to organize a State League Convention in the near future. Texas is not asleep, but is moving forward for the cause of Christ and the F. W. B. denomination.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook,
Texas State Association Clerk

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

Report for November, 1946

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

CLOTHING FUND

Western

Shady Grove	\$ 30.00
Calvary	30.00

Miscellaneous

Mr. Brantley Speight	\$ 60.00
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Total Clothing Receipts	\$ 120.00
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CHAPEL FUND

Central

Watery Branch	\$ 18.50
Hickory Grove, Pitt County	25.00
Elm Grove	200.00
Total	\$ 243.50

Miscellaneous

E. G. Holland	\$ 100.00
I. H. Phillips	100.00

Total	\$ 200.00
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Total Chapel Fund	\$ 443.50
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GENERAL FUND

Central

Rose Hill	\$ 70.75
Aspin Grove	120.08
Central Auxiliary Convention	40.00
Hull Road	405.78
Central Conference	301.17
Rocky Mount	46.56
Winterville	12.00
Grimsley Chapel	65.63
Parker's Chapel	25.85
Bethany	624.21
Greenville	59.95
Gum Swamp	215.89
Sweet Gum Grove	161.29
King's Cross Roads	87.65
Friendship	142.40
Walnut Creek	16.00
Free Union, Greene County	23.00
Dailey's Chapel	8.00
Watery Branch	18.50
Piney Grove, Pitt County	28.00
Dawson's Grove	50.00
Otter's Creek	30.65
Dilda's Grove	42.28
Hickory Grove, Pitt County	75.00
Marlboro	207.12
Maury	20.00
LaGrange	180.15
Ayden	31.35
Little Creek	51.50
Hugo	60.40
Black Jack	55.00
Spring Branch	298.50
St. Delight, Greene County	15.00
Harrell's Chapel	12.00
Rose of Sharon	90.00
Edgewood	87.15
Saratoga	160.25
Union Grove	2.00

Pleasant Hill	36.00
Reedy Branch	50.00
Daniel's Chapel	144.00
Elm Grove	411.00
Corinth	10.00

Total Central Receipts	\$4,582.06
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Cape Fear

Lee's Chapel	\$ 41.94
Smithfield	117.00
Daly's Chapel	14.50
Tee's Chapel	73.00
Powhatan	23.66
Goldsboro	37.47
Bethel, Johnston County	40.00
Shady Grove	37.00
St. Mary's Grove	52.50
Riverside	34.80
Casey's Chapel	155.00
Yelverton Grove	52.15
Pleasant Grove	23.55
St. Paul	50.00
Robert's Grove	60.00
Tabernacle Church, Goldsboro	22.00
Corinth	50.50
Cape Fear Conference	193.83
Prospect	133.23

Total Cape Fear Receipts	\$1,212.13
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Western

People's Chapel	\$ 120.25
Friendship, Johnston County	117.12
St. Mary's	84.95
Union Chapel	12.00
Free Union, Wake County	4.00
Stoney Hill	8.50
Barnes Hill	10.00
Spring Hill	41.75
Rain's Cross Roads	141.50
Piney Grove	96.44
Oak Grove	37.50
Marsh Swamp	87.78
Micro	55.65
Kenly	6.00
King's Chapel	20.00
Milbourne	44.95
Mt. Zion, Nash County	48.00
Elwood Lane	27.00
Union Grove, Wayne County	233.02
Calvary	14.20
Little Rock	100.00
Branch Chapel	53.35
Pilgrim's Chapel	10.00
Rock Springs	30.46
Everett's Chapel	52.00
Stancil's Chapel	14.25
Wilson	79.00
Sherron Acres	28.66
Edgemont	35.80
Hillsboro	15.00
Holly Springs	141.11
Mt. Zion, Wilson County	50.75
Free Union	22.74
Pleasant Plains	100.00
New Sandy Hill	51.60

Total Western Receipts	\$1,995.33
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Eastern

Deep Run	\$ 95.27
Dublin Grove	43.01
Long Ridge	38.75
Sarecta	4.30
Davis	140.00
Juniper's Chapel	17.42
Verona	8.00
Kinston	25.00
Core Creek	31.27
Eastern Conference	661.60
Union Chapel	185.71
Pilgrim's Rest	26.00
Welcome Home	15.30
St. Mary's, New Bern	138.45
Bridgeton	48.00
Edward's Chapel	15.00
Morehead City	10.00
Beulaville	6.80

Sandy Plain	69.79
Spring Hope	5.00
Snead's Ferry	2.05
Cabin	15.70
Woodington	1.00
Mosely Creek	74.00
Arapahoe	54.00
Rock of Zion	50.00
Antioch	20.00
Oriental	28.32
Brice's Creek	25.00
Beaufort	149.00
Pearsall's Chapel	40.00
St. John's Chapel	45.00
Southside	15.00
Smith's New Home	67.30
May's Chapel	13.00
Whaley's Chapel	54.00
Warden's Grove	16.00
Smyrna	3.00
Gray Branch	39.00
Soundview	25.00
Wintergreen	12.00
New Bethlehem	32.00
Core Creek	255.44
Pilgrim's Home	9.00
Reunion Chapel	20.00
Sarecta	25.00
Kinston	120.00
Trent	30.00
Mt. Zion, Pamlico County	11.00

Total Eastern Receipts	\$2,831.18
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Albemarle

Fairmont, Norfolk, Va.	\$ 17.62
Free Union, Beaufort County	14.00
Sidney	39.66
Mt. Tabor	16.44
Mt. Holly	2.00
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	17.00
Hickory Chapel	75.00
Gum Neck	8.00
Malachi's Chapel	50.00
Shiloh	130.50
Belhaven	42.40

Total Albemarle Receipts	\$ 412.62
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Piedmont

Mt. Holly	\$ 6.45
Mable Avenue	20.26
Washington Street	8.00

Total Piedmont Receipts	\$ 34.71
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Rockfish

Sandy Grove	\$ 25.00
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Toe River

Little Elk	\$ 15.50
McCoury's Rock	10.00

Total Toe River Receipts	\$ 25.50
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French Broad

Canton	\$ 28.06
Cedar Hill	12.00
Shady Grove	6.00
Coxe's Creek	1.00
Swannanoa	87.44
Hazel Green	5.00
Asheville	22.50
Avery Creek	12.00
Laurelton Chapel	17.75
Union Chapel	10.00
Liberty	28.43
Homer's Chapel	18.50
Union Valley	9.00
Walnut	13.00
Mt. Bethel	5.00
Horney Heights	27.00
Marshall	8.30

Total French Broad Receipts	\$ 310.98
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Jack's Creek

Bowditch	\$ 5.00
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Green Mountain -----	16.00
Total Jack's Creek Receipts ----\$	21.00
Western Yearly	
Mt. Vernon -----\$	3.00
Pee Dee	
Pee Dee Association -----\$	27.50
Beaver Dam -----	7.50
Emerson -----	8.00
Oak Grove No. 1 -----	15.00
Mt. Olive -----	6.50
Cypress Creek -----	12.00
Total Pee Dee Receipts -----\$	76.50

Miscellaneous

Farm, dairy and garden, cash sales	\$2,853.17
Chap. Chester H. Pelt and wife	10.00
Furnie Page (Parent)	20.00
Mrs. W. W. Mann (Parent)	15.00
A. D. Ivey, Midway Assn. of Ga.	15.00
Truck Hire	80.00
Y. P. F. Subscriptions	38.00
Mrs. Belle Renfrow	1.00
Selma Furlough	5.00
Alarka S. S.	6.00
Greene County Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives)	30.00
Etta Petterson	1.00
James T. Duncan (Parent)	30.00
Sale of Truck Body	150.00
Rev. W. L. Queen	14.00
Mrs. Bertie Comett and Friends	16.00
By Vester Campbell	11.00
Refund	63.06
By: D. C. Mundy	16.11
Carolina Packer's, Inc.	100.00
J. B. Oakley & Son	10.00
S. F. High, Jr.	10.00
Wilson Hardware	10.00
James Ralph Barnes	.50
Wilson Drug Co.	2.00
W. P. Rose Supply Co.	25.00
Thomas Herman	10.00
Goodyear Service Store	5.00
H. B. Sheron	1.00
Colonial Frozen Foods	5.00
J. H. Wright	25.00
J. W. Stone	10.00
Lester Watson	5.00
Dildy Hardware Co.	20.00
Belk-Tyler & Co., Wilson	10.00
Barnes Motor & Parts Co.	1.00
Haywhite Ch., Minneapolis, N. C. by: Herbut Young	6.00
J. E. Ballenger	15.00
Farm Bureau	100.00
Bunn & Company	100.00
R. L. Hart	5.00
J. H. French	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Pike	10.00
Caroleen	20.00
Bryan Rock & Sand Co., Inc.	200.00
Spring Hope Grocery Co.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wood	1.00
Mrs. John Atkins	1.00
Barbara Atkins	1.00
Railroad Salvage Co.	5.00
Mrs. Carpenter, Highland Pines Church	1.00
A. O. Smith	5.00
B. H. Owens	7.00
Roger A. Smith	10.00
By: William D. House	7.00
Roberson Creek, Bostic, N. C.	6.00
John K. Paite	1.05
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jenkins	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Forrest and family	15.35
Mrs. J. E. Pierce	1.00
By: Rev. Richard Ambrose	6.00
By: Mrs. Essie Laws	11.00
W. H. Glover	10.00
J. B. Ferrell	25.00
Mrs. Marvin W. Lane, (Parent)	5.00
Mrs. Nettie Evans	5.00

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bullock and family -----	5.00
Mrs. C. G. Pope -----	1.00
Public Offering, Thanksgiving Day	108.06
Etta Boykins -----	3.00
W. B. Strickland -----	5.00
Nellie Davis -----	3.00
Paul Howell -----	20.00
Massey's Hatchery -----	5.00
Little River Ice Company -----	10.00
J. B. Batts -----	2.00
Mrs. M. C. Prescott -----	10.00
Cora Little -----	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tyson -----	10.00
John Sexton Co. -----	5.00
By: Frank Owens -----	40.52
By: Mrs. B. R. Forrest -----	78.00
Wilson Bedding Co. -----	5.00
Miss Sarah Jane Callihan -----	1.00
Shaffer Brown -----	3.50
Dr. L. J. Herring -----	15.00
Claude Lewis -----	5.00
Mrs. J. W. Washburn -----	3.00
W. L. Moretz and family -----	5.00
Rock Ridge Roller Mills -----	50.00
Middlesex Dry Cleaners -----	10.00
Mrs. Sannie J. Dail -----	5.00
H. Pipkin -----	5.00
Efrd's Department Store -----	1.00
Ever Green, Tennessee -----	2.00
W. H. Applewhite -----	5.00
D. K. Sawyer -----	15.00
R. E. Harris, Jr., Memorial of Mother and Dad -----	250.00
Alumni Association -----	167.20
Leder Brothers, Wilson -----	25.00
Elizabeth Tripp -----	30.00
Cane Creek, Hawk, N. C. -----	15.00

Total Miscellaneous Receipts ----\$5,177.52

Total Clothing Receipts -----\$ 120.00

Total Chapel Receipts ----- 443.50

Total General Receipts ----- 16,686.83

Grand Total -----\$17,250.33

**THANKSGIVING REPORT OF
NORFOLK CHURCH**

We are indeed grateful to the Lord for this wonderful offering which was received on our Thanksgiving Drive. We had a wonderful attendance, and a glorious service, after which everyone was invited to come and lay their gifts on the table to the Lord. It was wonderful how the people responded to the call, after which dinner was served on the church grounds.

Yes, the Lord is blessing this noble work, and thanks be to God for the different people and the different churches and church organizations that are supporting this work here in Norfolk. Only a couple of months ago we had an electric organ donated to us by a friend in Florida, and we feel that the Lord sent her this way with such a gift as this. It is second hand, but it is answering the purpose in a fine way.

Yes, if we will do our part, the Lord is always waiting to do his. We

are becoming in need of a Sunday School department more and more every day. We know that it is possible with God, and the prayers of God's children are with us. This field is white unto harvest, and it is up to us people to work hard to forward this great work here in Norfolk. We must be reapers in the field to care for the Lord's work and reap a great harvest of souls.

As you read this report, please do not forget to offer a prayer unto the Lord for us, for if you have never visited us, you do not know the great handicaps we are going through here. May the great heavenly Father bless all of the gifts and givers is our prayer, for I am sure that he will greatly repay everyone for what they have done for us here in the Norfolk Church.

The report is as follows:

Albemarle Conference ----\$	123.55
Rev. D. W. Alexander -----	5.00
Mr. L. D. Ange -----	20.00
Mrs. Sophie Hardee -----	10.00
Theron Paramore -----	1.00
Sound Side Church -----	50.71
Special Offering, Sound Side	50.00
Mr. T. F. Davenport -----	5.00
Malachi's Chapel S. S. ----	55.16
Malachi's Chapel Church --	55.84
Mrs. Mary Rouse, Dudley --	5.00
Mrs. Edwin, Roper -----	2.00
Auto Service and Supplies Washington, N. C. -----	20.00
Ladies Aux., Malachi's Chapel -----	10.00
Hickory Chapel Church ---	100.30
Ferbee Bros., Wenona, N. C.	100.00
Trinity Church -----	20.00
Eastern Conference -----	25.00
Mrs. D. C. Davenport ----	3.00
Cove City F. W. B. Church--	103.00
Gum Neck Church -----	25.00
Mrs. E. W. Smith -----	10.00
Reedy Branch S. S. -----	50.00
Mrs. Cylabet Rogers Williamston -----	5.00
J. T. Alexander, Craddock, Virginia -----	50.00

Total Received Thanksgiving -----\$ 904.47

Raised by Norfolk Church
and Auxiliaries ----- 1,300.21

Grand Total -----\$2,204.68

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

THE WORD MADE FLESH

(Lesson for January 5)

Lesson: John 1:1-18.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him" (John 1:18).

"Logos" is the Greek expression which has been translated **"Word."** It really means a **concept**, or an **idea**. And in this sense we may say that Jesus is the expression of the thought of God.—Selected.

"There is one more meaning of Logos not found in literature broadly circulated or the Greek Lexicons. This strange meaning is today discovered in the most illiterate common masses of Greek people, the peasants. It was, however, in greater use in Koine dialect of the Alexandrian and post-Alexandrian times and the era when the New Testament was formed.

"The popular but present unofficial meaning of Logos, which is most commonly expressed by the masses of Greek people, to which I have above referred, could only be translated into English as 'Representer' or 'Delegate.' There are some writings of the Byzantine times that contain phrases. 'The Logos came (sent) by the king.'

"I give as my opinion that Logos as used in John's Gospel means, 'A person who came, sent by the king to represent the king in a certain place and for a certain purpose, to act, to deliver and to make known the king's word.'

"This very meaning of Logos is expressed today in Greece, in the village of Chalkidiki, where I was born. There I have heard illiterate women use the term when they were saying,

'I did not go, but I sent my word (my representer).'

"I believe when St. John started to write, he knew the special meaning of the word Logos and had in mind delivering to the world the knowledge that Jesus of Nazareth was the one Representer or Delegate of the Most High . . .

"I believe when St. John started to write, he had in mind that Logos more nearly expressed these ideas than any other word available in all the world. I find all the writings of the Bible clear and bright, without even the slightest shade of doubt or perplexity, when this knowledge is used as the starting point.

(The facts given above are from the pen of A. Velonis, a Greek minister and scholar, and should prove very helpful. They are copied from "The Defender Magazine).

The **Logos** is eternal in existence. The words "in the beginning" do not refer to the beginning of creation, but to that vast extent of infinity we designate as eternity past, which preceded the creation. There was a time when there was no heaven and no earth (Gen. 1:1), but there never was a time when Christ did not exist.

He is a Personal Being. He was "with God." The Godhead consists in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There are three Persons, but there is only one God. No finite mind ever will fathom the doctrine of the Trinity, and yet every humble believer is convinced of its truthfulness. The Son has a personality of His own, and as a separate Person He was with God "in the beginning."

He is equal with God, for He "was God." In the original language the order of the words is "And God was the Word." That leaves no doubt as to His Deity. The Father Himself calls the Son "God," and that is conclusive proof (Heb. 1:8).—Selected.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. Only He who had no beginning has no end, and those to whom He has communicated Himself (John 1:1).

2. Is it not strange that men who owe their very existence to God will boastfully deny that there is a God? (vs. 3).

3. Light is closely associated with life, both in the physical and also in the spiritual (vs. 4).

4. Light has no worthy ministry except in places where there is darkness without it (vs. 5).

5. God Himself chooses the men whom He would use as His messengers (vs. 6).

6. Witnessing of the Light often has led to suffering martyrdom for the Light (vs. 7).

7. There is but one true Light of the world, and that is Christ (vss. 8, 9).

8. Let us make verse 11 personal. Can we say: **"He came unto me and I received Him"**? Or are **you** in the not class?

9. The new birth is accomplished by God through the act of faith in the Name of the Lord Jesus, on the part of man (vss. 12, 13).

10. The glory of God in Christ was visible to those who believed on Him through the tent of His human body (vs. 14).

"Silent Night, Holy Night!
Son of God, Love's pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

The Meaning of Life

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives

Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

—Philip James Bailey.

I have never met a man who could do real work except under the stimulus of encouragement and enthusiasm and the approval of the people for whom he is working.—Charles Schwab.

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM FREE UNION CHURCH, SEA LEVEL, N. C.

Dear Free Will Baptist Friends:

Again we come to you, through the medium of our Church Paper, in a spirit of humility and thanksgiving. Recently we visited our home church and received the good news that many of our churches and good people in North Carolina and sister states had heard the distress call from Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Sea Level, N. C., and had given freely of their means; in order that this church which was completely destroyed by fire on July 7, 1946, might be re-established and again become an active agent against evil in the community.

Up to the present time, approximately \$6,500.00 has been raised. It is gratifying to know so many people responded with a love offering. We sincerely believe that when we do get our church, we can say with one accord this is the House of God and was built through brotherly love. We solicit your prayers and ask that you pray that we will spend this money wisely and construct a building that will be a credit to the denomination and a Glory to God.

To each and every person or church who has contributed or intends to contribute to this cause, we express our sincere thanks; to those who desired to help and were unable, may God bless you in a special way.

To the Methodist pastor, Rev. Mainus Mitchell and his people in our community, who have been most liberal with donations and in allowing us to use their church as if it were our very own, we express our heartfelt thanks and pray God to bless them. Their actions and deeds have clearly shown that denominational lines have no meaning to them when there is an opportunity to serve and assist in doing good.

Since this misfortune befell us, Brother Bruce Barrow, our pastor, has given his services free of charge, and to him and his family we pay tribute in offering our sincere regards and thanks. May they, through this personal sacrifices they have made, receive and be conscious of spiritual compensation.

As yet we have not started our building, but plans are being considered and we pray wisdom and prudence will be the watchwords in making a choice as to the type of building and the building materials to be used.

Now as we come to the end of this note of thanks, we are reminded of the true meaning of "Thank You," as expressed by the Psalmist in Psalm 107:1, 21-31.

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. For he commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet, so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

Eugene L. Gaskill,

Box 281

Chapel Hill, N. C.

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Executive Board of the Piedmont Association met in legal session and by authority vested in it received the Entwistle Free Will Baptist Church and Mount Beulah Free Will Baptist Church into the Association. These churches are at East Rockingham, and Hamlet, N. C. They came to us from the Southern Association. The Highland Pines Church has voted to join this Association. They are

expecting a consolidation with the other church in the Highland Pines community. They are waiting until the consolidation is perfected. These churches are a valuable asset to the expansion program of the Piedmont Association.

The Ordaining Council of the Piedmont Association, received the transfer of Rev. Walter Carter, Rev. Noah Brown, Rev. Jesse Brown, Rev. C. B. Hopkins, and Rev. Geo. Hart from the Southern Association. These ministers have added strength to the leadership of our Association.

Rev. Roy Rickard and his fine people have begun service in their new two-story brick veneered church. It is a valuable church in a new field. This is the second two-story church which Brother Roy has helped to establish. The Goshen Church at North Belmont has given valuable aid in organizing these two fine churches.

The new two-story church at Marion, N. C., is now being used. Rev. John Floyd has done a fine piece of work in building the new church.

Goshen Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Wade Calvert, has built a two-story front to the church, and enlarged the parsonage.

Washington St. Church at West Gastonia, is building a two-story Sunday School addition to the Sanctuary with two department auditoriums. A glorious revival is going on amongst the people. About thirty young people were received for baptism. A convoy of seven cars carried the children to Kannapolis, and used the baptistry of Mt. Zion Church.

The Church at Mt. Holly has called Rev. J. J. Brooks as pastor. This church is a two-story building, having a splendidly equipped Sunday School department in the first story.

Rev. Sherman H. Oakes,
Reporter.

To be popular at home is a great achievement. The man who is loved by the house cat, by the dog, by the neighbor's children, and by his own wife, is a great man even if he never had his name in "Who's Who."—Theodore Dreiser.



UNCLE TIMOTHY'S CRUSADER

We're going away,
It's ever so far,—
It's farther than I can see.

Oh, where are you going?
May I go too?
Will there be room for me?

"Debbie! Debbie! Debbie!" roared a big "noise" which seemed to come from a wriggling, excited boy hanging halfway around the kitchen screen door. "Debbie! Debbie! Debbie!"

The "noise" had a mass of flaming red curls shaking on top of it. With one bound the boy dove across the kitchen floor, flung open the cellar door, shouted "Debbie" down the stairs. He banged the door shut, scooted through the hall to the front stairs and yelled "Debbie" until his freckled face was as red as his hair.

"Here I am! Here I am! Here I am!" answered a happy voice from upstairs.

"Come on down! You should see it! Come down! Come down! Come down!" shouted the boy, jumping up and down on both feet.

"See what, Davie? Where is it? What is it?" called Debbie, skipping down the stairs two at a time.

Davie grabbed her hand, and half dragging her, he pulled her through the kitchen, and out on the back porch. Stopping long enough to point straight ahead, he exclaimed: "That!" Jumping down the four steps in one leap, he turned cart wheels across the yard, landing almost on the running board of his Uncle Timothy's car.

But it was not Uncle Timothy's car that made Debbie's eyes grow big and round, and sent her scampering after Davie. It was that thing tied

to the back of Uncle Timothy's car!

"What is it? Do we own it? Is it ours?" demanded Debbie with dancing feet.

"Sure it's ours, isn't it, Uncle Timothy? and anyhow it's a trailer. Don't you know what a trailer is?" Davie stood ready to explain all about it.

"Oh, do hurry and tell me," begged Debbie.

"Well, it's because Uncle Timothy is going to be a missionary, and because he wants to go places and tell people things, and because it ties onto the back of his car, and because . . . !

"Wait a minute, wait a minute!" laughed Uncle Timothy. "I'll tell you what it is, Miss Deborah. Allow me to present, The Crusader!"

"Oh, dear! And whatever is a Crusader anyway?" insisted Debbie. "I don't know any more now than before. Please explain it to me."

"Well, now let's see how we can tell you," said Uncle Timothy, as he pulled at a long, imaginary beard. "A Crusade is an adventure you go on for a king, and we have a King—the Lord Jesus Christ. I guess every Christian is going on some kind of a Crusade. You see, we are all soldiers of the Cross. We each have special duties to take care of, special battles to fight, special errands to run. To some of us the King says, 'Go,' and we go; to others He says, 'Stay,' and they stay—and that is how the King's business gets done. This trailer on the back of my car is a Crusader about to go on some business for the King."

"Oh, I see," said Debbie, as she poked her head into the back door of the trailer. "Why it is just like a house, isn't it?"

"That's exactly it," answered Uncle Timothy. "It's really just a little house that you attach to your car when you are traveling, so that you can live like you do when you're at home."

"Traveling? Who is traveling? Are we?" beamed Debbie.

"Of course not," explained Davie. And then suddenly: "But we could, maybe, couldn't we? I mean, Uncle Timothy, you really ought to have company, and then school is out Friday, and then if you ask Mother and

Father, they'd let us go, wouldn't they?"

"But where are we going?" insisted Debbie.

Uncle Timothy sat down on the grass and laughed. He laughed ever so hard and even rolled over. Davie and Debbie laughed too, but they couldn't see that it was as funny as Uncle Timothy seemed to think.

"Why do you laugh?" asked Debbie.

"Why do you laugh?" returned Davie, uncertainly.

"Well," said Uncle Timothy, "Well,—you see, here I am a young bachelor. I plan a quiet trip through central Pennsylvania so that I can be out of doors, and also preach a bit. I am getting ready to go to Mexico as a missionary in the fall,—and, all of a sudden I have a family of 'wild Indians' all set to go with me."

"Well, we're rather old now. We're almost eleven, you know. And we could be lots of help to you. You could cook, couldn't you, Debbie?" Davie nodded vigorously at his twin sister, and then added: "And I could keep the trailer clean, and carry water, and find wood. He has a stove and everything inside, Debbie, and I could help you sell books and—and—and—"

Uncle Timothy leaned back on his elbows and looked at them for a long, long time. He saw two, strong, sturdy, blue-eyed youngsters—Davie with a shock of red hair, and Debbie with golden curls. Davie had freckles and a turned up nose—Debbie had a turned up nose, too, but with fair, smooth skin. Both of their mouths were firm and determined, and their eyes were clear and sparkling. They were alive! Yes alive—in two ways. Full of physical life, and—thank God—they had the Lord Jesus living in their hearts. He smiled tenderly as he recalled the afternoon they both had knelt at his knees. They had each asked the Lord Jesus to come into their hearts and be their Saviour, and then had quietly thanked Him for hearing their prayers and coming to live in their hearts.

"Well," coaxed Davie, digging his foot into the sod. "Well, what do you think, Uncle Timothy?"

"Miss Deborah and Master David Weatherby, I do think we would have

a jolly time together. If your mother and father will consent, I will cordially extend to each of you an invitation to accompany me on my 'rambling' tour in The Crusader. I'm leaving two weeks from Monday."

"Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! for Uncle Timothy!" whooped Davie, walking on his hands.

"Oh, thank you, thank you, thank you," sang Debbie, catching her uncle's hands and skipping around in a circle. "But tell me, what does 'rambling' mean?"

"Well, it means to go somewhere you aren't sure of, so that when you get there, it is all right because you didn't know for sure if you would really arrive on time."

"Oh, Uncle Timothy," exclaimed Debbie, "you're so funny."

"There's Father and Mother!" announced Davie. "I'll race you all out front! You ask them, Uncle Timothy!" And off they scampered to welcome their parents.

Would Mother and Father let them go?

—Crusaders on Wheels, by The Bible Institute Colportage Ass'n.

A JUNIOR LEAGUE ORGANIZED

The Junior League of Palmetto Chapel was recently organized at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, their Sunday School teacher, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in December. The meeting was opened with song and prayer by the class. The scripture reading was given by Mrs. Wilson. There were 15 charter members who formed the organization. The officers were elected as follows: Douglas Gaskins, president; Bettie T. Crawford, vice-president; Joyce Ann Wilson, secretary-treasurer; the program committee, Lois Jean Forrest, Mary Francis Mills; the sick committee, Shirley Wilson, Shirley Johnson, Bobley Lewis and Betty Jean Wilson. The other members are Ray T. Kirkman, Mary Jane Ipock and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson.

We will hold our meetings once each month. Please pray for us that our league may grow and become a help to our church and community.

Reported by Mrs. Lawrence Wilson

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

November 30, 1946

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists for November, 1946.

Receipts:

Bal. on hand Nov. 1, 1946 \$2,138.48
Regular Receipts for Nov. 851.68

Total to account for \$2,990.16

Disbursements:

To Superannuated
Ministers \$125.00
Operating Expense 29.00
National Board 205.67

Total paid out 359.67

Bal. on hand Dec. 1, 1946 \$2,630.49

Receipts Itemized:

Bethel Leagues, Johnston Co.	\$ 4.71
Shady Grove, Sampson Co.	41.84
H. R. Faircloth	10.00
Washington St. (Gastonia)	12.10
White Oak	7.00
Pearsall's Chapel	25.00
Friendship, Johnston Co.	1.00
Free Union, Beaufort Co.	2.00
Belhaven	13.52
Everett's Chapel	10.00
Smith's New Home	20.00
Smith's New Home L. A. S.	11.00
Mt. Zion Aux. (Nash Co.)	2.00
Sound Side	11.46
Sound Side Sr. League	12.00
Sound Side Adult League	5.00
Eastern Conference	100.00
Morehead City	14.00
Hull Road	30.00
Albemarle Conference	15.00
Marlboro	30.00
Fairmont Park (Norfolk Va.)	18.00
Fairmont Park S. S.	5.00
Fairmont Park Aux. No. 1	10.00
Fairmont Park Aux. No. 2	5.00
Fairmont Park Leagues	11.00
Winterville Aux.	9.00
Fourth Central Aux. Conv.	5.00
Dilda's Grove	20.00
Gray Branch	10.00
Core Creek Church	143.55
Core Creek S. S.	13.00
Kenly Auxiliary	3.50
Core Creek S. S.	10.00
Hopewell S. S.	20.00
Gum Swamp Church	10.00
Gum Swamp S. S.	3.00

Central Conference	50.00
Cape Fear Conference	40.00
Ayden Auxiliary	5.00
St. Mary's, New Bern	83.00

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

EDITORIAL

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Toward Superannuation and Orphanage Work

There are also two other important phases of the work of the church. The support of the disabled ministers and the orphanage for the past two years has been increasing all the while. The support, however, is still not sufficient to give these two organizations the adequate support that they need. During 1947 it is hoped that a more systematic support will be given to these causes by all of the churches. While some churches and church organizations have supported them well, yet there are others that might have done much more than they did last year. No church should overlook the matter of giving to these causes in a more liberal manner than they did last year. Pastors and other church leaders should keep in mind these worthy objects and ask their church people to respond liberally with large donations.

CRAGMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

The Board of Directors and all the members of the Assembly Committee are to meet in their annual meeting in the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church on January, Wednesday the eight, 1947, at ten o'clock. Please be on time for this meeting.

This is a very important meeting in which the officers for the year are to be elected, a campaign for funds for the Assembly is to be set up, and plans for the new year's program of work are to be set in order. Each member representing each of the four sponsoring bodies; namely, the State Association, the Women's State Auxiliary Convention, the State Sunday School Convention, and the State League Convention, is to be present for this important meeting.

R. P. Harris, Vice-President,
Kenly, N. C.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

JAMES H. WORLEY

Rev. J. H. Worley, 94, of Selma, N. C., went to be with the Lord on September first, 1946. He was a life-long resident of Johnston County, being born in Smithfield, September 1, 1852, and having spent a large part of his time in Selma where he was residing until the time of his death. He served churches far and near during his ministerial career.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Selma Free Will Baptist Church have adopted the following resolutions requesting that a copy be sent to the Press at Ayden to be published in the Baptist, a copy be sent to the family of the next nearest kin, and that a copy be kept on file by this Auxiliary:

Since Rev. James H. Worley was a member of the Selma F. W. B. Church, having contributed of his time, his means, and moral support in a manner wholly becoming to a great soldier of the cross, and since he has won for himself a place in our midst demanding our most sincere respect and reverence, we, the ladies of the above named church, do hereby adopt the following:

First, that we humbly bow in recognition of God, and His will for us as the one who gives and takes life and commends His grace upon us;

Second, that we shall always cherish and honor the memory of a great man who faithfully deserves this recognition.

James H. Worley

James H. Worley was born in Smithfield, North Carolina, September 1, 1852. Accepted Christ when 15 years of age. In 1877 began preaching. In 1880 was ordained. The first church served was Union Grove, Wayne County. Then Pleasant Grove, Antioch, Fremont Chapel, Stoney Creek and Ward's Grove, all of Wayne County; Saratoga, Marsh Swamp, Red Oak Grove, Wilson and Little Rock of Wilson County; Pine Level, Princeton, Hopewell, Pleasant Plains, Tee's Chapel, Yelverton's Grove, Holly Spring, Johnston Union, and Kenly of Johnston County; Long Branch, Cumberland County; Dunn Church, Harnett County; Piney Grove, Nash County; Rock Spring, Nash County; Fairview of Chatham County. Helped build 23 churches, 3 on same lot in Pine Level; Helped organize 5, Baptized over 400; Married 350 couples. First Moderator of Western Conference, convened at St. Mary's Church, Wilson County, and was first delegate from Western to S. C. Conference.

He died Sunday night, September 1, 1946, at the age of 94, which was his birthday. He was conscious a while before his death and we think he recognized his birthday cake.

He is survived by 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 3:00 P. M., on September 3, 1946, in the Selma F. W. B. Church, by J. A. Evans, assisted by R. P. Harris and M. L. Johnson. Pall bearers were employees of the Worley Bottling Company. Honorary pall bearers were ministers. Flower girls were the Auxiliary. Burial was in Crocker Cemetery near Pine Level.

—Submitted by Rev. R. P. Harris for publication.

HADDOCK—George B. Haddock, 70, of Vanceboro, N. C., Route 1, went to be with the Lord on August 30, 1946. He had been a life-long resident of Pitt County and the community in which he died. He was born on December 31, 1875, joined Pleasant Hill Church when he was twenty years old, was ordained a deacon in the church at the age of forty years, and served the church as Superintendent of the Sunday School for ten years.

On October 27, 1901 he was married to Geneva M. Smith. To this union were born five sons, Leslie S., W. L., C. G., D. E., and G. B. Haddock, Jr., two daughters, Mrs. B. A. Mayo and Mrs. C. A. Burroughs, all of which survive. His wife, Mrs. Geneva Haddock, and eight grandchildren also survive. The funeral was conducted by Rev. D. W. Alexander, pastor of the church, and Rev. R. P. Harris of Kenly, N. C., a former pastor. Members of the Greenville Masonic Lodge served as pall bearers and Masonic rights were held at the grave. He was laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers in the family cemetery on the first day of September, 1946.

I have known Brother George Haddock personally for more than ten years and have found him to be a faithful and loyal servant of the Lord, striving to bring up those under his care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He leaves a fine wife and many fine children. We praise the Lord for such a character as he and offer our sincere sympathy in the time of sorrow to the entire family.

Gone but not forgotten,
Never shall our memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
'Round the grave where thou art laid.

—Written by R. P. Harris, Kenly, N. C.

COMBS—On September 4, 1946, God saw fit to call to his heavenly reward Brother Earnest Combs who was 48 years old at the time of his death. He leaves a wife, one son, two brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss.

Brother Combs suffered for more than a

year with high blood pressure, and paralysis. He was so humble and patient during all of his sickness that he complained very little. His humbleness during his illness should be an example for others to follow in their sickness.

He had not been a member of our church very long, and had not been able to attend services very much, but we feel that we can truly say he loved the church, and would have enjoyed going had he been able.

He was always glad for anyone to visit him and to hold service and pray with him. We would say to his loved ones to weep not, for we do feel that his sufferings are now all over.

He is gone to be with Jesus,
Over on the other shore,
Where there is no sorrow,
But peace and joy for evermore.

—Written by Mrs. D. C. Worrell, Pikeville, N. C.

ROUSE—On September 4, 1946, Mrs. Helen Gray Rouse, wife of A. S. Rouse, died at the age of 58, after a lengthy illness. She was born in Jones County on August 22, 1888. She was the daughter of John and Jenny Gray.

Those surviving, besides her husband, are one daughter, Mrs. Durwood Smith, Kinston, Route 4, and five sons, Walter and Aluah of Kinston, James, Murry, and Carlton of Kinston, Route 5.

She joined the Friendship Baptist Church of Jones County when a young girl. After her marriage, she moved her membership to that of her husband, the Woodington Free Will Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member until her death.

The funeral services were conducted by the Reverend Mr. W. R. Jordan at the Garner Funeral Home in Kinston, with burial rites observed in West View Cemetery. The love and esteem with which her friends and neighbors held her was shown by the many beautiful floral designs.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call from us our beloved member and co-worker, Mrs. Helen Gray Rouse, we the members of the Woodington Church do hereby resolve:

First, That we bow in humble submission to his holy will;

Second, That we feel so deeply our loss, not only in our church, but in our community as well;

Third, That we extend to her family our heart felt sympathy and that a copy of these resolutions be published in the Baptist paper and a copy be mailed to her family, Kinston, Route 5.

Written by members of her church.

Mrs. Elbert Potter,
Kinston, N. C.,
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The Life that Counts

The life that counts must toil and fight;
Must hate the wrong and love the right;
Must stand for truth by day and night;
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must aim to rise
Above the earth to sunlit skies;
Must fix its gaze on Paradise—
That is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;
In darkest night make melody;
Must wait the dawn on bended knee—
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;
The cares and needs of others see;
Must seek the slave of sin to free—
This is the life that counts.

—Author Unknown

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LIQUOR, LEGAL AND ILLEGAL

The government estimates that for every legal distillery, there are at least one hundred illicit stills. The federal agents are grabbing moonshiners at the rate of a thousand a month, and still the bootleg racket grows. The federal people tell us that they estimate last year's moonshine at 18,000,000 gallons. Legally made, this would have fetched the government \$72,000,000 in taxes. Let's see, That would have built ten destroyers for our Navy or—it would pay for some three hundred bombers.—Walter Davenport, "The Rum Rock-et Returns," in Collier's.

Women and Cigarettes—A survey conducted by a New York tobacco firm shows that women are now smoking three times as many cigarettes as men are, and that most women who smoke use a pack a day.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that the Reverend J. Albert Harris is now back in the State of North Carolina, and is desiring church work and evangelistic work. He recently returned home from the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and is now living on the farm with his people. His address is: Rev. J. Albert Harris, Enfield, North Carolina, Route 1, Box 203.—Editor.

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Editorial

THE FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH

The Church is the sacred institution whose function is primarily threefold—Teaching, Evangelizing, Service Rendering. Her ministry is for all ages, classes, and races of mankind. Her chief aim is to draw lost souls to God.

Christ, her Founder, Teacher, and her supreme Head, during His earthly ministry, taught the way of eternal life, exhorted His listeners to receive the gospel-plan of salvation, and He rendered an humble service unto mankind wherever He went. By precept and example, He set forth the principles of righteousness which the Church is to ever manifest in her religious activities before the world.

Teaching

Teaching the Word of God is a primary function of the Church. It was God's purpose and plan, for the Hebrew children, that His divine laws be taught His "chosen people" by Moses, the priesthood, and His holy prophets. Christ's command to His disciples was: "Go, . . . teach all nations, . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19a, 20a). Those disciples were His ministering servants, the teachers of His Word, and the preachers of His Gospel. They were to go forth to instruct people concerning the way of righteousness, and to win the lost to Christ. The Church, through her qualified leaders, must teach God's holy truth, not only unto her members but also to all others within her scope of activity, as far as is possible. Enlightenment and understanding of the Scriptures must be taught by the Church in a sincere, faithful, patient and purposeful manner if she is to carry out Christ's command.

God's warnings concerning all types of sinful practices and evil communications among any people are to be taught with a zeal to impress upon individuals the shame, the wickedness, and the utter condemnation of such living, as well as to teach God's holy judgments and His divine penalties which will be pronounced against all sinful and unconverted people. The Church must teach God's goodness, His tender mercies, promises and rewards in such a way as to lead people to want to become worthy recipients of all good things of this life, and also of heaven for the life to come. Dr. Arthur Hill says, "The history of the Church shows us that the neglect of sound teaching leads inevitably to shallowness and eventual spiritual bankruptcy." The Gospel of Redemption must be taught. The Apostles "ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." The early Church taught the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. The Church today cannot set up any other foundation than that which the Lord Jesus set up for man's redemption.

Hence, the Church, through her organized educational institutions, as Bible colleges, Seminaries, Bible institutes, Missionary schools, etc., must teach the fun-

damental doctrines of the Scriptures, above everything else, to those who enroll as students for higher training and for the enrichment of life. The principles of righteousness, and the richness of the Christian life, must be instilled in the hearts of those students while in school and college so that, when they go out in life's calling, they will reflect in their daily walk the good teaching which they received through careful and prayerful study. Furthermore, the Church, in her local units, as the local churches, must use effectively and wisely the Sunday Schools, the Bible classes, the Missionary societies, the Young People's Christian Endeavor societies, etc., for teaching the fundamental principles of Christianity unto the people of the church and community. Those local, or individual churches, must use the best qualified Christians available for the teaching personnel in these local religious organizations for the impartation of religious truth to those in their classes, assemblies, meetings and societies. Time, effort, interest, study and sacrifices must be made on the part of the local church leaders, and the members of classes, assemblies and societies as well, for the best results to be achieved for the greatest good of all.

Evangelizing

Teaching the Scriptures to others in a way to get them to understand the truths of the Bible does not necessarily mean the salvation of the learners. Knowing the truth does not always mean accepting it, living it, and profiting by it. A liberal education is fine, but it is of little value to anyone if not properly applied to life activities. Religious knowledge is not enough; it must be incorporated into a person's heart and applied to human living. Here is where evangelism of the Church comes in to lead sinners to accept the Gospel of Christ and be saved from sin. Christ does not force salvation on anyone. The Church, therefore, has here a great function to be performed. This can be done chiefly through her pastors, evangelists, teachers, missionaries, and the other saints of the church by their gracious ministry of the Word unto those of the churches and communities. By their good Christian conduct, by their splendid teaching and earnest exhortations, and by their sincere preaching of the Word, they can so minister God's truth unto the lost as to be able to win many of them for Christ.

More than ever before, the Church must exercise this function of evangelism today with great zeal. People everywhere need to be led to see the imminent need of salvation because of the vile wickedness, the broad-spread skepticism, and the rank modernism, all of which are spreading over the world. Christianity must be believed in, accepted, and lived in the hearts of individuals. And the Church is the sacred institution to impress these most vital truths upon the hearts of all peoples everywhere.

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For the Good of the Cause

Today is December 29th, the last Sunday in the year of 1946, and as we look back over what has been accomplished in the name of our Lord and Master, in this year, we are made to feel humble and thankful for the many kind blessings that have been ours to enjoy and participate in. We have been blessed with health and strength to carry on for our blessed Saviour and have had a part in his kingdom work and seen many souls accept him as their personal Saviour. It makes us rejoice that some day we will be rewarded on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance, where there will be no heart aches, no tears, and no disappointments. But as we close this year's work, and as we let our minds go back, we wonder if there was anything left undone that could have been accomplished, that some poor lost soul might, through our neglectfulness or our sin of "omission" ever find the blessed Saviour. God forbid. I think we Free Will Baptists are more guilty of the sin of OMISSION than commission. We omit the more weightier things. Let us not omit or commit, but let us be a doer of the word, as we face the new year 1947.

Now, as we approach the dawn of the new year, let us make our new year's resolutions work. We all have new resolutions you know, every year, so let's make them work. I feel that there is a big job for us, to do in our Sunday School, league, and woman's auxiliary. I feel it necessary now, for the future of the Free Will Baptist cause, to get down to the business of teaching our children and young people, through the medium of our Sunday School study courses and our league study courses, what they should know about the fundamentals in the Free Will Baptist doctrine. By this medium we can enlist their aid, and can cover a much wider scope in reaching out for the lost souls that are all about us, besides giving them (the children) the proper training and preparation for their task in life. Let us organize Sunday Schools and leagues, and give study courses in ev-

W. E. Holley, Pensacola, Florida

ery Free Will Baptist church in America. Let us do it, it can be done, if only we will set ourselves to the task of enlistment. Let us make this our new year's resolution.

Sometime ago the question of teaching the Bible in the public schools of Pensacola and Escambia County, Fla., arose here. Think of it, some people don't want the Bible taught their children, only the way they want it taught them. One group wanting it taught this way, and another group wanting it taught another way, and as I understand it, the results are that no Bible is taught, just read with no comment whatsoever. We Free Will Baptist better wake up if we want to see our children find the Lord. These sins of omission have been prevalent in our land for a long time, and now they are bearing fruit. What are we Free Will Baptist doing about our children? True some are doing their best, but in our section here in Florida some of us have not caught the vision for it seems we are very neglectful. We all know our duty and our obligation which we owe the children and young people. They are not responsible for being in this old world, and they can't know unless we teach them. Let us teach them the Bible from Genesis to Revelation if necessary forming our own Bible schools and study courses as is prescribed in our League and Sunday School quarterlies.

I love the Free Will Baptist cause. I love it because, according to my interpretation of the scriptures, it is the nearest walk with my Lord and Master of any organized group on this earth today. I just thank God that our Free Will Baptist articles of faith comply with this blessed old Book that my dear Dad and Mother believed in so much, and based their hope of salvation on, I'm glad we take the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. I have just completed

reading the article in our Baptist paper this week, about what a long hard fight our good brethren had with the establishment of what is now known as THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS. We as a denomination should bow on our knees and thank God for men with such perseverance. We should support them by securing all our publications for our church life from our own denominational press. So long as they continue to hold to the Bible and the Free Will Baptist cause, leaving out nothing, every Free Will Baptist home in America should subscribe to our church papers. We need to know what others are doing. Yes, Brethren, it has been a hard and continues to be a hard fight, but I know and you know the dear Lord and Master has his blessed will in all our undertakings.

RECREATION OR WRECK-REATION

By Wayne W. Womer

There was once a mischievous rabbit who, every time he saw a squirrel, would tie a knot in the squirrel's tail. An old owl, seeing the squirrel's distress, said to the rabbit: "I possess a magic power. If you don't stop tying knots in squirrel's tails I will make you a goon." The rabbit laughed and laughed and tied a knot in the tail of the very next squirrel he saw. Whereupon the owl changed the rabbit into a goon. The moral of this story is: "Hare today, Goon tomorrow." But there is another moral: the rabbit had chosen a poor form of recreation.

Everyone wants a good time; everyone needs some form of recreation. But, like everything else, there are all kinds of recreation—good, bad and indifferent. Creative recreation brings the most fun and pleasure but planning a good time calls for intelligence. Proper recreation can make a contribution to our welfare. It is important to health and morale. Some

people have an idea that the use of alcoholic beverages constitutes a form of recreation. Its use certainly calls for no strain on our intelligence. All you have to do is to bend your elbow and open your lips. The anesthetic effects of alcohol reduce the effectiveness of our critical faculties. There is nothing creative achieved by the use of alcoholic beverages as a form of recreation. It has other possibilities. I would say "not recreation, but wreck-reaction." It is not a body-builder nor a mind-builder. To say the least, it appears to be a poor substitute for genuine relaxation and real fun, such as swimming, tennis, hiking and group games, and all the many other forms of recreation which contribute to our total welfare.

Many people who use alcoholic beverages use them in a social way. Their social life revolves around the cocktail or the highball. Others spend their leisure time in the tavern or the bar. This use, or misuse, of leisure time can be questioned; questioned on the basis of results achieved. Each one of us wants the most out of life, and rightly so, but life is like a bank. You can't take money out of a bank unless you put some in. Achievement can be measured by the effort put forth to achieve. All our efforts should be in harmony with each other. Otherwise we become not only inconsistent but become like the driftwood, subject to every tide and wind, having no destination.

We strive for an education to fit ourselves to take our rightful place in the world. We recognize the vital importance of good health. We understand the necessity of creating a well-balanced life. We can well afford to ask ourselves the question: "What worthwhile contribution can alcoholic beverages make toward the achievement of our goals?"

More and more we are realizing the importance of creative recreation. A person may be successful in all other areas of living and yet permit himself to be handicapped by poor recreational habits. I can recall instances where certain successful people have destroyed their usefulness

by indulging in what I would call wreck-reaction rather than recreation. We are really creatures of habit—good habits and poor. It is just as easy to cultivate a good habit as a bad habit. It is also just as easy to cultivate a good hobby as a bad hobby.

Yes, good recreational habits are of great importance. Man does not live by bread alone. All work and no play makes for a dull life. It is normal to want a good time, but let us see that we have a good time, not a bad time. Check your recreational habits. Are they bringing results, are they contributing to your all-around welfare? If not, you may be engaging in wreck-reaction rather than recreation.

Someone has described old age as "a bundle of youthful habits." Most habits are teen-age habits. We carry through life either the handicaps acquired in teen-age, or the benefits. Leisure hour habits, acquired in youth, have been an important factor in the adult life of many people. Illustrating this is the story told me not long ago by a man who is making an heroic struggle against drunkenness. He had never given any thought to recreation. When he had a free hour or two he found himself ill-at-ease and bored. Then he discovered alcohol. At a bar he could always kill a few hours and find someone to talk to. Thus, without thinking, he began to use alcoholic beverages as a substitute for all forms of leisure time activities. As time went on he became increasingly dependent upon their use, until he faced a series of crises affecting his health, his family life and his job. Because he was no longer dependable he was fired. Today he is waging a real battle to regain a normal way of life. In this battle for recovery one of the first steps outlined by his doctor and psychiatrist is the acquiring of a hobby and the creative use of his leisure time.

What I am trying to say is simply this: Wholesome, creative recreation is an important part of good living. It is both necessary and vital to mental, physical and spiritual health. This is recreation, not wreck-reaction.

MY WISH TONIGHT

Tonight—as I sit alone,
The ending of Christmastide
Takes me back to years bygone,
When I was a little child.

Mother would rock me off to sleep
With a Christmas lullaby,
Telling me, "Now don't you peep,
Santa Claus is pretty nigh."

Christmas Eve—that thrilling night,
Then a Christmas Morn of joys,
When I behold that happy sight
Of oranges, candy, nuts and toys.

Those days are gone. They won't return,
I'm too old to be a girl,
But oh, my heart does often yearn
For Time to backward whirl.

To backward whirl into the past,
When my Mother used to sing
The Hymns that shall forever last,
I hear them now, so clearly ring.

Two Christmas Tides have passed
and gone
That Mother has been away,
No tree has been within my home,
To adorn the Christmas Day.

No joy now dwells within my heart,
There's no happiness for me,
For one has gone that had a part
In our family Christmas Tree.

I wish that years could backward roll,
As when childish joys were mine,
When happiness held back, unfold
Like it does at Christmas time.

—Mrs. Venie M. Carney

ANNOUNCEMENT

Herbert H. Parish, Administrative Director of The National Temperance Movement, will be heard on a coast-to-coast broadcast of the "You and Alcohol" series, over the Columbia Broadcasting System at 6:15 P. M. (E. S. T.) Tuesday, January 21. His subject will be "Legal Elimination of Beverage Alcohol."

—National Temperance Movement

KEEPING THE FAITH

(2 Timothy 4:7)

When Paul realized that the time of his departure was at hand, he wrote to young Timothy, "I have kept the faith." There is no more vital question for the Christian than keeping the Faith. Jude admonished, "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." Yet, to contend for the faith without keeping it is inconsistent. It is like having zeal without knowledge.

The second chapter of James is a piercing discourse on consecration, ending with the dramatic statement, "For as the body apart from the Spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead."

How do we keep the Christian Faith? Here the life of the Apostle Paul gives us much light. We keep the faith by the knowledge of what it means to us. God said, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." We also keep the faith through the humility which it teaches us. In the midst of life's experiences Paul was ever learning but never felt that he had come to a full knowledge of the truth. "For now we see in a mirror darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know fully." A faith that does not stand amid all the circumstances of life is not grounded in knowledge and humility. The enthronement of Christ in daily living is the climax of keeping the faith. One may keep the faith in a measure by zeal and punctuality, but its dynamic power is through knowledge, humility and consecration. These are the battering rams of a militant faith.

Now friends may I ask this question: Can a child of God keep the faith? I say they can, but you might say how in these perilous days amid all the troubles, trials, tribulations and sadness and sorrows are we to keep the faith? Turn with me to St. Mark 8:34—"and when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Now in the latter clause of the fifth chapter and eleventh

verse of Galatians we again hear Paul speak: "Why do I yet suffer persecution?" Then is the offense of the cross ceased in the sixth chapter and latter clause of verse 12. Only lest they should suffer persecution for the Cross of Christ in verse 14, we hear him say, "but God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Listen friends, it's a cross route to the glory world. There is no other way to get there, but you say, oh, but it hurts when friends and loved ones, even brothers and sisters in Christ, falsely accuse us and persecute us; these things hurt our Lord. They hurt Paul and others but what did our Saviour say at the end of the way? "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." What did Paul say. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Listen, dear readers, it is entirely up to us to keep this faith or leave it off, or because the evil spirit prompts someone to tell a lie or to become jealous or envious of our influence are we going to let that baffle us and make us sit down and give up. Paul said, "I have fought a good fight," and friends let me say in my closing remarks that if I know my heart, and I am not deceived, I am by the grace of God a Baptized Free Will Baptist believer and have a full determination made up in my heart and mind to fight for its cause and discipline until Jesus says, "It's enough."

I covet your prayers that God may have full control of my life and that the Holy Spirit may lead me to fight for this faith with love, humbleness, meekness of spirit, long suffering and patience, and then thank God for his blessings. We will be safe from the cross and the enemy then. Let us pray for one another. Let us love one another, and if we see our brother overtaken in a fault, instead of making a public roar of it, let us restore him in love the Bible way. There is a remedy in the Bible for every sin under the sun. Pray for me that I will use it and it only for a sword or weapon to fight the evil one.

J. M. Ewer

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Old and the New

The old year is gone, the new year of 1947 is here. The shortcomings and failures of the year of 1946 cannot be undone. Opportunities for doing good that were lost are lost forever. There is no going back to undo the knots and crooked actions of the past. The only thing available is the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ in pleading for the forgiveness which He is always willing to extend, not because we are worthy of this Grace, but as unworthy creatures we are the recipients of this wonderful favor of God, when we make suitable amendments for our failures.

As we face the New Year, may we profit by our mistakes of the past. We can do this by taking an inventory of our past. Weighing our actions, and looking into God's mirror to reflect the blotches and wrinkles, defects, and failures, thus finding the cause for each failure, may we profit thereby.

Altogether may we make 1947 the greatest, most successful year in the history of our activities among men. Especially may this be true in our service to God and our church, and denomination.

Washington's Prayer

"Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

"And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we

can never hope to be a happy nation.

"Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Washington, the father of our United States, believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. He believed in prayer to Almighty God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. So may we that know and love the Lord Jesus, pray much that no communist, nor infidel will ever sit at the head of our government. We want a Christian democracy. Now is the time to work and pray, and prepare to meet and defeat the works of the devil, Satan, the old deceiver. Communism and infidelity wants to get hold of the reins of government. The devil is at work, through groups and parties to accomplish his desires.

The Gem Coming Again

After several months of failure to appear at our address, the Free Will Baptist Gem, comes as a welcome visitor. This time it comes through the service of our esteemed friend, Rev. B. F. Brown. Brother Brown is a printer and a good editor. Let us hope and pray that he will be able to carry on the work in keeping with his heart's desire. May God bless you, Brother Brown.

Some "Ups"

A negro church in Kansas City has as this slogan: "Wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, pay up, but never give up or back up or shut up until the cause of Christ in this church and in the world is built up."—F. W. B. Messenger.

The above stated slogan would be a suitable resolution, or slogan, for the new year, for every church together with every Mission Board, the Educational boards, the Superannuation Boards and every auxiliary in every nook and corner of the Free Will Baptist denomination. How about it? What say you? Can we do less? Are we satisfied as we now stand? May we put all these "UPS" where they belong in our church life, this 1947, beginning now. "Up, Up, Up" where we should be Up, and never shut up, or let up, until the work is done.

THE YWCA IS UNAFRAID

Others, no doubt, will write of the world-wide service of the Young Women's Christian Association. I could do that with enthusiasm. Some will stress the intellectual honesty that has characterized the Y in its consideration of religious problems. I could do that with respect. Still others will present the great personalities developed by the YWCA. Others will point to the women who, seeing the significance of the YWCA program, have given themselves gladly to its leadership. It has been my privilege to know not a few of these distinguished women. But I turn to another aspect of the Y's great contribution. I speak of its courage.

The Young Women's Christian Association has taken its Christianity seriously. It has refused to put institutional security before the practice of justice. It has been unafraid of controversy, if it be that the application of Christian principle to concrete situations develops controversy. It has therefore faced economic issues without fear, and has insisted upon judging economic practices by ethical criteria. It has called for the rebasing and the remotivating of the economic life to the end that creative service may supplant self-interest in the fundamental drive of modern industry. It has insisted that democracy, if of worth politically, is of value industrially and therefore has called for the substitution of democratic organization for such autocracy as has existed in the economic organization. It has refused to believe that the Kingdom of God can be built upon a foundation of economic injustice. It has never been a class institution; it has insisted upon being Christian. It knows full well that class is a concept too small to unite men for social emancipation. In its consideration of international issues, it has realized that nation is likewise a concept too small; and as it has faced the racial issue, it has clearly affirmed that men cannot be united upon the basis of race. It has declared that we need the larger unifying concept which is found in the Christian doctrine of brotherhood. The YWCA, clear in its enun-

ciation of the Christian principle that all human beings are of infinite worth because they are children of God, has called upon its members to build a society fit to be called the Kingdom of God. And its contribution has been of extraordinary worth because it has brought the mind of the mother to the problem of the home for humanity.

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The YWCA has been courageous, too, as it has confronted the baffling question of race. It has known that ethical principles are tested in concrete situations and that it is not enough to speak of brotherhood in convention resolutions. Segregation must be ended in local institutions. This does not mean that the YWCA has been a left-wing institution. It has been a Christian institution, as fearless in denouncing dictatorship as it has been courageous in calling for democracy.

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The Young Women's Christian Association has had the courage to take Jesus of Nazareth seriously. It has been an inspiration to the Church and to the community and has made a fundamental contribution to the union and to the world. When so many seek seclusion and security, it is heartening to find an organization courageous, constructive, Christian. This the YWCA is, and this the Church knows. Its courage demands our support as its service earns our praise.

—G. Bromley Oxnam

—Selected

AMERICAN YOUTH DEBAUCHED

Sixty-two per cent of American youths between sixteen and twenty-four years of age are drinkers, reports "The Temperance Advocate." During last year 17 per cent more boys under twenty-one were arrested for assault than the year before, 26 per cent more for disorderly conduct, and 20 per cent more for drunkenness.

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"But these are written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name" (John 20:31).

Having seen that there is a personal God and that He created the world and also man and that by transgression man fell, we come now to consider the Divine revelation of His Will.

Because of the importance of the subject under consideration, we will be more in detail than in any of our previous lectures.

First, we want to look at the Bible as though it laid no claim to inspiration. In the marvelous volume we have sixty-six books; thirty-nine in the Old Testament and twenty-seven in the New Testament, written by men of different callings and far removed from each other in time and place; blending in such harmony as not to contain one contradiction that can not be harmonized into one continuous whole. Portions of it have survived the rise and fall of empires and all of it has survived the period commonly called "The Dark Ages" when to read it was strictly forbidden. It is a Book of Law, Prophecy, History, Poetry and is a perfect code of moral ethics. It was written in Hebrew, Chaldean and Greek. The Bible was not written by any company of men collaborating with each other, but of men with greatly diversified mental caliber and training and occupation, through a period of around sixteen hundred years.

Our word Bible is from "byblers" or "papyrus," the parchment material on which ancient books were written before the advent of paper and printing.

The Bible, when first written, was not divided into chapters and verses; but was so divided in 1551 A. D. by Robt. Stephens. There are 1,189 chapters composed of 31,102 verses in the King James Version. The 119th Psalm is the longest and the 117th is the shortest and middle chapter in the Bible. So far as is known, all the men who wrote the

Bible were Jews except the Evangelist, Luke.

Eight hundred and fifty passages in the New Testament are quotations or allusions from the Old Testament. Christ quoted from twenty-two of the Old Testament books. Matthew has one hundred quotations from twenty Old Testament books. Mark has fifteen from thirteen books; Luke has thirty-four quotations from thirteen Old Testament books; John has eleven from six books; Hebrews has eighty-five from Old Testament books and Revelation has two hundred and forty-five allusions and quotations.

God's name does not occur in the book of Esther or in the Songs of Solomon; while hell is not to be found in Paul's writing. II Kings 19 and Isaiah 37 read alike. The word "Jehovah" is found 5,845 times and the word "Lord" 1,853 times in the Bible. In the Hebrew of the Old Testament, the letter Aleph is found 42,377 times; Leth is found 38,218 times. We could go on but what book attracted the attention as indicated here? This is in itself sufficient to place the Bible in a class to itself.

But this is only a beginning. Every land whose shores have been touched by the Bible has been made a better country, and every nation that has rejected the Bible has paid dearly for the same. The history of France about the close of the Seventh Century is outspoken on this point. France is the only nation who laid heavy impious hands on God's Word and what was the result? She was so drenched in blood that she was as glad to restore the Bible to the people as the enemies of God's people were to get rid of the Ark of God.

No other book is praised as highly by the world's greatest men. "It is the best book in the world," John Adams; "Here is a book worth more than all other books which were ever printed," Patrick Henry; "The Bible is the rock on which our republic stands," Andrew Jackson; "Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet-anchor of your liberties," N. S. Grant. Scores of the world's greatest men could be quoted. But even such men as Voltaire, Paine, Hume, Ingersol and Darwin regard it a perfect treatise on

morals, even though they deny its inspiration.

Few books will stand the second reading, much less many readings; but the Bible will stand as many readings as the individual may live to read and will still have a charm peculiar to itself.

If the Bible laid no claim to inspiration, it would still stand head and shoulders above all other books; for no other book has withstood the catastrophes of nations; the rise and fall of empires, and stood up under the persecution of its enemies, as it has stood and it is destined to stand till the fullness of time its millions of cycles have run. It will stand when a thousand systems of human philosophy lie strewn at its base.

Much more could be said of the pre-eminence of the Bible, but we move on and come to grips with the atheist, infidel, skeptic and modernist.

—D. A. Windham

"I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE"

We read that Jacob, when he was fleeing from his enraged brother Esau, "lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night . . . ; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep." Physically it was a hard bed, but mentally and spiritually he was passing through an experience that was still harder. Conscious that he had brought this suffering upon himself, he feared that even God had forsaken him. His situation seemed hopeless. At this point in his experience "He dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the Lord God . . . I am with thee, and will . . . not leave thee."

The plan of salvation was here unfolded to Jacob. He beheld Jesus as "the way, the truth, and the life." He was given the assurance that God had not forsaken him; that his iniquity was pardoned, his sin was covered, and that Christ had bridged the gulf which existed between him and God. This vision was a most blessed revelation. When Jacob

awoke out of his sleep he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not . . . This is the gate of heaven."

Why has the experience of Jacob been recorded? We are inclined to read it merely as a matter of history. It has been written for our encouragement, that we, when passing through mental agony and experiences which would lead us almost to think that the Lord had forsaken us because of our faults, may have the assurance that God ascending has not forsaken us; that He is not afar off, but a present help in every time of need. We, too, are to see the open heavens and the angels of time ascending and descending upon the Son of man, and to hear the voice saying: "Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest . . . ; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

The Lord Is My Helper

Paul, referring to Jacob's experience, makes this application: "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Heb. 13:5, 6).

In the most trying experience it is our privilege to say, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and in this experience He will not leave me nor forsake me." This should be our assurance. We must learn to see an invisible hand upon the lever of circumstances working out everything for the good of His children and in harmony with the counsel of His own will. We are to see that nothing can befall us but by God's permission; that we are surrounded by His presence, unconscious though we may be of it. Satan recognizes this for he said of Job: "Hast not Thou made an hedge about him, and . . . about all that he hath?" Satan knows that his powers cannot injure the soul of one who trusts in God. God permits property to be swept away; He may permit sickness to come upon us; but in it all we are to

recognize the divine Hand reaching over us and protecting us from all harm. To the child of God all things are designed to work together for his good.

God has planted His vineyard in "a very fruitful hill." What is true of the vineyard is true of each vine separately. Each individual is placed where he is surrounded with God's presence, and all the elements which are needed to develop a Christ-like character are to be found just where we are.

Remember God's Leadings

Referring to the experiences of the children of Israel, whom God was leading to the Land of Promise, Moses said: "Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee" (Deut. 8:2). God had been leading them all the way, but they murmured in their tents, and said, "Because the Lord hated us, He hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt." How often, when the unexpected comes and we pass through hard and trying experiences, are we inclined to say, "All these things are against me," when the very things whereof we are complaining are all designed to work for us.

Moses said to Israel: "Dread not, neither be afraid . . . The Lord your God which goeth before you, He shall fight for you . . . Thou hast seen how that the Lord thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place." This has been written that "we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." We, too are to recognize that God has led us all the way until we come into this place where we now are. But Moses added: "Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God, who went in the way before you, to search you out a place."

Unbelief and the failure to recognize God in His providences leads us to place the worst construction upon the experiences through which we are passing, instead of seeing a loving Hand guiding and pointing the way for us to follow.

(The composer failed to sign name)

"TWO DIED FOR ME"

A ship had been wrecked, and when the boats had been let down it was seen that there was not room in them for all. Lots were cast, and among those who had to remain behind was a young and very wicked sailor. He was very pale, and those near him heard him mutter, "Lost—lost eternally." But he was picked up bodily and thrown into one of the boats. The man who had done that called to him, "You are not ready to die yet, but I am, and am willing to die for you. But mind that I see you in Heaven." An old sailor who had often told him of Jesus and asked him to receive the Saviour, thus died in his stead. Ever after, the young man, who really accepted Christ, was wont to testify in these words: "For me two have died!"

"But He (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Is. 53:5).

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so Divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!"

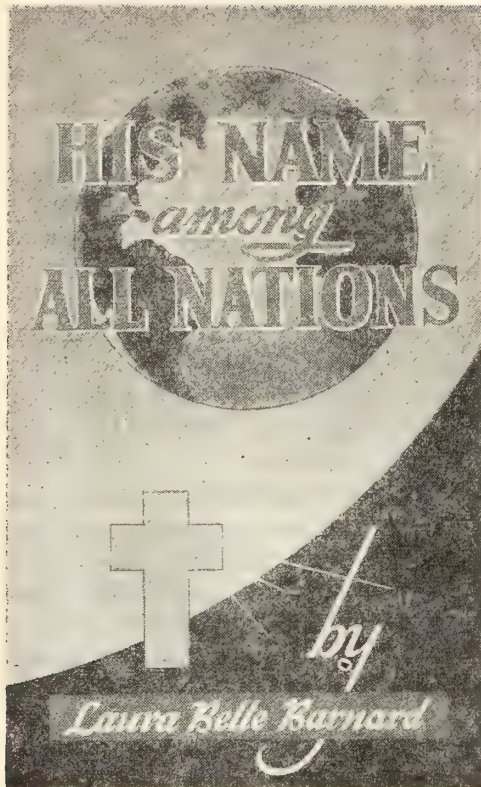
A NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the nice gifts and cards received during the Christmas holidays. We thank many Ladies Aid societies from different churches for their nice cards and words of kindness and good cheer, and also Brother Rev. M. L. Johnson for the gift and letter.

I want all you good people to pray for me, as my time here on earth is running out. I will be 81 years old on January 17th. My prayer is peace to all for the New Year.

Rev. J. A. Ringgold and wife.

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L. R. Ennis, President,
Free Will Baptist Bible College

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

GOOD "GROWING WEATHER"

Thelma greatly admired Miss Price. Miss Price kept her chin up when things looked dark. She was alert, and did kind things intelligently.

Miss Price roomed and boarded in Thelma's home. By watching her, Thelma had picked up many ideas on better ways of living. When Thelma saw Miss Price put a slip of paper as a bookmark into her Bible, she was interested. Miss Price noticed the interest and explained, "That's a thought I'm going to plant to-night. I've found, Thelma, that sleep is good growing weather for ideas. God, I believe, has so much better chance to help us while we sleep. So I plant a thought to open my heart to Him just before I go to sleep."

Thelma, who felt the need of building her courage, tried planting a thought each night, a great thought like: "In God have I put my trust; I will not be afraid; what can man do unto me?"

Her sleep grew less troubled, and before many days had passed she found that she, too, could meet difficulties with her chin up and courage in her heart.—*Girl's Companion*.

FOR HIS COUNTRY'S SAKE

By Inez Clark Thorson

"Stagger, stagger from the bar,
What a wretched sot you are!"
Silence, you who voted Wet:
Do you not your vote regret?

You, who bleared those once-clear eyes,
Have no right to criticize.
He's a sot, yes, that is true,
Made to bring in revenue.

Hear him mutter, see him shake,
Drinking for his country's sake.
Strip away each filthy rag.
Wrap him in a silken flag!

He's a hopeless drunkard, but . . .
He's your kind of patriot!
—In The Dry Legion

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Rev. 3:11).

MAN THE ENEMY OF MAN

The hunting tribes of air and earth
Respect the brethren of their birth;
Nature, who loves the claim of kind,
Less cruel chose to each assigned.
The falcon, poised on soaring wing,
Watches the wild-duck by the spring;
The slow-hound wakes the fox's lair;
The greyhound presses on the hare;
The eagle pounces on the lamb;
The wolf devours the fleecy dam;
Even tiger tell, and sullen bear,
Their likeness and their lineage spare.
Man, only, mars kind Nature's plan,
And turns the fierce pursuit on man;
Plying war's desultory trade,
Incursion, flight, and ambushade,
Since Nimrod, Cush's mighty son,
At first the bloody game begun.

—Sir Walter Scott

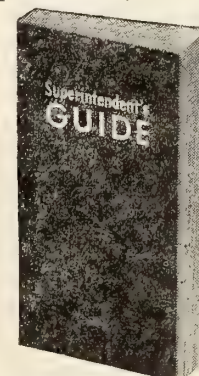
Whenever Christ enters a man truly and takes possession of him, one of the unmistakable marks of His being in the man is the new love that begins to appear in the man's life.—
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ope' to-day

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life's way

Thus they shall tell of mercy, love,
and truth,

That all may read of Him whom men
forsook,

Who gives our names a place in His
own Book;

In "Honors' Scroll" no word He'll
overlook.

We know not yet what story shall be
written,

What sorrow, joy, or pain to each be
given,

But this we know, "He doeth all
things well";

That pages read this record aye does
tell.

Each blotted page our Master's eyes
behold,

No stains, erased by grace untold;
Of daily conquest may our record
tell,

That when He readeth He may say,
" 'Tis well."

Before this chapter ends our Lord
may come

To close the Book and take us to His
Home.

—The Missionary Worker

Wanted: A Pat on the Back

"Nothing makes people so worthy
of compliments as occasionally re-
ceiving compliments. One is more
delightful for being told one is de-
lightful—just as one is more angry
for being told one is angry."—K. P.
Gerould.

Can anything be sadder than work
left unfinished? Yes—work left un-
done.—Rossetti.

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RADIOS AND CRIME

William Heirens, seventeen year
old Chicago burglar and confessed
murderer of Suzanne Degnan, admit-
ted he got his start in crime through
inspiration offered him in crime
broadcasts on the radio. And
Preachers are being crowded off the
air!—Lutheran Research Bulletin.

Twenty-three thousand publicity
men for the New Deal on federal pay-
rolls spent \$74,000,000 last year to
put over the Administration's view-
points. The taxpayers thus paid for
their own self-deception.—Lutheran
Research Bulletin.

Someone has said: "A smile is a
light in the window of the face that
shows the heart is at home."

Emerson once said that some men
serve their generation by what they
do, some by what they are. Some
men do both. In one of Shake-
speare's plays are to be found these
lines: "To thine own self be true;
and it must follow as the night the
day, thou canst not then be false to
any man."

"AN AWFUL PRICE TO PAY"

"... She was a college girl from a
northern state. I met her in the deep
South, in a home for unwed mothers.
No one there knew her real name.
She asked to see me—this basically
fine young woman—and told me
something of what had come into her
life from being out with a married
army man when both were just a lit-
tle drunk.

" 'I'm not a saint,' she declared;
'but I'm not a harlot either. I used
to laugh at people who had been
drinking.' There was a long tragic
pause here, 'But not any more. In
my case the tragedy it left is another
human being who will never know his
parents. His father will never know
he is this child's father; and I have
already signed him away. IT'S AN
AWFUL PRICE FOR HIM TO PAY
FOR MY DRINKING!' "—in "Just
a Little Drunk," by Grace Sloan Over-
ton in the "Allied Youth," February,
1946.

"He that lives to live forever, never fears
dying"—Penn.

THINKING

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you
don't.

If you'd like to win but you think you
can't,
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out of the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will—
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you
are;

You've got to think high to rise;
You've got to be sure of yourself be-
fore

You can ever win a prize.

Life's battle don't always go
To stronger or faster man;
But soon or late the man who wins,
Is the one who **thinks he can.**

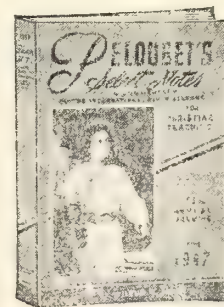
—Walter D. Wintle

"I have no time to worry," says
the happy man. "In the daytime,
I'm too busy. At night, I'm too
sleepy."

The only good luck many great men
ever had was being born with the
ability and determination to over-
come bad luck.—Channing Polluck.

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JESUS' AUTHORITY IN HOME AND CHURCH

(Lesson for January 12)

Lesson: John 2:1-16.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it" (John 2:5).

If we believe in Christ's authority and yield to Him, then our daily lives in the home and in the church will be so lived as to carry out His purposes. The purpose dearest to His heart is that all men everywhere may have an opportunity to hear the Gospel message and receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Two recent incidents from mission fields illustrate the twofold authority of Christ, in the home and the personal needs of His people, and in the church. The first comes from French West Africa:

"A letter from Mr. D---- recorded an encouraging incident that proves once again that our God can perform miracles. A native Christian in Tieke dougou, who is a hunter, had an accident and was so badly burned that his face, neck, arms and legs were one big sore. He was unable to speak. When Mr. D---- saw him for the first time, he had been in that condition for a week. That same evening they had a service in front of this man's native hut, instead of at the church, so that he would be able to hear. After the service they had a prayer meeting and Mr. D---- felt very definitely that the Lord would heal this man and he told him so. The very next morning the man's wife came to church and gave testimony that the burns were healing quickly. Mr. D---- found this to be true for when he returned to this town two weeks later, the first one to greet him was this man, and praise God, he was completely healed!"—Selected.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

The second incident from India is not quoted for lack of space, but here is a little verse worth memorizing:

"To do Thy will is more than praise,
As words are less than deeds;
The simplest trust can find Thy ways,
We miss with charts of creeds!"

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The Lord Jesus is personally interested in all human affairs and relationships (John 2:1, 2).

2. Jesus is absent from many weddings and from the married life that follows because no one invites Him (vs. 2).

3. We may ask the Lord to supply a certain lack for others, but we never have the right to command Him (vss. 3, 4).

4. There is no better motto than that which Mary gave to the servants: "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do" (vs. 5).

5. It is not necessary for us to understand what the Lord has in mind; it is our business to "fill the water-pots" and to "bear unto the governor" even if we do not know why (vss. 6-8).

6. What the Lord provides for those who obey Him is better than the best that man can supply (vss. 9, 10).

7. The miracles of Jesus served the twofold purpose of manifesting His glory and establishing the faith of His disciples (vs. 11).

8. Wherever Jesus went He found something important to do (vss. 11-13).

9. The place of God's abode should be kept free from all defilement (vss. 14, 15).

10. Even the articles used in worship may serve to defile the Temple of God (vs. 16).

11. Both Jesus and Elijah were careful to make sure that none of those present could claim that these two miracles were fraudulent. (John 2:1-10; I Kings 18:30-35).

12. Please consult our **Advanced**

and **Senior** quarterlies for many fine helps on this lesson.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

A young man, by the name of Frederick N. Charrington, gave his life and fortune to follow Jesus. Listen as he tells about it: "I was out with some friends one night. We were bent on making a night of it. Strolling along one of London's most wicked streets, we passed a gin palace. Suddenly, a woman, ragged and pale, reeled out, her frail body shaking with sobs. She clung to a sinful man who was trying to shake her loose. 'Give me a copper,' she cried. 'I'm hungry and the children are starving.' But the man clenched his fist and struck her to the ground. Afterwards, I glanced up at the saloon. There, written in letters of gold, I read my own name: 'Drink Charrington Beer.' The message came to me from God, which said, 'Here is the source of family wealth.' Then and there I raised my hands to God and vowed that not another penny of that tainted money should come to me. Then and there, I gave my life to God." Charrington preached Jesus for sixty-five years in the slum districts of London, fed daily multitudes of hungry people, clothed and naked, visited the sick and the prisoners. He surrendered all to Jesus, and brought multitudes to Jesus! Will you give your life to Jesus to-day? Ask of Jesus, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do"?—Selected.

WE MUST FACE THE FACT

The beer and liquor rations for soldiers have been interpreted by the men as approval by the United States Government of drinking. The direct result has been drunkenness, looting and violence. The indirect result has been a most serious blow at American prestige around the world. We simply cannot do the job that American security demands shall be done unless the American Government changes its policy and gets over on the side of temperance, which is exactly where the majority of American people want it to take its stand.—The Clipsheet.

REPORT OF THIRD UNION

The Third Union of the Eastern Association of North Carolina convened with Gray Branch Church on Saturday, December 28, 1946, at ten o'clock.

Devotions were conducted by the Moderator after which the Union was called to order. Temporary committees were appointed. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called and ten were present. The list of churches was called with twenty-six representing.

After congregational singing and prayer, Rev. Sam R. Kennedy delivered the Union sermon using for his subject "What Mean These Stones." We then adjourned one hour for lunch.

In the afternoon the meeting re-assembled with congregational singing and then the unfinished business was entered into. Reports of the various boards were adopted.

The Financial Report

On hand from last Union ---\$ 4.26
Received at this Union ---- 211.63

Total -----\$215.89

Disbursements

Union expense -----\$ 7.50
Orphanage Board ----- 50.00
Educational Board ----- 40.00
Mission Board ----- 24.00
Superannuation Board ----- 75.00
Emergency Board ----- 15.00

Total -----\$211.50
Balance on hand -----\$ 4.39

The election of officers was taken up at this time and the following were elected for the coming year:

Moderator, D. W. Hansley.
Assistant Moderator, J. R. Davenport.
Clerk, Lemmie Taylor.
Treasurer, S. W. Jones.

One new member was elected on each board.

Petitions were taken up and by vote the next Union goes to Long Ridge in March. Rev. D. W. Hansley was selected to preach the Union sermon.

A rising vote of thanks was ex-

tended the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this session of the Union.

A motion was made for adjournment. The meeting closed with song and prayer.

Rev. S. A. Smith, Moderator,
Mrs. D. F. Chambers, Clerk

CHRISTMAS

In Bethlehem's town,
Almost two thousand years ago,
Shone a bright shining star;
Directing men where to go.

It led to a stable
Where cattle were kept;
There in a rude manger,
Our dear Saviour slept.

Just a wee baby
Who knew nothing vile;
As gifts were brought to Him,
He looked up and smiled.

Down through the ages,
This Dear One has lived;
In spite of His trials,
To man, His best, He gives.

Today, as we gaze upward,
We may see the same star,
Which lights man's pathway
Wherever they are.

In darkness or sunshine,
We've nothing to fear;
The Christ of Bethlehem
Is always so near.

So let's don't forget
As we celebrate His birth,
To give our best gifts to Him—
The Saviour of earth.

Mrs. Edwin Roper

THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN

They borrowed a bed to lay his head,
When Christ the Lord came down.
They borrowed the ass—in the moun-
tain pass,
For him to ride to town,
But the Crown that he wore, and the
Cross that he bore were his own.

The Cross was his own,
He borrowed the bread,
When the Crowd he fed on the grassy
mountain side.
He borrowed the dish of broken fish,
With which he satisfied.
But the Crown that he wore and the
Cross that he bore were his own.

The Cross was his own.
He borrowed a ship in which to sit—
to teach the multitude,
He borrowed the nest in which to
rest,
He had never a home so nude.
But the Crown that he wore and the
Cross that he bore were his own.

The Cross was his own.
He borrowed a room on his way to
the Tomb.
The passover Lamb to eat.
They borrowed a cave for him a
grave,
They borrowed a winding sheet,
But the Crown that he wore and the
Cross that he bore were his own.

The Cross was his Own.
The thorns on his head were worn in
my stead,
For me the Saviour died.
For guilt of my sins the nails were
driven in,
When him they crucified.
Though the Crown that he wore and
the Cross that he bore were his
own.

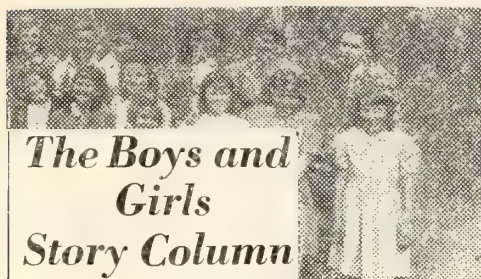
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ONE TASTE OF BEER!

By Marianne Ketchum

The laughter's gay, the lights are
bright.
The moderate drinker thinks that
night,
"A little beer won't hurt a flea.
I never will a drunkard be."

Then years have gone. You'd hardly
know
This drunkard staggering and slow.
The small boys mock, the big boys
jeer.
It started with one taste of beer.



The Boys and Girls Story Column

THE OPEN ROAD

*Rolling, rolling, rolling,
Over hills in rows,
Thought I saw a mountain,
But it's just like those!

Running, running, running,
Under lovely trees,
Thought I saw a forest,
But it's just like these!

Hills in rows, lovely trees;
Hills like those! Trees like these!

*A song you may sing while traveling, which may be repeated as often as you like. It can be sung to almost any tune, preferably one with a "thump" in it.

Yes, they could go! Mother and father and Uncle Timothy had talked it all over. Davie and Debbie nearly fell off the swing with excitement when it was decided that they could go!

There were a lot of things to discuss: and it seemed like a million things to get ready. Debbie and Davie were up with the dawn each day. Their feet ran like deer's feet. They gave themselves happily to doing errands and carrying packages, weeding the garden and stringing beans for their mother to cook; counting handkerchiefs and seeing if socks had to be mended; and—oh—just everything.

Mother had bought some lovely cretonne, and had curtained off the front part of the trailer for Debbie's room; and there was enough left over to make curtains for the six windows and the back door. Uncle Timothy had gotten some kind of camp cots which he fastened to the sides of the trailer, and when you weren't using them, they folded up

snugly, close to the wall, so that you couldn't even see the pillows and blankets. They each took an army trunk for their clothes. Mother arranged with Uncle Timothy to mail home the soiled clothes every week to be washed and then have them mailed to the next town. Uncle Timothy had a clever kind of portable, combination stove that burned both kerosene and wood, and there was a collapsible table and camp chairs that could be tucked away when not in use.

Uncle Timothy, with Debbie's help, supervised the laying in of the food. Debbie made suggestions as to what things she could cook, like baked beans, and boiled potatoes, and fried bacon. Davie looked on in delight. They planned to buy fresh vegetables and milk and fruit as they went; but there were some things they would want to carry with them. Most important of all, were Uncle Timothy's boxes of books and leaflets.

"You check them Davie, as I call them. Here's the list, can you make it out?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"It looks easy. What is first?" said Davie, as he wet the end of a stubby pencil.

"Bibles."

"Right," said Davie.

"Gospels."

"Checked," and Davie crossed it off the list.

"Testaments."

"Yes."

"Tracts. Two kinds — salvation tracts and tracts for Christians."

"Let's see—. Yes, I've got them."

"Two packages of books."

"Right."

"And three bundles of magazines."

"All here," finished Davie.

"Did you ever hear the story about the colored man and tracts?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"No, tell us," said Debbie and Davie together.

"Well, it seems that a lady asked a colored man why they called the little leaflets 'tracts'; and he scratched his head and thought a while, and then answered: 'Ah dunno, 'less it be dat dey tracks you and tracks you, until they jest ain't no othah way out but settin' doan and readin' dem. So dey jest calls 'em "tracks." ' "

Monday morning finally came, and "in the middle of the night" so Uncle Timothy said, Davie and Debbie were up and dressed, and knocking at Uncle Timothy's door.

"Are you up, Uncle Timothy? It's six o'clock!" called Debbie.

"Yes, ma'm. I'm up, and I'll be downstairs faster than you can say Elmer's eager elephant's eating eider-down ear-muffs."

"Sounds silly!" said Debbie.

Saying goodbye to Mother and Father was a little hard. The twins promised to write every other day, "or oftener," and mother and father were to write ahead to the next towns in care of General Delivery.

"The General' will see that we get them all right," laughed Uncle Timothy.

Just before they finally said goodbye, Mother, Father, Uncle Timothy, Debbie and Davie joined hands in a circle, and bowed their heads while Father asked the heavenly Father to watch over this little band of travelers, to keep them safe, and give them journeying mercies. When Father said "Amen," Uncle Timothy prayed asking the Lord to take care of the loved ones at home.

Then they were off! All three of them had piled into the front seat of the car, Debbie in the middle, and the twins waved their hands until the house was out of sight.

Finally, even the city was left behind, and the open country began to appear. How green the hills! These glorious hills that are so full of surprises for the traveler! What is around the next corner, One never knows, and it is always sure to be interesting.

Uncle Timothy slowed to a stop at a railroad crossing, for a warning signal was flashing "red," and as the freight train laboriously puffed along in front of their car, they all counted the freight cars out loud. A hundred and fifteen! Think of it! And then off again, rolling along the open road, happily.

They played games. Uncle Timothy was more fun than any two people, and could think of any number of things to do. For instance, they were all to count the cows, and pigs, and chickens, and dogs, and cats, and

horses, and sheep, and goats they saw. Davie had the right side of the road, and Debbie counted for Uncle Timothy on the left side of the road. Chickens only counted five points a dozen, and cows were two each, and pigs were three each, and dogs were ten, and cats were twelve, and horses seven, and sheep eight, and goats fifteen. The winner was the one who got a hundred points first, but every time you passed a graveyard on your side of the road, you lost all of your points, and had to start over again. You had to watch so carefully your own side for animals, and the other side for graveyards, for sometimes the graveyards were small and hidden back away from the road. If you didn't see it first, you couldn't count it against your opponent.

Debbie won three times, and then they played another game. This one was with license numbers. Each person took a letter in the alphabet, and each time you saw your letter you got ten points. If you saw your initials, then you got fifty points! And when Davie saw "DLW" right ahead of him, he let out such a yell that Uncle Timothy said he was sure his hair turned gray.

"DLW"—see it! David Livingston Weatherby!" Of course Davie won.

The morning disappeared to somewhere. Before they realized it they were hungry.

"Watch for a cozy place to stop, and we'll have lunch," said Uncle Timothy, as he drove slowly.

Davie spied it first. "Over there!" he cried. "And I think there's a brook, too."

"That does look like a dandy place, and lots of room to pull the trailer in off the highway, too. You're a good scout, Davie."

In the cool shade of low hanging trees, and with the gurgle of the stream just below them, the lunch was spread. Together they sat down to eat.

"Will you return thanks, Davie?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"We thank Thee for all the good things Thou hast given us, Lord. We thank Thee for the beautiful day, and the good trip. We thank Thee for the food we are going to eat. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

The basket had been full of sandwiches, and pickles, and apples, and bananas, and grapes, and cookies, and chocolate cake, and hardboiled eggs, and a jug of milk, for mother knew what to pack in a lunch. In twenty minutes there was not even a pickle to be seen!

Debbie and Davie gathered up all the odds and ends of the lunch, and Uncle Timothy found a place to burn the paper plates and napkins.

"Always leave the place as clean and beautiful as you found it," said Uncle Timothy, and truly you would never have guessed anyone had eaten a lunch there, for they left it spic and span.

"That's a good start," said Davie, as they settled back in the car, and Uncle Timothy pulled out onto the road again. "I feel in my bones that a lot of things are going to happen to us. Exciting things, I mean."

"I believe you are right, Davie. I believe that the Lord has many surprises and blessings for us on this trip." Uncle Timothy looked happy as he watched the road ahead of him unwind, bringing them nearer and nearer the first mountain directly in front of them.

"We'll pitch camp on the other side of this mountain. I guess it will be about four o'clock when we get there. What do you say we sing?" and the twins joined in lustily with Uncle Timothy:

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring!"

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A PRAYER BEFORE MEALS

We thank Thee, Lord for time and place;
For gospel light and saving grace;
For raiment and for daily bread,
For all Thy love on us hath shed;

For home and friends, for church and state.

For all that makes a nation great;
For strength to toil, and grateful rest,
For Jesus, our Abiding Guest.

—Franklin Pierce Reno,
St. Joseph, Missouri

"GOD KNOWS WHAT IS BEST"

No chance hath brought this ill to me:
'Tis God's own hand, so let it be.
He seeth what I cannot see.
There is a need-be for each pain;
That earthly loss is heavenly gain.

Like as a piece of tapestry,
Viewed from the back appears to be
Naught but threads tangled hopeless-
ly,
But in the front a picture fair
Rewards the worker for his care.

Thou art the Workman, I the frame.
Lord, for the glory of Thy name
Perfect Thine image on the same.

EDITORIAL

(continued from page three)

Service Rendering

The function of rendering Christian services is no less an obligation of the Church than teaching the Scriptures and winning the lost to Christ. The Apostle James said, "Faith without works is dead," and the Church without rendering true Christian services is also dead.

The spreading and the support of the Gospel of Christ must largely be done by the Church. Christian schools and hospitals must be established and maintained; local church plants and orphan homes must be established, maintained, and enlarged upon when time and growth bring about the demands; and new mission fields must be opened, buildings erected, a teaching personnel adequately furnished to instruct and win the lost to Christ. It is the function of the Church to minister, both spiritually and materially, unto charitable causes. It is to raise funds, set up reserves, purchase needed property, endow religious institutions, educate ministers, evangelists and teachers, nurses and missionaries, and to spread cheer and good will among all peoples.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, Our heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom, and tender mercy has seen fit to call from this earth, one of our most faithful church members, Bro. Geo. Allen, We, the members of Piny Grove Church (Pitt County), realizing our great loss, submit the following resolutions:

First, That we express our deepest appreciation of his faithful service to our Church as Deacon;

Second, That we extend to his bereaved family our deepest sympathy, and point them to God, and the Church, which he served so well, for consolation and comfort in their bereavement; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the F. W. B. Press at Ayden, and a copy to be placed on the minutes of the Church.

Mildred Humbles,
Irene Tyson,
Myrtie Ruth Tyson,
Committee

WOMEN AND DRINK!

Dr. Robert V. Seliger says: "When I started practicing psychiatry nineteen years ago not more than one out of ten alcoholics who came to me for treatment were women. Now the women are four in ten. Once when a home was broken by alcoholism a drunken husband was nearly always responsible. Now I hear the tale in reverse. It is the husband who comes to me, often in tears, to tell how he has tried to meet expenses, tried to take care of the children and failed because his wife spends her time in bars or fumbles about the house in a stupor . . . Actually, more than two-fifths of all women in jail in America are there because of drunkenness."

A man is rich in proportion to the things he can afford to let alone.—Thoreau.

WOMEN IN FRONT OF BAR

The old-time saloon never allowed a female at the bar. It chased high school girls away with a broom. It closed at midnight. And on the whole, it kept closed on Sunday. Now, women clog up the cafes, the law allows Sunday operation, and everything is legal. Woman is man's equal, but somehow she never looks it in front of a bar.—Dave Boone, in the New York Sun.

The mind is like the stomach. It's not how much you put into it that counts, but how much it digests.

A NOTE ON ETIQUETTE

It is extremely inhospitable to invite people to your home and give a certain number of them not a single swallow of anything they can drink. In other words, to force people to go thirsty or to drink an alcoholic beverage which they do not want, is as inhospitable as to invite them to dine and put nothing on their plates but the one item on food to which they happen to be allergic.—Emily Post.

A man in the right, with God on his side, is in the majority though he be alone.—Beecher.

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It up to You!

'Tis not so bad a world
As some would make it;
But whether good or whether bad
Depends on how you take It!

What's a smile? Just your home-made sun-shine.

B U T . . .

We shall do so much in the years to come,
But what have we done today?
We shall give our gold in a princely sum,
But what did we give today?
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
We shall speak the words of love and cheer;
But what did we speak today?
We shall reap such joys in the bye-and-bye,
But what have we sown today?
'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,
But—**here and now**—do we do our task?
Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask,
“What have we done today?”

—Anon.

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AN ANNOUNCEMENT

The second "National Council on the New approach to the Alcohol Problem" will be held in Nashville, Tenn., April 8-11, 1947, it was announced today by the Rev. Herbert H. Parish, Administrative Director of The National Temperance Movement, with headquarters in the Chicago Temple.

Plans are under way for selection of twenty lecturers for the Council from all parts of the United States. They will be specialists in the scientific, educational or religious phase of the alcohol problem. Among subjects to be studied will be the relation of alcohol to youth and the rehabilitation of the alcoholic, Mr. Parish stated.

Newly elected officers of The National Temperance Movement serving for 1946-48 were announced as follows: Wayne W. Womer, West Hartford, Conn., president; Herbert B. Cross, Nashville, Tenn., first vice-president; A. Alexander Hinson, Chicago, secretary; and Paul E. Alm, Chicago, treasurer.

A new full time staff member as a special lecturer is Dr. E. Guy Cutshall of Colorado Springs, Colo., according to Mr. Parish. A former college and seminary president, Dr. Cutshall is an outstanding speaker, and has been a special lecturer for the Rotary International.

—National Temperance Movement

Editorial

"YOUTH'S BANNER"—

The "Youth's Banner," a new Sunday School publication, which is edited and arranged by the Reverend L. E. Ballard, the editor of the Young People's literature, is an attractive paper. We have had the opportunity to examine on different occasions Sunday School papers of other denominations, and find that our new Sunday School paper is on par with the others. Certainly, Brother Ballard has done a splendid piece of work, in the outset, in presenting this new Sunday School publication to our young people of our Sunday Schools and Leagues.

It is attractive, well proportioned in pictorial and literary arrangements, and adaptable to the needs and interests of the young people. All Sunday Schools will do well to subscribe for this excellent paper for their Sunday School pupils. The price is reasonable, and what it furnishes in reading matter, in a splendid religious way, should certainly be appealing to all of the Sunday Schools. No Sunday School should be without this splendid paper.

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MEETING OF CRAGMONT BOARD—

The Stockholders and Board of Directors of Cragmont Assembly, Incorporated, met in annual session on January the eighth to transact important business. The meeting was well attended with practically all of the twenty-four members present with the exception of just a few and they sent proxies to represent for them.

Plans for meeting the first note of the loan against the property were discussed and a motion was carried to ask each of the twenty-four stockholders to raise by March the first one hundred dollars each to be applied on this first note and interest. All seemed to have entered into this plan with great interest and concern. Surely each member will raise among the church people his or her allotted amount and even more by that date. Reports from previously named committees from the last meeting were read, discussed and acted upon favorably for the work and further advancement of Cragmont Assembly. Excerpts of these reports will very likely be published by the new President, Rev. James A. Evans, in the Baptist paper very soon.

The new Board of Directors of the Assembly for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Members from the State Sunday School Convention, Fountain Taylor and R. B. Spencer; from the Young People's State League Convention, Henry Melvin and Rashie Kennedy; from the State Women's Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. J. C. Moye and Mrs. N. E. Harris; from the State Association, Reverends R. P. Harris and S. A. Smith; and the ninth board member from the stockholders at large, was the Reverend James A. Evans. The Reverend J. Albert Harris, Enfield, North Carolina, was elected as Resident Manager-Treasurer of Cragmont Assembly for the ensuing year.

Special committees were appointed to arrange details and matters of work with the Resident Manager-Treasurer for the year's work.

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"HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS"—

Miss Laura Belle Barnard's new book, *His Name among All Nations*, has been advertised for several weeks through the columns of the Baptist paper for the purpose of making known to the church people over the denomination its appearance, and for sale to anyone who would like to own a copy. As a result of this advertisement, dozens of calls have come to the Press for the book, in spite of the fact that it has been made plain that we do not have any authority to handle the book for sale. They are being sold at Monett, Missouri, under the auspices of the National Board of Missions. The Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, has been refused the privilege to handle this book for sale, in spite of the fact that we have advertised the book for the National Mission Board free of any charges whatsoever.

Why should the Press at Ayden be debarred from rendering services to the denomination and to the Mission Board when it could be of great advantage to the people in this section of the country in securing additional sales for the book? The Press is serving the denomination in a national way, and is glad to serve the whole church for the growth and expansion of, not only the mission cause, but also all other principal phases of the denominational work.

It is the editor's feeling that the National Board of Missions would do well to form an agreement with the Business management of the Press at Ayden in some way as to allow the Press to serve the people in this section of the country in supplying the Women's auxiliaries, the Bible classes, the Sunday School Institute workers, and the Young People's League groups, and others with copies of this book as they send their orders to us. If this is done it will mean the sale of many more copies of this book to our church people. We believe it was the Author's purpose in writing the book that it might serve for the greatest good, and be used by the greater number of people over the entire United States, and elsewhere.



One hour of life, crowded to the full with glorious action and filled with noble risks, is worth whole years of those mean observances of paltry decorum in which men steal through existence like sluggish waters through a marsh, without either honor for observation.—Sir Walter Scott.

I remember that a wise friend of mine did usually say, "That which is everybody's business is nobody's business."—Izaak Walton.

Alcoholic Beverages--The American Beast

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunk also."—Habakkuk 2:15a.

I was listening to an address over the radio relative to Christmas, and the speaker was giving some good advice on the subject of safety at Christmas time. He was telling how at Christmas time so many accidents occur by fires and improper lighting fixtures, and how that amid the joys of the celebration many would be crushed by the sorrows of death and destruction. He mentioned just about everything in the catalogue of misfortunes that cause disaster during the holiday season. But he was careful not to mention the one thing **that will cause more sorrow, snuff out more lives, squander more money than all of the violations of safety rules that anyone could mention.** I have reference to the **Liquor Traffic.**

The attitude that a great many of the American people take toward the Liquor Traffic is about similar to that taken by the people of India toward their sacred COW. Mr. Louis H. Evans gives this account: "Somehow the cow has come to the place where he had won the astonishing devotion and obeisance of myriads of Indian people. In sickness this beast was nursed with care and infinite wisdom. Before missionaries went to India, spacious and well-kept hospitals for women were unheard of, while palatial rooms housed the sick cows. No one had the inclination to disturb this favored animal. He will lie down to sleep before a store door and, rather than to disturb his slumber, multitudes will cease trading at the establishment until he has removed his bulky frame."

We people in America would classify the cow worshippers in India as heathens, but we have a sacred cow here in our country—**THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.** In his mad tantrum he has gored to death some ten thousand citizens in a single year, victims of drunken drivers on our highways. It was also found that this brute has

Rev. Raymond Riggs

also gored with his horns of drunken driving some 250,000 more people and has caused them great suffering. But is there much said about it? NO. We must not offend America's Darling Beast. Let him have his fun—this is a free country! To put a ring in his nose and lead him to the slaughter pen would be the loss of liberty! So, he prowls in front of the doors of our factories and shops, keeping a million people from constructive service to God and the country, and no one tries to kick him out of the way. What strange idolatry!

Well, what is our attitude toward this tirading bovine? Very few want to disturb him. You must not kick him, nor are you to attack him over the radio. Politically, he is well defended. His glory adorns the billboards of nearly every community. On one huge billboard one can read the glorious advertisement of the liquor traffic which encourages the people to buy and drink this or that brand. This, of course, is a legal business which is sanctioned by our Government. Then, on a sign near this spot one will read this statement: "Drunken drivers go to jail." It sounds a little inconsistent to me, but that is the way America is treating her Sacred Cow. Fashionable groups drink toasts to him daily, and never before in history has he been so enthroned in American life.

How much longer will this beast rule in our land? This is a question which all of us people must deal. In some sections of our country, he is being corralled, for the honest people are rising up in protest to his menacing career. The people in North Dakota have passed a law forbidding the sale of booze in cafes and grocery stores. The law will be in effect January 4, 1947. The citizens of Delta, Colorado, said, "NO," to a recent proposal to license and sell strong drink in their town. Minnesota recently voted to remain dry.

The "wets" however put up a terrific fight in that campaign, but they failed. Angelina County, Texas, recently voted by a majority of 2,400 against licensing the sale of beer. In Botetourt County, Virginia, the dries won by a wide majority over the "wets" in local option referendum on the sale of beer and wines, and other alcoholic beverages. This election will mean that more than thirty establishments now selling beer and wine will have to cease their sales of such beverages.

Also a bit of encouraging news comes from Washington, which states that Republican Senator Capper of Kansas, who is senior member on the Senate Agriculture Committee, announced recently that he will introduce a bill in the new Eightieth Congress to prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages. Let us pray for this move that God will direct our Christian leaders to take the lead in the defense of our Christian principles, and cease to bring woe to our neighbors, and to our neighbor's children. If we will refuse to support measures to take away the drink which is so destructive to our country, then we are guilty of giving the drink to them, and as the result, woe will be pronounced upon us.

Will you please write to your congressmen, and inform them that you are in favor of any bill that will prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages. Most of all, pray that God may lead others to turn from the liquor habit and help to remove the liquor traffic from our country. Pray for the thousands of victims who have felt the impact of the drunken drivers during the Christmas season. Pray for the many homes that are on the verge of being broken up because of this beast of strong drink.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that my address is now changed from Route 2, Box 313-A, Wilmington, North Carolina, to Folkstone, N. C.

Rev. Carl B. Hansley

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions

Superannuation — Publication and Literature

REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD

Executive Secretary

3609 Richland Avenue

Nashville, Tennessee

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORTS

The past six months have been full of activities. It has been my pleasure to visit most of the State Associations while in session. Outstanding leaders of all the states reported the 1946 session the best association yet to be held. Our progress is slow but as a whole it is sure and steadfast. Yes, the devil would defeat God's children, but in every state we have enough strong, interested, and consecrated people to continue to grow in wisdom, and stature, also in favor with God and man. More Free Will Baptists have a common goal in view. They are learning the program and loving the Lord, pressing on toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

There are a few things I wish to bring to your attention—I know you should be concerned to hear.

National Association of Evangelicals

In the 1946 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, a motion was passed to associate with the National Association of Evangelicals. Literature was given out then—also literature has gone into most of our states explaining the objectives of the National Association of Evangelicals. If you have had your State Association and no such literature was distributed, please let me know at once. When our application as a denomination went before the Board of the National Association of Evangelicals, we were heartily accepted. We already have our charter showing our membership. The National Association made no appropriation to the National Association of Evangelicals as dues—but ask that state, or district associations, local churches, or individuals make offerings to the National Association of Evangelicals. I don't know how much

has been given, but there has been some given. If you have such funds please send them at once to National Association of Evangelicals, 120 Tremont Street, Boston (8), Massachusetts. Be sure you state the funds are from Free Will Baptists. The statement of faith, the purpose and history of N. A. E. were carried in December 4, issue of "Free Will Baptist," under Notes and Quotes.

National Headquarters

The National Association passed in its 1946 session the following resolution: Whereas the present operation of the various departments of the National Association are so widely scattered over the boundaries of the National Association—it being found confusing to the common interest of our work—we hereby resolve:

1. "That the Executive Secretary lead in the accumulation of funds to buy or build suitable property as National Headquarters for Free Will Baptists. It being provided that the initial investment not to exceed \$15,000.00.

2. That all Departmental Boards and Conventions of the National Association, exclusive of the Bible College be required to set up administrative office in said property as soon as facilities have become available."

Individuals have been asked to give one hundred dollar donations. Then the moderators of the different states are being asked to raise an allotted amount in their states. At the proper time the different National Boards and Conventions will be asked to make a donation. Whether you are asked personally to give an amount, please do so at once—**earmark it — National Headquarters Fund.** Send the money to me. It is hoped that most of the \$15,000.00

will be in by the 1947 session of the National Association.

Financial Report

Below is how the money has come into the Unified Program Fund and where it has been spent from July 1, to December 31, 1946:

Received: Alabama, \$170.80; Florida, \$24.89; Georgia, \$41.00; Illinois, \$53.64; Missouri, \$1,048.94; North Carolina, \$1,127.10; Ohio, \$10.00; South Carolina, \$35.00; Tennessee, \$442.74; Texas, \$30.64; West Virginia, \$1.00; National Woman's Auxiliary of Tennessee, \$284.60; National Association Fees, Rev. E. C. Morris, \$525.00; Free Will Baptist Press, \$500.00.

Paid Out: Rev. L. C. Johnson, \$50.00; Rev. E. C. Morris, \$76.89; Dr. R. L. Decker, \$25.00; Vandy Printing Company, \$18.50; Rev. J. R. Davidson, \$640.00; Rev. Winford Davis, \$480.00; Rev. C. B. Dees, \$320.00; Rev. J. O. Fort, \$160.00; R. B. Crawford, \$1,513.60; Ambrose Printing Company, \$275.20; Mrs. Noah Tuttle, \$23.45.

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ATTENTION OKLAHOMA AND NEARBY STATES!

A Christian Workers Institute will be held in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, March 3 through 14. This is the training service you have been looking forward to for a long time. Courses will be offered in Bible Doctrine, Free Will Baptist Doctrine, and How to Prepare Sermons—taught by one of our own famous men in these fields, Rev. J. L. Welch, of Nashville, Tennessee. Subjects in World Wide Missions, Personal Soul Winning, and Sunday School Administration—taught by Rev. R. B. Crawford of Nashville, Tennessee. The courses in Woman's Auxiliary and Free Will Baptist League will be given—teacher to be announced soon.

We expect every Preacher, Sunday School official, League official, Woman's Auxiliary official, and every Christian Worker to be present for these classes if at all possible.

The National Association charges only one dollar registration fee. Other expenses will be small as to books purchased for these courses. The churches of Oklahoma City will announce soon the charges for room and board for the two weeks. These will be at a minimum.

Plan to attend. Write Rev. B. T. Kirby, 2212 Southwest 31st Street at once telling him you are going to attend. Bro. Kirby is host pastor at Oklahoma City. You may attend from any state, especially do we want all Christian workers of Oklahoma to attend.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Peril After Peril

Peril means danger and all that goes along with danger. Paul says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come" (2 Tim. 3:1). Earthquakes, tidal waves, riots, strikes, fires, tornadoes, highway danger—you certainly are in danger when you are on the highways where drunken drivers have the privilege to take both sides of the road. These conditions place us in danger every day and hour. Well, the Apostle Paul knew something, for he surely did picture these last days.

Some Violations

"A total of 34,875 were convicted in moving violations on North Carolina streets and highways during 1946," according to statistics given out by the Commissioner of Motor vehicles, T. Boddy Ward, which was published in the News and Observer recently.

In these violations as given out "Drunken driving convictions totaled 5,984 during the year and reckless driving convictions totaled 4,326," and speeding violations drew the largest number of convictions which were 13,727.

No doubt that many of those who drive reckless or do great speeding had a bottle of beer, while a great

number just thoughtlessly went by the limit, and no doubt there were errors in some instances, but the thing that I want to get across is this: The highways are dangerous, and will continue to be as long as liquor, sponsored by law-makers, and states and cities; with some officers drinking themselves, even officers in high places, driving drunk and taking the life of others.

Victory Promised

The Lord Jesus never promised the Christian an easy road. However, a great many preachers and teachers together with thousands of followers talk of the easy life of a Christian. It is easy if one just goes along and compromises with the world, living as the world lives and loving the world and things thereof, but if you come clean, and crucify the flesh and stand out against every harmful thing and contend for the truth, you certainly will be opposed by the devil and all that he has control over.

Well did the poet write, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone?" Jesus taught, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Jesus suffered many things. If we follow him we may expect suffering. But we are informed, "If we suffer with Him we shall reign with Him."

Christ said, "In the world ye shall have tribulations: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Thank God that in Jesus Christ there is complete victory. Paul puts it this way, "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57).

We have to suffer criticism, even destructive criticism, when we stand four-square for Jesus and His Church. Some time we may suffer the loss of those whom we thought to be our friends, because of some jealous, hateful enemy who has a heart to rule or ruin. But Jesus has taught us to "pray for our enemies." Can it be done? Yes through Jesus Christ who giveth us the Victory. The devil opposed Christ and certainly the same devil will make it as hard as

possible for those who belong to Christ. But when these persecutions and snarls come, we should life up our eyes to Him who hath said, "All power in heaven and earth is given unto me, Go ye therefore, . . . and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20).

Signs of His Coming—The "Falling Away"

Not only perilous times tell of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the sins of people speak so loud that every conscious soul should take notice and know that the end is close at hand. There is a "falling away" spoken of which is, and has been upon us for decades. Listen, "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or troubled, neither by spirit nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first" (2 Thess. 2:13).

Years ago, there came a falling away in that the higher educational groups and modernists refused to believe the "Infallibility of the Scriptures." This denial of the authority of the Bible caused a great falling away from the attendance of public worship. People began to believe that one religion was as good as another. "A Christ rejecting sinner, could believe that he could get to heaven by keeping the law, even though he denounced the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour; or by his own good moral deeds. It makes no difference as to Confessing Christ and obeying His commands. Just to be plain; any kind of religion is allright, if a person is sincere in his belief." And this is about what the world is believing now. Many church members know nothing of True Worship. In reality hundreds of thousands know nothing but church membership. The house of God is no more than a theatre to them. In fact many rather look at a lude, lustful, presentation of some episode, or crusade of slander and immorality than to hear a sermon or

worship at the altar of the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, there is a Falling Away now. Preachers often preach to empty pews, and prayer meetings are about "gone with the wind."

In the sun, and moon, and stars,
Signs and wonders there shall be;
Earth shall quake with inward wars,
Nations with perplexity.

Soon shall ocean's hoary deep,
Tossed with stronger tempest rise;
Darker storms the mountain sweep,
Redder lighting rend the skies.

Evil thoughts shall shake the proud,
Racking doubt and restless fear;
And, amid the thunder cloud,
Shall the Judge of men appear.

But, though from that awful face
Heaven shall fade and earth shall fly,
Fear not ye, His chosen race:
Your redemption draweth nigh.

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

NEWS FROM LEEDS CHURCH

The work at Leeds Free will Baptist Church is going forward with the new year. We have a good Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, and Young People's Christ Ambassador's Band. We also have two good prayer meetings each week, mid-week prayer meeting at the church, and cottage prayer meeting each Friday evening.

Our Teachers and Officers meet each Tuesday night for a training course taught by our Pastor, Rev. J. B. Bloss. This has been a great help to our church the past year. We are expecting a great blessing from it this year.

We especially commend our young people for their faithful work in our church. They plan to do some home mission work through their C. A. Band this year in our own community.

Thelma Davis, Cor.-Secy.

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Alice E. Lupton, Editor

A NOTICE TO THE WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA

As a member of the committee which was appointed by the president of the State Auxiliary Convention to draw up new report blanks, I have been asked to publish this article explaining the new blanks that are now available.

We, the committee, after much prayer and concentration, submit the new blanks, trusting that each society will give them a fair trial before offering too much criticism. We realize there are several changes that are likely to cause some discussion, one of the items being that of doubling your amount of contribution to your district convention, and the district treasurer sending one-half this amount to the state treasurer. This is being done to lighten the work of the state secretary and treasurer and to educate us to report from local to district and from district to state. This, however, does not eliminate the appointing of delegates from the local societies to the state. We desire that you continue to send your delegates, but your reports and contributions will be totaled and sent in by your district secretaries and treasurers.

We are asking the district secretaries to compile the reports of each district vice-president from the report blanks and mail same to each district vice-president or if lack of time prevents, to have them on table at the opening of the convention. We also ask that the district secretaries make two copies of the totals of work done in each department, keep one for her record and send the other one to the state secretary. If each district secretary will do this, the state secretary will have no difficulty in preparing a complete report for the state Auxiliary Convention and to pass on to National Auxiliary Convention. We recommend that the

salaries of the district secretaries be raised.

Prayerfully submitted,

Mrs. M. A. Woodard,
Mrs. J. C. Sasser,
Mrs. J. R. Bennett

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NEW AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

Rev. R. P. Harris, pastor of Pleasant Plain F. W. B. Church, met with us at the church, September 13, 1946, and organized a Ladies Auxiliary with 28 members.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Leon Foster; 1st Vice-President, Miss Annie Griswold; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Joe Davis; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Paul Woodard; 4th Vice-President, Mrs. Alfred Gordon; 5th Vice-President, Mrs. Woodrow Narron; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. V. Avery; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. R. Griswold; Treasurer, Mrs. W. O. Fields.

We have our meetings Friday night before the third Sunday in each month. In October we sent to the missionaries in Cuba a box of soap and canned goods in the amount of \$10.00, and at Christmas we packed and distributed 23 Sunshine Boxes to the sick and elderly people of the community.

We desire the prayers of every christian that our work may grow and prosper under the leadership of the Lord.

Mrs. M. V. Avery,
Selma, N. C.

Children learn much from their adult companions — that's mostly what is the matter with children.

The trouble with most workmen is that they don't know half as much as they think they know.

Eating, says a scientist, is a matter of taste. Yes, and sometimes cash.

1947 will be a good year for the person who fights to move ahead.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The 1st District Quarterly meeting of the Cahaba River Association met with the North Birmingham Church, December 29, 1946.

We had a good delegation from all the churches in the district that have been accustomed to meeting despite the bad weather. We were happy to have two newly organized churches represented also. One located at Lindburg, Ala., and the other at Tuscaloosa, Ala. There were two deacons of the North Birmingham Church. Rev. J. W. Marlow is pastor of the Lindburg Church. We feel that it will go forward under his leadership for we believe he is a man of God.

Rev. J. J. Staab has worked faithfully in getting the church started in Tuscaloosa. We think this is a good location for a church as there isn't a F. W. B. Church in that vicinity.

Rev. C. O. Goodwin of Anniston, Ala., reported that he has a lot bought and paid for, and is waiting for some help to get a church started there. The State has a new tent purchased and hope to have a revival in Anniston as soon as the weather will permit. We feel that great opportunities are opening up for F. W. B. in Alabama, and we hope you will join us in prayer that God's will may be done through his people. That many souls will be won for him in this year 1947.

The Cahaba River Association is to sponsor a Native Missionary in Cuba. Each church in this district should send their donations monthly to Rev. H. L. Mitchell, 1720 No. 8th Ave., Birmingham, Ala. He will send it direct to Cuba. Let us stand behind our Foreign Mission work as well as our home missions.

The next Quarterly meeting will be at the Leeds Church March 30, 1947.

Verla Ryland

RETRIBUTION

A gallows was built by Hamon,
In the era of the captive Hebrews,
In the kingdom of Ahasuerus
For Mordecai the Jew.

Many years have passed since the
building,

But the story is ever new;
And Hamon hung on the gallows
He built for Mordecai the Jew.

Somewhere we meet retribution,
Clothed in sovereignty and light,
We stand with eyes uplifted,
And there receive our sight.

—Beatrice W. Wallace

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES TO BE SUPPORTED BY OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

To the various and many Sunday Schools of North Carolina, greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Lord, Master, and Great Commander in Chief who is our coming King. No doubt you have been looking for "an encouraging word" from someone who is vitally interested in your Sunday School. May I commend you on the good work that you have been doing in the past and on what you are doing now.

However weak and unimportant your Sunday School may seem to you, it is the agency of your church, if given its rightful attention by pastor and members, which will revolutionize your church in the fundamental doctrines of Christ and the Bible. Through it we teach the plan of Salvation to the lost and win them to Christ. Through it we teach young Christians how to successfully live for Christ and to be good church members. Through it we teach them to be good Stewards of the "Manifold Grace of God." That is, they learn how to use their talent for Christ and in His service. They learn how to spend their time in witnessing for Christ. They learn how to worship the Lord with their tithes and offerings. They learn the joy of giving to Christ and the many enterprises of His Church. They will learn how to pray, sing, read the Bible, give to His

cause, and to be better workers in His Vineyard.

Remember that these things will be learned only if someone teaches them and presents a workable or practical plan. Will you be one to take the lead in your church by being an example in word, deed, and action?

Let the children take a more active part in the activities of your church. "Educators say that a child remembers 50% of what he hears, 70% of what he sees, but 90% of what he does." That being true, it is high time we start letting them do something for Christ. We must have a definite plan with the right motive behind it, and set our hands to the task and go forward in Christ's name. The right motive is love. "The love of Christ constraineth us" (II Cor. 5:14). Maybe you have wished for just such a plan. Love for Christ and His world-wide program of Evangelism calls for each of us to do our best in every way possible.

Heretofore most Sunday Schools have been taking up a collection in the class rooms, with the hope of getting enough to pay expenses, and that is about all that is received. That plan has no inspiration or incentive to give except as the one giving sees the need of a Sunday School in the local church. When he sees the need he will give according to that need.

If our Sunday Schools will give one-half of their offerings each Sunday to our **Denominational Enterprises**, our young people will be trained to give and support our entire program for Christ. If this is done you will see the offerings grow from Sunday to Sunday. It will cause the offerings in the regular church service to grow in leaps and bounds as the young people grow older and learn the joy of giving. They will learn to bring an offering for Sunday School and church. I have learned that the more you give the more you want to give, and the more you give the more you have to give. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7). "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you

Paste this in your hat-band, or anywhere else that you find handy: 1947 will be what you make it. The thought is a little old but it applies.

lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come" (I Cor. 16:2).

As Director of Denominational Enterprises for the North Carolina Sun-

day School Convention-Institute, I want to submit the plan which your Sunday School convention has adopted and hope that you begin using it as soon as possible.

—Clip this chart and post in your Sunday School—

A SUNDAY SCHOOL MONTHLY PLAN for SUPPORTING OUR DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

1. Superintendent make the following announcement during the opening exercises, just before the members retire to their class rooms for the lesson period:

"Today is _____ Sunday, one _____ of our offering will be sent to the _____, the other half will be used for Sunday School expenses. Give liberally that we might support the _____ regularly each month."

2. The superintendent would then lead or call upon someone to offer a special prayer for the denominational enterprise to be supported.

The Following Is Our Conventional Plan of Systematic Offerings

—Mail them as follows—

First Sunday— $\frac{1}{2}$ Offering to:
FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
Middlesex, North Carolina

Second Sunday— $\frac{1}{4}$ Offering to:
CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, Inc
Black Mountain, N. C., Route 1

$\frac{1}{4}$ Offering to:
CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.
Lucama, North Carolina

Third Sunday— $\frac{1}{2}$ Offering to:
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Treasurer
713 E. Simmons St. Goldsboro, N. C.

Fourth Sunday— $\frac{1}{2}$ Offering to:
MISSIONS
Rev. J. W. Alford, Treasurer
Columbia, North Carolina

Fifth Sunday— All Offering to:
SUPERANNUATION
Rev. M. L. Johnson, Treasurer
Lucama, North Carolina

This plan would yield twelve monthly offerings each year to each of our **Denominational Enterprises**. Prayer would be offered twelve times each year for each enterprise. Superannuation would receive four offerings each year and four prayers would be offered.

Let us assume that the offerings in all the Sunday Schools averaged \$4.00 and one-half (\$2.00) of that given each Sunday to our Denominational Enterprises. We have 320 Sunday Schools. The Orphanage would receive \$7,680.00. The Foreign Mission program would receive \$7,680.00. The Educational program would receive \$7,680.00. The Cragmont Assembly, Inc., would receive \$3,840.00. The Church Finance Association, Inc., would receive \$3,840.00. Superannuation would receive \$2,560.00. That would yield \$33,280.00 to our **Denominational Enterprises** from the Sunday Schools of the State. I believe that the Lord will bless such a plan. How about trying it in your Sunday School? I know of one Sunday School now that is using the plan with much success. That Sunday School alone is sending an average of above \$40.00 a month to these Enterprises. When your Sunday School adopts the plan please write your director and let him know you like it.

Faithfully Submitted in love for
the cause of Christ,

Rashie Kennedy,
Director of Denominational
Enterprises, N. C. Sunday
School Convention-Institute,
713 Simmons Street,
Goldsboro, North Carolina

ANNOUNCEMENT

We take this method to inform the church people of my husband's serious illness. He is Reverend W. H. F. Ivey, who suffered a heart attack on January 2, 1947, and will not be able to meet any of his appointments at his churches. We will be pleased to have any of his friends to call by to see him at any time.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. W. H. F. Ivey,
Selma, N. C.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

Report for December, 1946

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

Woodington	\$ 50.00
Warden's Grove	30.37
Snow Hill	19.00
Beulaville	37.25
Deep Run	42.00
Gethsemane	31.65
St. Delight, Craven County	42.49
Rooty Branch	404.50
Christian Chapel	48.46
Kinston	25.00
Dublin Grove	4.60
Core Creek	32.23
Holly Springs	30.00
Wintergreen	87.66
White Oak Grove	50.85
North East	25.00
Sarecta	10.00
Ephesus	21.00
Juniper's Chapel	10.00
Union Chapel	57.38
Davis	7.50
Welcome Home	15.00
Smyrna	5.00
New Haven	22.00
Indian Springs	20.00
Antioch	35.00
Whaley's Chapel	5.00
Friendship, Jones County	50.00
Bethel	67.60
Oak Grove	30.00
British Chapel	26.85
Sandy Plains	36.50
Snead's Ferry	3.20
Folkstone	17.00
Gray Branch	5.00
Soundview	6.00
Morehead City	16.20
St. John's Chapel	14.00
Arapahoe	104.66
Rock of Zion	7.24
Third Union Meeting	50.00
Daily's Chapel	30.00

Total \$1,643.19

Western

Stoney Creek	69.16
Shady Grove, Durham County	105.00
Union Grove, Durham County	26.01
Union Grove, Wayne County	15.00
Piney Grove, Johnston County	49.25
St. Mary's	140.55
Pleasant Hill	28.00
Micro	121.50
Pine Level	299.05
Selma	10.78
St. Delight	16.70
Spring Hill	9.05
Pleasant Plain	24.28
Everett's Chapel	39.08
Pleasant Grove	377.10
Rain's Cross Roads	45.54
Stancil's Chapel	13.35
Friendship, Johnston County	52.48
White Oak Hill	9.50
Tippett's Chapel	10.37

Branch Chapel	1.00
Marsh Swamp	13.50
Piney Grove, Nash County	2.25
Second Union Meeting	37.29
Wilson	27.88
Total	\$1,543.67

Central

Dilda's Grove	16.50
Dawson's Grove	10.00
Spring Branch	10.45
Corinth	106.06
Howell Swamp	124.65
LaGrange	8.95
Elm Grove	10.02
King's Cross Roads	24.10
Winterville	140.00
Owen's Chapel	90.00
Bethany	9.33
Gum Swamp	10.02
Reedy Branch	30.00
Black Jack	203.00
Saratoga	60.00
Marlboro	8.64
Free Union	28.55
Rose Hill	9.00
Greenville	25.94
Hull Road	3.00
Grimsley	20.46
Total	\$ 948.67

French Broad

Horney Heights	15.00
Cedar Hill	11.00
Canton	5.44
Mountain View	7.00
Red Hill	27.00
Total	\$ 65.44

Rockfish

Mt. Moriah	14.00
New Hope	10.00
Total	\$ 24.00

Cape Fear

Clinton	10.88
St. John	5.00
Bethel, Lenoir County	18.00
Hopewell	152.56
Johnson Union	65.00
Daly's Chapel	6.00
Oak Grove, Sampson County	114.11
Bethel, Johnston County	20.00
Yelverton's Grove	4.37
Robert's Grove	29.00
Shady Grove	81.11
Corinth	5.00
Total	\$ 511.03

Jack's Creek

Liberty	10.63
Green Mountain	1.10
Fairview	53.75
Total	\$ 70.48

Pee Dee

Beaver Dam	20.90
Pine Level	26.81
Oak Grove	28.37
Total	\$ 76.08

Western Yearly

Mt. Vernon	2.40
Saw Mill Hill	10.00
Total	\$ 12.40

Albemarle

Malachi's Chapel	55.72
Mt. Tabor	7.04
Free Union	80.53
Trinity	100.00
Soundside	24.00
Sidney	24.40
Gum Neck	30.75
Fairmont Park	116.81
Mt. Olive	23.82
Albemarle Conference	15.00
Albemarle Conference	
Albemarle Cottage Fund	427.35
Total	\$ 905.42

Piedmont

Piedmont S. S. Convention	8.80
Ben Avenue	7.43
Total	\$ 16.23

Miscellaneous

Farm, dairy and garden cash sales	2,969.65
Annuity Bond, Jesse Gay & Wife	1,000.00
Y. P. F. Subscriptions	85.00
Holland's Grocery	10.00
Furnie Page (Parent)	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Howard	225.00
Mrs. W. C. Willis	25.00
Emma Mae Lane	1.00
A. J. Tugwell	10.00
Mrs. Alice Taylor	2.00
J. B. Kittrell	25.00
Selma Furlough	5.00
C. J. Glover	5.00
Greene County Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives)	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	3.00
Refunds	169.58
J. H. Harper	5.00
By: Chap. Chester H. Pelt	8.00
Berkley Ch. of Christ, Norfolk, Va.	25.00
C. B. Packer	5.00
Lewis Motor Company	10.50
Leon Griffin	5.00
Pitt County Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives)	10.00
Mary Elizabeth Thorne	10.00
Chap. and Mrs. Chester H. Pelt	10.00
J. C. Moye	100.00
Duane and Rebecca Mellette, Hilton, Georgia	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Greene	1.00
Rev. Robert Harris	10.00
Free Gospel Tabernacle, Snow Hill, N. C.	16.35
Mrs. Maggie Glover	5.00
Peggy Ferrell	10.00
Elsie Ferrell	11.00
J. E. Everett	25.00
Mrs. Susan J. Smith	1.00
Mrs. W. M. Carroll	10.00
Eugene L. Gaskill	10.00
J. H. French	20.00
Tillman Pittman and family	1.00
Dennis Griffin	5.00
Dr. M. H. Mathis	10.00
G. W. Bailey	15.00
Leder Brothers	500.00
Annie Pearl Parker	5.00
Stantonsburg Lumber Co.	100.00
R. E. Byrum	25.00
Truck Hire	6.00
W. J. Wilder	25.00
Cone Foundation	100.00
Sale of Saw Mill	700.00

Total Miscellaneous \$6,425.08

CHAPEL FUND

Central

Greenville	10.00
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Western	
Spring Hill -----	11.88
Eastern	
White Hill -----	27.90
Miscellaneous	
Percy Strickland -----	100.00
McLeod Educational Loan Fund	
J. D. Ballance -----	10.00
Total General Receipts -----	\$12,241.69
Total Chapel Receipts -----	149.78
Total McLeod Educational Loan Fund Receipts -----	10.00
GRAND TOTAL -----	\$12,401.47

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts during the Month of Dec., 1946

Cordova Ala. Auxiliary (present for Miss Barnard) -----	\$ 5.00
Clayton, Texas, church -----	4.40
Mrs. Hadley Dunn, Hartville, Mo. -----	5.00
Central F. W. B. Church, Johnson City, Tenn. -----	5.00
First F. W. B. Church, Elizabethton, Tenn. -----	14.77
Lansing Gospel Tabernacle, Lansing, Michigan -----	120.00
New Hope Church, Joelton, Tenn. -----	25.50
Herbert Henderson, Monett, Mo. -----	5.00
G. E. Gower, Cedar Hill, Tenn. -----	10.00
Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting of Ohio -----	50.00
Young People's Missionary Meeting, Stacy, North Carolina -----	6.00
East Nashville Church, Nashville, Tennessee -----	63.50
Sound View S. S., Newport N. C. -----	5.00
Mrs. W. L. Nobles, Ayden, N. C. -----	5.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, South Carolina -----	10.00
Naaman Borders, Waverly, Ohio -----	1.00
Mrs. Katie S. Jackson, Ayden, N. C. -----	5.00
Auxiliary, Kernan, Cal. -----	5.00
Mrs. David Hunter, Hartville, Mo. -----	5.00
Trinity Church, Nashville, Tenn. -----	5.48
Deep Run Aux., Deep Run, N. C. -----	5.80
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Okla. -----	15.00
A. L. Strawn, Millport, Ala. -----	20.00
Friendship Church of Tenn. -----	10.43
Horse Branch Church of S. C. -----	90.00
Horse Branch Ladies Aid of S. C. -----	10.00
Rev. J. H. C. Jordan, Winslow, Ark. -----	15.00
New Hope League, Joelton, Tenn. -----	2.35
Reedy Branch S. S. of N. C. -----	60.00
Canebrake F. W. B. Church, Canebrake, W. Va. -----	75.00
Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan -----	153.10
River Rouge Church of Michigan -----	11.00
Central Avenue Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma -----	23.70
Beulah Church of S. C. -----	15.35
Mrs. Frances L. Oliver, Adams, Tennessee -----	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sowell, Ashford, Alabama -----	2.00
Turned in as from a friend to missions -----	1.00
Mrs. Finis Miller, Porterville, California -----	8.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Van Riper, Breckenridge, Michigan -----	5.00
Pleasant Grove Church of Ala. -----	50.00
Mtn. Valley League of Missouri -----	8.00
South East Asso. of Alabama -----	25.00
Blountstown Church of Florida -----	20.00
Eastern District Aux. of N. C. -----	43.30
Davis Church of N. C. -----	25.00
Elsie Lowe, Squire, W. Va. -----	2.62

Mrs. Ava Bratton, Ayden, N. C. -----	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hicks, Manning, S. C. -----	5.00
Mrs. Lee Poston, Hyman, S. C. -----	5.00
W. J. Gibbs, Pamlico, S. C. -----	25.00
Garden City Church of Ohio -----	32.00
Powellville Church of Ohio -----	13.40
Pine Creek Church of Ohio -----	4.50
Sciotoale Church of Ohio -----	17.65
Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting of Ohio -----	22.65
Union F. W. B. Church of Ohio -----	28.71
Fredrick Church of Ohio -----	4.70
Porter Church of Ohio -----	20.55
Germany Hollow Church of Ohio -----	10.00
Pine Creek S. S. of Ohio -----	20.00
Antioch Church of Ohio -----	10.29
Mt. Hope Church of Ohio -----	8.75
Bloom Church of Ohio -----	27.35
New Church of Ohio -----	36.70
McDermitt Church of Ohio -----	5.53
Wakefield Church of Ohio -----	6.10
Scioto Church of Ohio -----	40.48
Madison Church of Ohio -----	5.19
Silver Run Church of Ohio -----	18.25
First Kyger Church of Ohio -----	10.00
Old Kyger Church of Ohio -----	27.00
Megs County Quarterly Meeting of Ohio -----	5.00
Puritan Church of Ohio -----	12.00
Petrea Church of Ohio -----	5.06
Glen Ray Church of Ohio -----	8.16
Colton Church of Ohio -----	8.60
Wellston Church of Ohio -----	10.00
Zaleski Church of Ohio -----	16.00
Zion Church of Ohio -----	10.00
Mrs. Essie Collins, Northport, Ala. -----	5.00
Mt. Glory Sunday School of Fla. -----	6.00
Gerald Jackson, Roseville, Mich. -----	5.00
S. F. Boyd and family, Colquitt, Georgia -----	10.00
Rachel Wooten, Greenville, N. C. -----	10.00
Webbs Prairie S. S. of Illinois -----	10.00
Cordova Church, Cordova, Ala. -----	6.77
Missouri State Association, by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer -----	237.62
Hickory Grove S. S. of Florida -----	25.00
Oak Grove Church of Tennessee -----	4.65
Greenbrier Church of Oklahoma -----	21.25
Received from sale of book titled, "His Name Among All Nations" -----	122.00
Mrs. Ivey Edgerton, Kenly, N. C. -----	100.00
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia -----	10.00
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treasurer -----	79.62
Total -----	\$2,141.73

Of this amount \$313.00 was designated to apply on equipment for Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey to take to the India mission field.

The following was received during the month of December on the building program for the Cuban School of Missions:

Mrs. J. T. Dyer, Northport, Ala. -----	\$ 3.00
Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan -----	33.10
River Rouge Church of Michigan -----	11.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina -----	25.00
Total -----	\$72.10

WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer,
Monett, Missouri.

The following is a report of the activities of Chaplain Chester H. Pelt during the month of December, 1946.

Religious Services Conducted	Attd.
8 Preaching Services -----	430
5 Sunday Schools -----	156
5 Classes Taught -----	71
2 Christmas Tree Programs -----	650
Pastoral Activities	
2 Hospital Visits -----	16

3 Welfare Cases -----	6
2 Visits with men on line -----	18
2 Ex-Officers meetings -----	36
2 Guardhouse visits -----	7
21 Personal consultations -----	21
1 Conference with Base Commander -----	1
2 Conferences with Squadron Comdrs. -----	2
6 Various Office visits -----	11
5 Visits with military homes on base -----	9
7 Visits with military homes off base -----	12
2 EM mess hall visits -----	18
1 Sunday School adult class meeting -----	24

CHESTER H. PELT,
Chaplain (Capt.) USA
Base Chaplain

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists for December, 1946.

Receipts

Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1946 -----	\$2,630.49
Regular receipts for December -----	267.73

Total to account for ----- \$2,898.22

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated Ministers for:	
Christmas Checks -----	\$105.00
Regular Checks -----	205.00
Operating Expense -----	52.60
To National Board -----	53.78
Total paid out -----	\$ 416.38

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1947 ----- \$2,481.84

Receipts Itemized

Greenville Auxiliary -----	\$ 6.00
Elm Grove Auxiliary -----	3.00
Union Chapel L. A. S. -----	3.00
Indian Springs -----	10.00
Ephesus Church -----	25.00
Edward's Chapel -----	10.00
Friendship (Johnston County) -----	1.00
Hopewell L. A. S. -----	11.00
King's X Roads L. A. S. -----	22.00
Edgewood L. A. S. -----	10.00
Rose Hill L. A. S. -----	3.00
Reedy Branch S. S. -----	30.00
Fourth Central Union Meeting -----	10.00
Watery Branch -----	5.00
Rocky Mount Auxiliary -----	3.00
Holly Springs Aux. (Johnston Co.) -----	5.00
Hopewell -----	61.23
Core Creek S. S. -----	11.00
First Western Union Meeting -----	25.00
Second Western Union Meeting -----	2.00
Goldsboro -----	11.50

M. L. JOHNSON,
Chairman-Treasurer

It won't be long now before the news of the day will be the extent of the latest cold wave.

Education, despite all theories to the contrary, does not end at graduation but at the grave.

An intelligent man is rarely fooled by what people say about him.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

CHRIST CROSSES RACIAL BOUNDARIES

(Lesson for January 26)

Lesson: John 4:4-10, 27-30, 39-42.
Read all of John 4.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst" (John 4:14).

I once went for three days without water in a drear and flaming desert, and I was at the end of my strength when I did reach water. I buried my face in the cool moisture and sipped a little at a time until I was sure I would not harm myself by over-indulgence, then I drank until I could not hold another swallow! Ever since then I have quenched my thirst daily as the need arose, but I have never forgot the exquisite thrill of the drink which saved my life! It wiped out the memory of the very real suffering I went through when water was not to be had, and all I have left of the bitter experience is a caution that will prevent me from ever being caught in that dangerous plight again.

So also when I came to Christ. I had known hours of spiritual want and my soul had been famished for years, but in Him I found a deep satisfaction which wiped out the recollection of the bleak days when I knew not the Saviour. But enough remembrance remains so that I shall never be without Him again: I intend to spend all my life within His reach and in touching distance of Him. Those who drink of the Water of Life in Jesus Christ **stop searching**. They have found all they need!

This is not true of any of the world's great religions. The best that Islam can offer its followers is a dim hope of a future state of happiness: it gives its adherents no indwelling

spirit of immediate and present salvation. The Buddhist or the Brahmin may look forward to a distant time ages hence when his troubles may be ended, but he cannot lay hold on a present confidence and say, "At such a time and place I found God through His Son, and peace and salvation have filled my soul every moment since!" This present confidence is the second phase of the promise of the text.

When you took Christ as your Saviour, you not only drank deep of the waters that quenched a thirst engendered by the past need of God, but at the same hour a bubbling well of living water was planted in your soul that will not only take care of your needs from day to day, but will overflow your life and become available to your family and neighbors also.

There is no substitute for Jesus Christ, and no source of soul satisfaction outside of His grace.

For when you take your first deep draught of the Living Water of salvation, your taste for lesser delights is ruined! He who has the best no longer seeks the good—and in Jesus Christ the Christian is possessed of all that God has for those He loves. And since it is Christ Himself who is our Living Water—the fount can never dry up—hence the future also is secure.—Selected.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The Divine "must" that urged Jesus in His ministry should also be operative in us (John 4:1-4).

2. A veneration of the works of our fathers will never supply our own spiritual lack (vss. 5, 6).

3. Most villages or towns have characters that are like the woman of Samaria in moral matters (vs. 7).

4. Asking a favor often opens up a better opportunity for personal work than the offering of advice (vss. 7-9).

5. In doing personal work it is usually well to begin with the natural, and to go on to the spiritual (vs. 10).

6. Living Water does not flow from any natural source; it comes only

from Him who is the Source of all life (vs. 10).

7. The natural mind finds it difficult to grasp the simplest spiritual facts (vs. 11).

8. Jacob's well was good enough for physical needs, but it offered nothing for the soul (vs. 12).

9. The Lord Jesus is greater in every way than any of His human ancestors (vs. 12).

10. It is impossible to converse with Christ and not to have Him reveal Himself to us.

11. There are splendid helps in our quarterlies.

12. We like **The Banner**. Don't you, too?

III. The Lesson Illustrated

One Thing He Knew

William James Taylor, alias Bill Hennessey, alias Ed Lynch, alias Tom O'Brien, learned that he could not hide from God. At the age of three, behind his father's saloon he grew into a taste for liquor by dipping his baby fingers into the dregs of glasses and bottles. Small wonder that by twelve he was a drunken street urchin. After two years in a reform school he lived aimlessly until a second arrest placed him in an industrial institution. Gambling, drugs, and drink provided a livelihood and made him a constant fugitive from the law that kept him constantly on the move, whenever he was not serving sentence. The night he arrived in Chicago, he hurried into the Pacific Garden Mission to avoid what he thought were suspicious glances of a policeman. He returned a second night. Again he heard the testimonies of what God had done for such as he. He knelt at the altar of prayer and repeated, "God be merciful to me, a sinner, and save me now for Jesus' sake." "I cannot tell all Jesus Christ has done for me. But one thing I can do, and that is tell others about Him. And there's a lot of things I don't know. But there's one thing I do know. That is that

God ain't any picker of persons."—
Pacific Garden Mission.

Is it such a hard thing for us to
drink of the Water of Life? When
we are thirsty, we drink water. Let
us not forget that the Lord Jesus is
the only One who can give us Living
Water.

"I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
And now I live in Him."

PRAISE GOD

Praise God for joy,
Praise Him for sorrow,
Praise Him what'ere
May come tomorrow.

Praise God for sunshine,
And rain as well;
Praise Him for grace,
That saves us from hell.

Praise God for burdens,
That weight our hearts;
Praise Him for love,
That to us He imparts.

Praise God for gain,
Praise Him for loss,
For each of these,
Bring us closer to the Cross.

Praise God for mothers,
With lives meek and mild, who
Always set the right example,
And cares for her child.

Praise God for a husband
Who forsakes all for his wife,
And will stand by with patience,
Through the disappointments in life.

Praise God for children
Who sees and understands,
That parents punish to correct them,
Instead of trying to command.

Praise God for friends,
Praise Him for health,
Either of these,
Is for greater than wealth.

Praise God for patience
To wait, and go slow;

Praise Him for kindness,
That on others we may bestow.

Praise God for everything,
In heaven and on earth;
Praise Him for Jesus,
And His miraculous birth.

Praise God for life,
And all it holds dear,
Praise God for faith,
That will abolish all fear.

Praise God for the Bible
And the truth it does contain;
Praise Him for the knowledge
In reading it, we may obtain.

Praise God for courage
To answer His call;
Praise Him for his guidance,
What'ere may befall.

Praise God for rest,
And when night falls, for sleep;
Praise Him for angels,
Their vigils to keep.

Praise God for the spirit,
That leads us to do right;
Praise Him for prayer,
That turns darkness to light.

Praise God for grace,
That we may live above sin;
That when life here is ended
A home in heaven we'll win.

—Mrs. Edwin Roper

"NO TIME FOR GOD"

No time for God,
Yet we ask of Him our every need,
And when our heart is in sorrow bent,
To Him for mercy we plead.

We work for treasures here on earth,
We should try to do something in-
stead,
That through the blessing of our
lives,
Some soul to Christ might be led.

Consider the lilies, if you please,
They toil not neither do they spin,
For us to be anxious here below,
Is to doubt and doubting is a sin.

The busy little bird each day,

Takes time to chat with his neighbor,
But people must rush madly on,
"Maby" I'll see you later.

Our blessed Lord is coming soon,
Back to earth with a glorious shout,
Will we be too busy to see and hear?
We'll have to stop and consider No
Doubt.

There will be no time for a second
chance.

Today is the chance don't you see?
Have you been born again my friend?
Where will you spend Eternity?

—Mrs. Edwin Roper

TRINITY CHURCH DEDICATED

January 5, 1947 marked the day of
dedication for the Trinity Free Will
Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.
The church was organized on Oc-
tober 1, 1941 by Rev. I. J. Blackwel-
der, with forty-four members.

We thank God for the many bless-
ings we have received since then.
Bro. Blackwelder worked hard with
the organization and was a faithful
and loyal pastor for more than four
years. The church was clear of all
indebtedness when he felt the need
to go to other fields of service.

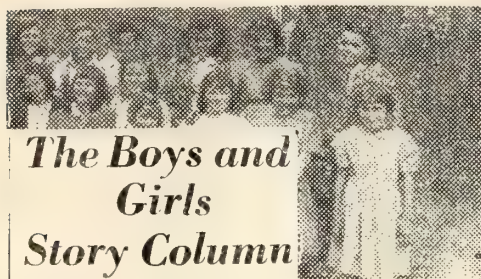
Recently we received the church
deed and our present pastor, Rev. H.
E. Willis held the dedication service
January 5, 1947, which was his first
anniversary at Trinity Church. Our
church is growing splendidly with a
present membership of ninety-four.

We trust you Baptist readers will
pray that we will continue to go for-
ward in service for our Lord.

Mrs. Rose Davis,
Corresponding Secretary

In this day and time it might be
well to remark that the laborer, who
draws his pay, has an obligation to
the payer.

Many a mother is anxious to be
with her children when it does not
interfere with other things that she
desires to do.



The Boys and Girls Story Column

THE TRAMP—BUT THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED

Tell me, sir, what carry you in the sack?

Ah, child, a weight of sin and care!

But, sir, how weary your back!
And my heart, how full of despair!

But, sir, Jesus will help you.
And, pray, what can He do for me?

Oh, sir, He'll take them, He's Jesus!
Will Jesus do this—for me?

All aboard that's going aboard!" called out Uncle Timothy in his best boat-dispatcher voice.

They had spent the night in a little valley, just off the main road and sheltered from the view of passing cars, with only the "whirrit" of crickets to lull them to sleep. Davie said he guessed he had slept all night, but since he didn't wake up to see if he was asleep, he wasn't sure if he had.

Just over the hill was a farmhouse where they had gotten some fresh eggs and milk. Uncle Timothy had showed them how to turn eggs without a spatula, and not break them, by the simple method of flipping them up in the air! All Debbie could say, as she watched the eggs flipping, was "Oh!"

And now they were off again! As the morning wore on, the hot sun beat down upon them until Uncle Timothy had to get out and put up the top of the car. Starting off again, Davie spied a man sitting by the side of the road a short distance ahead.

"Look, Uncle Timothy,—do you think he's hitchhiking?"

"Yes, he looks like one of the 'gentlemen of the open road,' as it were."

"What is that?" asked Debbie.

"Commonly called a tramp, Debbie-girl."

By that time they had come near enough to see his face. Davie impulsively spoke out exactly what was in Uncle Timothy's mind—"Let's give him a 'lift'."

"We'll stop anyway, old chappie," said Uncle Timothy, "and see if there is anything we can do for him. He looks rather forlorn."

Debbie and Davie stayed in the car, while Uncle Timothy walked back and spoke to the tramp.

"Do you think he'll want to ride?" asked Debbie.

"Sure, anybody would. It's awfully hot, and a ride is a good thing on hot days."

"Well, if he does, maybe we ought to get in the trailer. Don't you think so?"

"Yes,—because Uncle Timothy'll want to talk to him about things."

After a moment's hesitation, the tramp slowly got to his feet, and followed the straight, tall form of Uncle Timothy to the car. The children had scrambled into the trailer, and were sitting by the window facing the car. Over their heads was a home-made amplifier, with a two-way switch, which made it possible to hear and to speak between the trailer and the car. (Some of Uncle Timothy's ingenuity.)

"Looking for work, sir?" asked Uncle Timothy of the man, kindly as they were getting in.

"No. Just bumming around." Debbie thought the man sounded disappointed.

"Poor business, don't you think?" said Uncle Timothy frankly.

"Yes,—it is. But that's about the best for a man these days, it seems."

Nothing more was said until the car and trailer were moving along the road again.

For a moment the man didn't speak. Then he shifted in the seat, and said: "Wife and two children out in California."

"Oh," and Uncle Timothy watched the road ahead of him for a minute or two.

"Don't you think it's time to go home to them?"

Debbie whispered to Davie: "Oh, Davie, think of his poor family."

"Shh," and Davie leaned hard on his arm, wondering what was going to happen next.

"They don't want me. I've no real home. They're with my wife's people. You see, I was once a professor in a college, but somehow the rest of the faculty didn't agree with my politics. A bit too 'red,' I guess. Well, they let me go." Bitterness was in his voice.

"Are you a communist then?"

Debbie shuddered and grasped Davie's hand.

The man answered very slowly: "I guess I was then, I'm nothing now. I'm just a derelict. A piece of driftwood. I had an education. Graduate of a University,—but I'm not worth a cent. My father and mother are prominent people. They have nothing to do with me though."

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.' Did you ever hear that?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"From the Bible? Yes,—I used to go to Sunday school years ago. What would God want with me? I'm a wreck!"

"First, He would want to clean you up," said Uncle Timothy, "make you all over new again. Change you inside and keep you that way."

"That sounds like what we thought communism was going to do," the man laughed a short, hard laugh.

"But this really works. You've tried about everything else,—now why don't you try the only remedy for sin? You are a sinner, you know."

The stranger hesitated for a few moments, and then said: "I didn't used to thing so. I know so now. Tell me,—what do I do so that God can clean me up?"

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon . . . For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' Will you forsake your present way, and turn to God? He is waiting to give you the gift of eternal life in His Son! Will you tell Him that you need to be saved, and then accept the gift of His Son?"

"As simple as that?" asked the man thoughtfully.

"Yes, as simple as that," said Uncle Timothy.

Debbie put her mouth tight against Davie's ear and said hoarsely: "Do you think he will be a Christian?"

"Sure he will," said Davie.

The man sat and looked straight ahead at the road for a long, long while. Finally he said: "Strange, isn't it, that I should just sit down on that stone about ten minutes before you came along. And strange that for the first time in many years I should have said something to God. Do you know what it was?"

"No,—tell me."

"I said, 'Oh God, save me!' And then you came, and here I am."

"And God is waiting for you to turn to Him, and take His gift of a new life in His Son. How long will you keep Him waiting?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"No longer. To think that He should want me! I know that I need Him, and if He will take me, I give myself to Him." It was a sincere surrender.

Uncle Timothy stopped the car by the side of the road, and turned to the man beside him, and said: "God knows your heart, and all about you. When you say that you will take Jesus Christ as your Saviour, He hears you, and at that moment He comes into your heart to live. Do you believe that?"

"Yes, I do believe it."

"Shall we thank Him for what He has done?"

They all bowed their heads, and Uncle Timothy prayed: "Our Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast said that whosoever believeth in Thy Son hath everlasting life, and is born again into the family of God. We thank Thee for this one who has just now believed on Him. We pray that Thou wilt strengthen him, and make him a true witness for Thee wherever he goes—in Jesus' Name—Amen."

After a moment, the man prayed: "Oh God, I thank Thee for Jesus Christ, my Saviour who died for me. Amen."

Uncle Timothy burst out into song, and Davie chimed in:

"Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow!"

Debbie was rummaging through some boxes, and finally she crawled back on the ledge beside Davie. "Look, I've got a Bible for him!" and she beamed at Davie. "Look, Uncle Timothy!"

"Thank you, Debbie! That's the next thing, all right! Sir, if you will tell me your name, I would like to write it in that Bible with today's date,—you see this is your second birthday, the day you have been 'born again.' We want to give you the Bible in happy remembrance of this day!"

* * *

Forty miles farther down the road John Hitchcock, for that was his name, got out of the car, and shook hands with all three of the Crusaders. With the Bible under his arm, his hat in his hand, and a smile lighting his face, he said: "I'm hitchhiking to California this time. I'll write you when I get there. If I don't see you again—down here, I'll see you in Heaven!"

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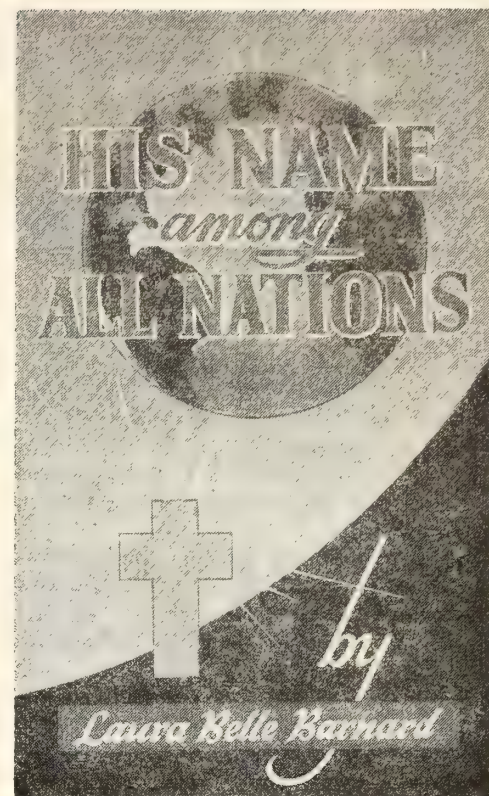
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR JESUS?

Alone in Gethsemane's Garden,
The Saviour knelt in prayer;
Grieved in the Spirit and burdened,
But He remembered you there.

Oh, what have you done for the Saviour?
God's only begotten Son,
He paid all your debt on Calvary,
For him, oh, what have you done?

Alone in the halls of Pilate
Stood Jesus without a friend,
Upon his brow the crown of thorns,
Oh, what have you done for Him?

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OBITUARY

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy, saw fit to call from our midst our dearly beloved brother, J. R. Sasser, we the members of Rains Cross Roads Church do hereby resolve:

First, That we bow in humble submission to God's holy will, realizing that He doeth all things well;

Second, That in the passing of our brother in Christ, we have lost one of our faithful and beloved members. However, we feel that our loss is his gain, for "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord";

Third, That to his wife, children and loved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy. We sincerely ask God's richest blessings to rest with the family, and His comforting Spirit ever to abide with them; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and a copy placed on the church records.

By the Committee

OBITUARY

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy saw fit to call from this life, one of our beloved members of Rains Cross Roads Church, Mrs. Martha Aycock, we the members, therefore wish to make the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission to God's most holy will in His calling our dear friend;

Second, That in the passing of our sister in Christ, and co-worker, we have lost one of our faithful and beloved members, for she was a member of the Sunday School and woman's auxiliary, and will long be remembered by those with whom she labored;

Third, That to her children and loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy, and pray that they might find comfort in the Lord; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the F. W. B. Press for publication, and a copy placed in the church records.

By the Committee

OBITUARY

Whereas, the heavenly Father has seen fit in his infinite wisdom and tender mercy to call to his heavenly reward our beloved brother, Charlie Smith, we the members of Rains Cross Roads Church submit the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission to the will of him who doeth all things well;

Second, That in the passing of our brother in Christ we have lost one of our faithful and beloved members;

Third, That to his wife, children and loved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy, and may they find comfort in Him who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the F. W. B. Press for publication, and a copy be placed on the church records.

By the Committee

JONES. On August 6, 1946, Brother Johnnie Jones crossed over from this earthly life to the Home in glory. He left to mourn their loss his wife and two children, all of Edwards, N. C. There were left also several grandchildren.

Brother Jones was a member of Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church of Blount's Creek community. He was born on September 22, 1875, making his stay on earth 70 years, 10 months, and 16 days. He rendered services to his church every time he could until health failed him. He was in ill health for several years, and all was done for him that loving hands could do until the last.

He leaves to mourn us here that we might in 1947 try to be ready when the final day shall come to us.

He leaves us to mourn but for long,
Because we all must go
To meet those who have gone before
And the One who has loved us so.

—Written by Mrs. C. R. Bell,
Blounts Creek, North Carolina

SMITH. It is with sad hearts that we attempt to write of the death of our dear Mother, Mrs. Jannie Smith, of Deep Run. On Sunday morning of May 26, 1946, I went into her bedroom and found her cold in death. No one will ever know the feeling I had when I spoke to her and she could not answer. It was such a great shock, because she had been up and doing her work as usual the day before.

She was married to Ernest C. Smith in the year of 1904. To this union was born seven children, three of which died in early youth. Those surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Elton Harper and Mrs. Paul Taylor, and two sons, Woodrow and Vance Smith, all of Deep Run.

Mother was born November 21, 1882, making her stay on earth sixty-three years, six months and five days.

She joined church at Smith's New Home Church when a young girl, but after her marriage she moved her membership to Deep Run Church, where she was a faithful member until death. Her place was never vacant in church, Sunday School, or Prayer meeting unless sickness was the

cause of it. She was also a faithful and active member of the Ladies Auxiliary. She was always ready to do her duty wherever she was. She was a faithful wife, a kind mother and a friend to all. I think every one who knew her, loved her, she was so kind and good. She has been missed so much, not only in her church work, but in the community at large. We loved her and hated to give her up, but the Lord saw fit to take her out of this world of woe.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. S. A. Smith, and assisted by Rev. Lloyd Vernon and Rev. Walter Smith, in the Deep Run Church, after which her body was laid to rest in the Deep Run Church cemetery beneath a beautiful blanket of flowers, which showed the high esteem in which she was held.

The blow was hard, the shock severe,
We little thought the time so near.
Only those who have lost can tell
The pains of such a sad farewell.

We sit and think of her,
When we are all alone.
For memory is the only thing
That grief can call its own.

We miss thy hands of service,
Miss thy fond and earnest care;
Home is dark without you, Mother,
We miss you everywhere.

Oh, we loved her, yes, we loved her,
But our Saviour loved her more.
He has called her home to Heaven,
To that bright and peaceful shore.

Though our hearts may break with sorrow,
By the grief so hard to bear;
We hope to meet her some glad morning,
In that beautiful land so fair.

—Written by her daughters,
Mrs. Elton Harper and Mrs. Paul Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Free Will Baptist Church of Marion, North Carolina, closed a series of evangelistic meetings on December 2, 1946. There were thirteen additions to the church and fifty-three who made professions of faith in the Lord Jesus. The Reverend Roy Richard of Cramerton, North Carolina, did the preaching.

Rev. J. E. Floyd, Pastor

Men who drink liquor rarely agree
that alcohol has been harmful to
them, even though they admit it has
hurt their friends.

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Different Prayers

Three doors there are in the temple
Where men go up to pray,
And they that wait at the outer gate
May enter by either way.

There are some that pray by asking;
They lie on the Master's breast,
And, shunning the strife of the lower life,
They utter their cry for rest.

There are some that pray by seeking;
They doubt where their reason fails;
But their mind's despair is the ancient prayer
To touch the print of the nails.

There are some that pray by knocking;
They put their strength to the wheel
For they have not time for thoughts sublime;
They can only act what they feel

Father, give each his answer,
Each in his kindred way;
Adapt thy light in his form of night
And grant him his needed day.

—William Watson

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So nigh is grandeur to our dust,

So near is God to man,

When duty whispers low, **Thou must,**

The youth replies, **I can.**

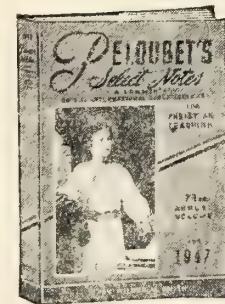
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thinking good thoughts how one might make advances in the world for his own success and achievement is not enough. One must translate those good thoughts into action if he is to attain his goal in life.—Baxter

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THE WONDERFUL MASTER—

Our Lord was wonderful in **Creation**. He brought into existence the material things of earth for His own glory and man's good. He created man upright and holy, and in the likeness of Himself. To man He gave the power to go forth and utilize the good things in this life in the right way.

Christ was wonderful in **Seeking Man**. He came in the flesh to earth to redeem fallen man from sin. He lived, labored and sacrificed that all men everywhere might be saved through the acceptance of the gospel and the atonement which He made on the Cross of Calvary. His seeking man was wonderful, masterful and complete in that He made no mistakes in His earthly ministry for the salvation of the lost.

The Lord Jesus was wonderful in **His Authority**. He cleansed the hearts of those who came to Him from all sin, and gave them the new life. He changed the water into wine, calmed the sea, cast out demons, comforted the bereaved and raised the dead to life. With a few loaves of bread and some small fishes He miraculously fed the multitudes. He drove out of the Temple the money changers, and those engaged there in merchandising for selfish gains, with a small scourge of thongs. He was wonderful in His resurrection and ascension to glory.

In all that He did while here on earth, His purpose was to point mankind to a better life here and to the life eternal when this life is over. He is the world's greatest Friend, Saviour and King.

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THE CHRISTIAN'S NEEDS—

One of the great needs today of the average Christian is the **Fullness of the Spirit**. Too many church people seem not to have this fervent power dwelling in their souls. They are nominal Christians, but lack the buoyancy of the Spirit which gives the zealous child of God life and vigor in Christian love and brotherly kindness. They are good, easy and humble, but seem not to have the joy and forward look in religious work. They are in need of the fullness of the Spirit of God to awaken and to quicken their souls, and to give them joy and happiness in Christian fellowship and good works.

Another great need, it appears to us, is the **Evidence of the Spirit**. Here again many so-called Christians exert themselves very little in the Christian faith. They have capabilities to do good works for the Lord, but manifest very poorly their love for the Master. Not like Paul the Apostle who manifested a burning zeal for the gospel ministry and the salvation of the lost, but they are satisfied to let others in the church do the carrying out of things. We often wonder if they really get very much

out of their religion by their seemingly lukewarm frame of mind. It appears that those who get the most from their Christian life are the people who are zealous of the Master's cause and are always finding something to do to manifest their joy in the Spirit.

And a third great need, it seems to us, is the **Possibility of the Fullness of the Spirit**. Is it possible for each Christian to be filled with the Spirit of God? Does God withhold any of this **Fullness** from any followers of Jesus? We think not. Salvation is free for all. But the difference between those who appear to have all of these graces, and those who do not is the way they take Christianity. To be possessed of the fullness of the Spirit one is to put forth desires and efforts. Christ gives the new life, but He expects individuals to exercise themselves in the Christian faith. Faith without works is dead, and the Christian can have this fullness by being a living and active worker for the Lord, radiating the joy, fervor and love in possessing the divine graces from above.

More followers of Christ need to fully surrender their hearts and lives to God, asking for more of the fullness of the Spirit. They should then put forth human efforts through prayer, study, devotion, consecration and good works to let their lives be shining evidences of the Spirit dwelling within their souls. We believe the seemingly impossible, with some Christians who appear lukewarm, can and will become the possible in possessing the fullness and the evidence of the Spirit by surrendering and submitting their all on the altar for God. Yes, a complete surrender to Him. He will quicken their souls with the fullness and the manifested evidence of the Spirit. Then their lives will become their great joy in the service of their Master.

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A MORNING RESOLVE—

I will try to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God.—Bishop Vincent.

Well for us if we wait in prayer and supplication until the day of Pentecost is "fully come." The fullness of waiting will surely bring the fullness of the blessing.—Rev. B. Carradine.

The child of God suffers in a different spirit when he has the fullness of the Spirit from what he does without it.—Rev. S. A. Keen, D. D.

Stir up the People

(Deut. 32:11-12)

Elder Teddy J. Moore,
Chicasaw, Ala.

"As the Eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings.

So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him."

Professor Walker had made a thorough study of almost every kind of bird. As he was looking over the list of birds which he had studied, it came to him that he hadn't learned every thing about the great eagle. "What am I to do; must I read up on this great bird so I can explain to my class the great facts about this bird?" After he had read every article on it, he recalled reading Deut. 32:11-12.

As the eagle stirreth her nest and fluttereth over her young, that no writer had brought out this feature, so how am I to learn the explanation to this great passage of God's Holy Word. He went to the home of the eagle to study it. We can see him as he prepares for the trip to the Rockies where he could watch this great Bird of Prey, taking provisions and each article which he thought would be of service to him. In some cliffs on the top of a mountain as he searches he soon finds the eagle, seeing it as it flew toward its home on the top of a mountain and it was on the side where he couldn't get very close but on a neighbor mountain where he could watch day by day what the eagle was doing; see them as they go out each morning and come back with material to build a nest with, after a while he could see the mother eagle sitting on the nest and the father eagle would come and relieve the mother of her task and get food and water.

After a while they both left the nest, and he could see two tiny heads rise up above the edge of the nest when they came with food for them. Little by little the young birds grew till at last they looked as large as

the parent bird. Then he sees the parents fly away; soon the father eagle returned without the food; and watching him as he flew over the nest fluttering his wings, then flying away returned hastily but the young still sat in the nest. Then he dives down and flies out, with a bit of the nest. returns and continues this till all the nest was gone, then he seems to fly down and pushes one off the cliff; then it flaps its wings till it could no more and with great haste he dived under it, catches it on his great back and flies to safety with it, and repeats the act with its mate. Then we heard him say to himself "Now I can see clearly what God refers to in Deut. 32:11-12."

As we look at this great picture, seeing it as I believe the Lord would have me to, it typifies our home; each one of our children are under our care and protection, both literally and spiritually while with us. Have we provided the right kind of food for their body? yes, as near as possible each parent tried to get the best of food to feed his family with. But what of the soul? Are you providing the proper instructions and teaching to bring them up to serve and follow the Lord? Bring up a child as you would have him go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. These are the words of Solomon. How true is this Proverb that son or daughter may go astray, but if you have reared them in the steps that Jesus saith, altho they go wrong, the majority will give their heart and life to the Lord before they die.

"And it came to pass that after three days they found him in the Temple sitting in the midst of the Doctors, both hearing them and asking questions."

This is a type of how you and I can neglect one child for just a short while; then it will take us three times as long to gain them to the Lord. Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was in the crowd. But he was not. Have you stirred to the bottom of the old nest and caused son and daughter to

leave the nest and decide for themselves? Now, for instance, which road are they going to travel? Have you let them go on and die spiritually speaking? If so, then let us bring Jesus in the room where they are. Let us turn to St. Luke's Gospel 8: 42-49. Read V. 42 "For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him." "While he yet spoke, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogues house saying to him. Thy daughter is dead, trouble not the Master. But when Jesus heard it, he answered him saying, fear not, believe only and she shall be made whole. And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in save Peter and James and John and the father and mother of the maiden" (vs. 49-51).

Pay close attention to this great lesson, a type of your home and mine. When our young become accountable for the deeds done in the body and continue in the ways of the world, then they are dead in sin and trespasses; then the great task that confronts us is to awake them out of sleep Jesus refers here. How are we to do so? First, we are to invite Jesus the dear Lord to our home, in our own lives, then live a pure undifflable life before them, bringing the teachings of Jesus and the disciples to our loved ones. If we as parents have been born again, our lives will by the help of the Holy Ghost, soon awake them out of sleep. We are helpless by ourselves. Jesus must help us, and the Holy Ghost will bring them out of the **Dead State** of life they are in, but if we let every thing come into their path way we will not be able to get them raised from the dead. Worldly pleasures, bad literature and wrong associates will lead their little minds astray.

Let us look at one more that Jesus raised. St. Luke 7:12-14: "Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her, and when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her. Weep not. And he came and touched

the bier, and they that bore him stood still. And he said, young man, I say unto thee, Arise." This young man was the only son. The mother longed for him to grow up to manhood so he could comfort her heart. Yes, it seems as tho she had let him slip out from under her care, sin had come and blighted his life, he was a stranger to the dear Lord. What are you doing to cause your grown son or daughter to stop the things they are indulging in so they will consider the Lord? Let us stir their hearts.

Luke 14:21, 23, "Go out quickly into the streets and homes of the city and bring in either the poor and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." How many of our ministers are following this great commandment? Are we searching every spot of ground to find some one to invite to Jesus? What type of people are we to put most of our time with? the poor, some one who is in great need. Those who have been cast out, abused because of some misfortune or other, or are you going to help them to come to Jesus? Still there is room. Go into the highways and hedges to bring the lost ones to the fold. Have you stirred to the bottom of their soul? if not, then let us start to work. Jesus came to save sinners. We are to go out and bring them in. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Jesus was nailed to the cross for you and me. Are we lifting Jesus up before our fellow man to cause them to come to the fold?

When we see any one do wrong we are to rebuke them; then if he is a child of the King, he will gladly turn back to the fold and get right with the Lord and his fellow man.

One should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Pope

Conscience warns us as a friend, before it punishes us as a judge.—Stainslaus.

Preacher's Corner

PREACHER'S CORNER

Note: The materials presented in this column are not original but have been gathered from here and there in our reading during the last fifteen years. We always try to give credit for the quotation whenever possible. —FBC.

How is this for the description of a preacher? "To be worth his salt, a preacher must be sincerely pious, narrow to the point of bigotry in his private life, a master politician with both his parish and the bigger church organization, and a financial juggler just one step up the Heavenly ladder from Wall Street. Above all he must have a quick wit, the courage of a first century martyr, and a stomach that will not complain of meager rations. If he possesses these qualities and a wife who will neither offend anyone or outshine her husband, he is eligible for a country parish."—Hartzell Spence in "One foot in Heaven."

It might be well if some preachers read the life of Christ and noted that He never started an argument.

Why not preach a sermon on preachers sometime? Here is a starter for your mental motor.

The Preacher

- I. Called by God the Father. (Galatians 1:15)
- II. Commissioned by God the Son (Acts 26:16)
- III. Clothed by God the Spirit (Acts 9:17)

"Any preacher is better off to plan big things and do half of it, than to plan nothing and do it all"—Bud Robinson.

Three three's of public speaking:

The three B's: Be brief, be bright, be gone.

The three in's: Interest, instruct, inspire.

The three Up's: Stand up, speak up, shut up.

Then if you do not strike oil in three minutes stop boring.

How long should a sermon be? Next week in this column we will give the opinion of several Free Will Baptist people.

F. B. Cherry

ON GOING TO BED EARLY

For Boys and Girls

Go to bed early, wake up with joy;
Go to bed late, cross girl or boy,
Go to bed early, ready for play;
Go to bed late, moping all day.
Go to bed early, no pains or ills;
Go to bed late, doctors and pills.
Go to bed early, grow very tall;
Go to bed late, stay very small.

—Exchange.

WHAT ARE WE BUILDING

"We are building every day
In a good or evil way:
And the structure as it grows
Will our inmost selves disclose.
Build it well whate'er you do,
Build it straight and strong and
true,

Build it clean and high, and broad
Build it for the eye of God."

"A Pharisee is like a signpost. He tells you where to go, but doesn't go himself."—J. R. Moseley.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

POLITICS without PRINCIPLE
WEALTH without WORK
PLEASURE without CONSCIENCE

KNOWLEDGE without CHARACTER

BUSINESS without MORALITY
SCIENCE without HUMANITY
WORSHIP without SACRIFICE

God buries His workmen but carries on His work.—John Wesley.

THE CLASS ROOM—

THE HOLY BIBLE

(continued)

D. A. Windham

Having looked at the Bible as we would any great book, we now consider it as the inspired word of God.

If the light of nature had been sufficient, God would not have given His revealed Will, but the light of nature was not enough as men in heathen countries have that light and gross darkness fills their lives. The Bible is the gracious gift of God to man to teach him that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and believing we may have life through His Name."

The Christian Scriptures are the inspired Word of God as they claim to be, or they are the basest forgery ever perpetrated on mankind. Their inspiration has been generally admitted from the time they were written until the present day. Therefore, we don't have to prove, necessarily, that they are inspired; but their enemies do, and this they miserably fail to do.

The basest criminal is presumed innocent before our State Courts until he is proven guilty. With the same fairness may we not consider the scriptures until otherwise proven. The inspiration of the Bible is stated in such terms as "the Word of the Lord came" and "thus saith the Lord," and the Apostle Peter states it in terms as strong as language can put it and Paul speaks equally as forceful. We have a chain of Christian writers extending from the Apostles even to our day who attest to their inspiration.

No group of men, far removed as they were in time and space, could have written such a book unaided by some Master Mind, as to blend in one harmonious whole.

The fulfillment of Prophecy which is attested by secular history proves it to be more than the work of unaided men.

Then there is the one prevailing characteristic running through the

entire Volume proving positively that it is the product of one and only one Master Mind.

How God moved a man to write his expressed will I do not know. That is a part of God's work and we do not know how He works. We can't tell how a cow can eat green grass and grow black hair, give white milk and yellow butter. The mysteries of God were perplexing to Nicodemus, for the Master told him "the wind bloweth where it listeth and you hear the sound thereof but can not tell whither it cometh or whither it goeth, so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." We cannot tell how the Holy Spirit inspired the Bible.

In II Peter 1:21, the Greek verb rendered "moved" is a very strong term and one that can hardly be translated into English to express its full force. It is used only twice in the Greek Testament and three times in the Septuagint and in every place it has the force of bringing under complete control. Therefore the Sacred writers were under such control as to free them from error so the scriptures are as much the Word of God as though they had been written by the very finger of God.

II Peter 1:21 and II Tim. 3:16 cover the whole Bible, both the Old and New Testaments and many others too numerous to quote. To deny the inspiration of any part is to deny the inspiration of the whole.

As before intimated the Bible is the gift of God's Providence, as a matchless manifestation of His undying love for fallen man. Let us briefly consider a few of His manifestations of providence in nature. Take, for instance, the sun; its surface temperature is calculated to be twelve thousand degrees Fahrenheit. God, in His providence, has placed the earth just far enough as to keep it warm enough. If it was only half the distance we would roast and if it was twice the distance, we would freeze. The earth is tilted to an angle of twenty-three degrees which gives us our seasons; if it was not so tilted, the vapors would move to the North and South poles and pile up continents of ice. If the moon was

only fifty thousand miles away twice a day our continents would be submerged with enormous tides. Even the mountains would be eroded away. If the crust of the earth was even ten feet thicker, there would be no oxygen without which life could not exist. If the ocean was only a few feet deeper, carbon dioxide and oxygen would be absorbed and vegetable life could not exist. If the atmosphere was much thinner, the earth would be constantly bombarded by meteors. What wonderful displays of God's providence. His providence is equally manifest in the living creatures, both on land and in the water. What but a God-given instinct could teach the birds to sing? What but that instinct could cause the smaller creatures to know the approach of their enemies? Who is too blind to see this marvelous manifestation of God's providence?

The young salmon spend years at sea and then come back to their own river and travel up the very same side which flowed where he was born. If you transfer him to another stream, he will know at once he is off his course and will turn and find the main stream and go on to find his destination. Then there are the eels. These mysterious creatures migrate at maturity from all ponds and rivers everywhere — those from Europe across thousands of miles of trackless ocean—all bound for the same deeps near Bermuda. There, they breed and die. The little ones knowing only that they are in a wilderness of water, start back and find their way to the very shore from which their parents came.

Nature has delayed the maturity of the European eel for a year or more to make up for the distance he has to travel. No American eel has been caught in Europe or a European eel caught in American waters. Finally, let us notice the wasp. She will sting a grasshopper in the right place as to render it helpless and motionless. Then she will place it where she lays her eggs so her young ones can nibble on it when hatched. Dead meat to them would be fatal; therefore, she stings the grasshopper just right, so he will not die, but remain in motionless state of preservation.

If God has so wonderfully taught such creatures through impulsive instinct to do such marvelous things, who can doubt His revealing His Will and Purpose to His children who are better than many sparrows?

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Great Sermons

Often we hear some one say, "That was a great sermon," when some preacher, has delivered a message eloquently, logically and forcefully, perhaps with many beautiful phrases of speech. I heard a lady say, "I do love to hear Mr. ----- preach, because he uses such beautiful words," and went on to say, "His English is just perfect." Well, good English is certainly necessary. I hate to hear bad English from the pulpit, and most thinking people hate to hear bad English. However, the most of preachers are guilty in a measure of speaking words that are not in keeping with the best English.

A few years ago, I read an editorial by one of the great editors, in one of the largest newspapers in our state, and this editor said, "I grind all the week at my desk and go to church on Sunday morning, and when I listen to a sermon I want to be benefitted." Then he said, "If I must listen to a sermon that is short on either English, or Spiritual power, give me the short English."

What I call a great sermon may be small, in the thoughts of some people, especially the modernist. A great sermon is a message direct from the Lord Jesus Christ, delivered in the power of the Holy Ghost, which carries with it a conviction for sinners and an urge to the Christian to live closer to the Lord Jesus.

Great sermons have great effects. A great sermon delivered by Dr. St. Claire showed me that I was "robbing God." A great sermon taught me that I was a sinner and needed salvation. A preacher could not deliver these sermons within himself. A sermon without "Holy Ghost

power," is dead oratory; it can be dead orthodoxy, or history. May God send us some great preachers with great sermons, to take the place of so many orations.

Limiting God

I have often said, "God is as good to us as we will let Him be." Did it ever occur to you, dear reader, that God would do more if we would yield more to Him and to His plan of work for us? We are taught "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith" (Eph. 3: 17). Now certainly, Paul is speaking of the Spirit of Christ, so then if He "dwells in our heart by faith," then the more faith we have the more Christ we have, and the more we let Christ dwell the more unlimited He is in directing our activities. Christ said, "be it unto you according to your faith." A lady said to her minister, "You see so much in such a little." Well, Christ saw much in little, when He said, "This poor widow hath given more than they all." Christ saw much in the little lunch in the possession of the "lad" which, when given to Christ, fed the multitude and a great surplus left over, even "twelve baskets full."

We limit Christ from His work in us, when we do not yield to Him. A yielded life led Abraham up the mountain to offer up Isaac. A yielded life led Paul to Jerusalem when his friends said "not go." It was a yielded life that made D. L. Moody shake two continents with the Gospel of Christ. It was a perfect yielded life that made Frances Havergal's life become a living reality in the lives of thousands who have lived after her. Before her absolute yielding she said, "Oh, why can't I trust Him fully? . . . I still wait for the hour when I believe He will reveal Himself to me more directly . . . it is the quiet waiting of present trust, not the restless waiting of anxiety and danger."

The account as given by the sister of Frances says "the deepest longings of her heart to be fully consecrated to Christ became, at last, bright, living, realities in her experience." Yes, my dear reader, there is a "bright reality that comes by

longing, trusting, and waiting upon the Lord.

Not to the Worldling

This blessedness as spoken of in the life of Frances Havergal and others cannot enter the person who is dominated by carnality. "The carnal mind is not subject to God neither indeed can be," says the apostle Paul. The fullness of Christ cannot abide where carnality is found. To be filled with Christ we must be emptied of self. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isa. 40:31). Christ said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6). Let us not expect Christ to take control until we have completely surrendered all to Him. I prayed, "Lord open the windows of heaven and pour me out a blessing until there shall be no room to receive it," and then the Holy Ghost said, "You have not met the conditions." Yes, I had failed to meet the conditions. The conditions were, "To take all my tithes and offerings to His house." Yes, God does for us all that we will let Him do.

The Baptist a Source of Joy

I have just received a letter from Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Bladenboro, N. C., in which she says: "The church paper is a greater source of joy to me now than ever before. It is a source of joy indeed to note through its columns the expansion of our denomination. It is remarkable to look back through the 35 years that I have been a subscriber and note our progress." Other good things were said by Sister Wilson. Praise the Lord for those who appreciate our progress with joy. God bless you, Sister Wilson.

We thank you for your words of appreciation for "Notes and Quotes."

In men whom men pronounce as ill,
I find a lot of goodness still;
In men whom men pronounce divine
I find a lot of sin and blot.
I hesitate to draw the line
Between the two, where God has not.

—Miller

A PLEA TO DO MORE FOR GOD

By Olander Harrison,
Robersonville, N. C.

(Talk delivered at Piny Grove Church in prayer meeting.)

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."—Luke 11:9, 10.

I wonder what are the most of us asking of the Lord. Are we asking for silver and gold, great riches and much of the worldly things? Or are we asking for great salvation for the Christian life of people? Do we ask God to help us to live better lives, and more consecrated so that we might live more closely to Him each day we live?

Of course, it takes some of the good things of this world to keep us going, and the Lord has so wonderfully provided these things for us. He has blessed us with such goodness until we should not be neglectful to thank Him each day we live. Those of us who are able to go about our daily work and enjoy the things of this life should think about some people over this land who are upon their beds of afflictions. Many of them are not even able to feed themselves, and there are some we read about who have not been able to move about for many years. Yet they are cheerful and thankful to their heavenly Father that they are still living. Then there are many of us who are able to get about and enjoy good health and with plenty of good things to eat. We have good homes to keep us sheltered from the heat and the cold, and good clothing to wear. But we forget to realize that the good Lord has been so good to us in furnishing all these good things. We should not be so forgetful to thank Him every day of our lives.

People should pray to God each day of their lives, and ask Him to keep us in His care and to guide us on life's journey. We should pray to God to so help us to live that we might be able to help others. We should be ready to help others to con-

fess Christ and to walk in His footsteps. Church members should get their minds off the wicked things and to lay down the things of the world that are damaging to us and to our neighbors. We should place our minds upon Jesus Christ, and follow Him all the way. He says that every one who asketh shall receive, therefore, let us ask Him for a greater love towards God and our fellow man. He said that he that seeketh will find. What are we seeking? Is it some way to down our neighbor or friend. Is it to harm someone in the church? But we should be seeking who we might help them along life's pathway. Christians should not try to push their fellow men down but to lift them up on the road of life.

Christ said, "He that knocketh it shall be opened." Yes, we should be knocking every day, but not send some poor soul down the road deeper in sin. We should be knocking to help some needy person to find the Lord and to lead him to Christ. This would be doing a Christian act for those who are standing in need of salvation. We should be so thankful to our heavenly Father for His having give to us opportunities to meet together in prayer services and in the church worship services each week.

In prayer meetings we should strive harder each time we come together to make the prayer service greatly beneficial and a success. Let each one of us ask God in our prayers to help us to make these prayer meetings just what He would have them to be for His glory and our good. He says, "Ask and it shall be given." At the beginning of this new year, let each one of us make a resolution to serve our Master better and try to do more for His cause in the world. Let us do more than we have ever done in the past for the cause of righteousness. We should try to be more cheerful at home and among our neighbors and friends. Let us be more co-operative in the Lord's work and with our pastor during this new year.

Church people should make the visitors who come to church to feel friendly and congenial, and glad that they came. Speak to them kindly and

invite them to come back again and worship with them in the services. It will do much good if church members will do this each time visitors attend church services. Do those things that will advance the cause of Christ in the church and community. Let the church people make this year 1947 a better church year and a greater source of influence for others to come to church and enjoy the services. There are many things church members can do to advance the cause of Christ if they will seek to do those things that will please God. More people should become more active in the Lord's work and co-operate together for the upbuilding of His kingdom. Let us strive to do His will at all times and thus receive great blessings from His own dear hands.

May the Lord overshadow us with His balmy wings of His great love and receive us at last in heaven is our prayer.

THE WAYS OF THE CHURCH

It does not take a philosopher nor a prophet to see the ways of the Church in this modern and scientific age. The casual observer is seeing enough of the Church to be able to point out many of its defects and short-comings. The worldly-minded man, who cares little or nothing for the Church and what it is trying to do for the races of people, can readily offer just and condemning criticisms.

One great weakness of the Church of today is **conformity** to the world. Many church members these days have fallen into the habit of taking strong intoxicating beverages. Some will say that it is not wrong to have card parties in their homes for their friends to assemble, play and gossip over worthless things. Still others think that it is all right to put on some kind of entertainment in the church to raise money for religious purposes. In many instances in the large city churches, great suppers are spread in the basement rooms or dining quarters for the purpose of inviting the people of the community to attend and purchase plates, converse together, and in this way raise funds for the church. Now a very great

majority of the church people think it is no harm to buy tickets to prize fights, horse races, chicken fights, boxing bouts, swimming tournaments, and the like. Yes, they join in with the "crowd" and jam themselves about those places to be amused. Some have even been known to engage in betting or gambling on those things. What is all this but conforming to the ways of the world?

Furthermore, many of the so-called good church men are known to use profanity, tell ugly jokes and yarns, and go so far as to blaspheme their neighbors about some frivolous things that mean nothing to them at all. Some of the women of the church are guilty of spreading gossip, stirring up strife and confusion among some people of the church and community, and leaving a "mess" in the church for the pastor and his official board to iron out. The tongue, the unruly member, is a dangerous thing in the mouths of some women. As a result, many contentions, bitter hatreds and jealousies go on for months, and sometimes for years in some churches because of these things. They upset peace and harmony; choke back the Spirit of God in church worship; and tend to destroy unity, brotherly love and good will.

What is needed. Real conversion, born again, honest-to-goodness followers of Christ. Church members who are filled with the Spirit of the Master; who are on the altar for the Lord, and who will not compromise their religion with the world. That is what is needed. The Church needs to get back to real consecration, sincere devotions to the God of heaven, and take a stand on the basic principles of Christianity, and then live daily for God and righteousness.—J. D. Davis.

More often we go blindly onward, not knowing when we meet or pass the soul to whom we might have ministered.—Constance Control.

Courage consists, not in over-looking danger, but in seeing and conquering it.—Richter

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE MISSION BOARD

Mission Receipts

4th Union Meeting, Cent. Con.	\$ 16.51
Davis	50.00
Macedonia Adult League	5.00
Total	\$ 71.51
Expense account	13.15
Balance	\$ 58.36
50% to Foreign Missions	\$ 29.18
50% to Home Missions	\$ 29.18

Rev. J. H. French	\$ 12.00
2nd U. M. Cent. Con.	10.45
Hansley's Chapel	76.82
5th Eastern U. M.	20.00
2nd U. M. S. S. Convention, Central Conference	10.00
Little Creek S. S.	1.00
O. J. Peede	2.50
Stoney Creek	20.00
Juniper Chapel L. A.	10.00
Total	\$162.77
50% to Foreign Missions	\$ 81.39
50% to Home Missions	\$ 81.38

Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Senior League	\$ 3.24
Free Union, Beaufort Co. Leagues..	2.00
Rev. H. R. Faircloth	10.00
Central Conference	50.00
4th U. M. Aux. Convention	5.00
Goldsboro League and S. S.	10.84
Total	\$ 81.08
50% to Foreign Missions	\$ 40.54
50% to Home Missions	\$ 40.54

4th U. M. Cent. Con.	\$ 15.00
Macedonia L. A. Circle No. 2	12.55
Wilson	25.00
Total	\$ 52.55
Expense account	5.31
Balance	\$ 47.24
50% to Foreign Missions	\$ 23.62
50% to Home Missions	\$ 23.62

Foreign Mission Account

George Webster	\$15.00
King's X Roads S. S.	8.48
Beaver Dam	20.00
50% mission receipts	29.18
Total	\$ 72.66
Overpaid Foreign Missions April 4, 1946, and said amount credited at this time to Home Missions...	47.57
Balance	\$ 25.09
Check to Winford Davis	\$ 25.09

3rd U. M. West. Con.	\$ 49.00
2nd U. M. West Con.	2.00
Carteret County U. M.	20.00
Cape Fear U. M.	20.00

Albemarle U. M.	12.37
Trinity L. A.	10.00
George Webster	15.00
Holly Spring's, West. Con., for Girl's Dormitory	20.00
Reedy Branch Y. W. A. for India..	16.00
Goldsboro S. S. and League	16.00
Pine Level L. A., Girl's Dorm.	10.00
Goshen Grove L. A.	25.00
Core Creek	200.00
N. C. State F. W. B. Aux. Con.	67.82
Rose of Sharon	5.00
Arapahoe	6.25
50% Mission receipts	81.39
Total	\$575.83
Check, Winford Davis	\$575.83

Washington St. Church, West Gastonia	\$ 15.46
Eastern Conference	100.00
George Webster	15.00
Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Girl's Dorm..	15.00
King's X Roads S. S.	6.50
Core Creek S. S.	8.00
Pearsall's Chapel S. S.	7.00
50% Mission receipts	40.54
Total	\$207.50
Check, Winford Davis	\$207.50

Elm Grove L. A.	5.00
George Webster	15.00
Free Union, Nash Co.	9.00
Mrs. Ivey Edgerton, (Miss Barnard)	100.00
Fairmount Park, Norfolk, (Woolsey's)	10.00
Albemarle U. M.	10.00
Core Creek S. S.	12.00
2nd U. M. West Con.	5.00
50% Mission receipts	23.62
Total	\$189.62
Check, Winford Davis	\$189.62

Home Mission Account

Balance on hand	\$1,558.56
50% Mission receipts	29.18
Credit, overpaid Foreign Missions, April 4, 1946	47.57
Balance	\$1,635.31

Carteret County U. M.	\$ 10.00
Wilson L. A.	5.00
Arapahoe	6.25
50% Mission receipts	81.38

Balance	\$1,737.94
Check, N. E. Harris	40.00

Balance	\$1,697.94
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Eastern Conference	\$ 100.00
50% Mission receipts	40.54

Balance	\$1,838.48
Check, N. E. Harris	40.00

Balance	\$1,798.48
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Mission fund Central Conf., by
 Mrs. M. A. Woodard -----\$ 82.85
 Sound View S. S. ----- 5.00
 50% Mission receipts ----- 23.62

Balance -----\$1,909.95
 Check, N. E. Harris ----- 40.00
 State Intangible Tax ----- 1.84

Balance -----\$1,868.11

Expense Account

Ledger -----\$.65
 John R. Crawford, for Bond ----- 12.50

Total -----\$ 13.15

L. B. Manning, expense to Ayden --\$ 1.20
 Mrs. Alice Lupton, expense to Ayden 4.00
 Money Order fee ----- .11
 \$ 5.11

We are deeply gratified with the response of our brethren for the Mission cause. Keep up the good work, and let the funds keep coming, so that there may be no lack to supply the needs of our workers wherever they may be.

In His service,

J. W. Alford, Treasurer,
 Columbia, N. C.

Words

Drop a word of cheer or kindness—
 just a flash and it is gone;
 But there's half a hundred ripples
 circling on and on and on,
 Bearing hope and cheer and comfort
 on each splashing, dashing wave
 Till you marvel at the wonders of the
 one kind word you gave.—Anon.

Old books, old things cherished by
 lovers of thought,
 All things, in short, to which be-
 long

The charm, the grace that Time
 makes strong,
 All things I prize but (entre nous)
 Old friends are best!

—Austin Dobson

Next to knowing when to seize an
 opportunity, is to know when to fore-
 go an advantage.

The little worries which we meet
 each day
 May lie as stumbling blocks across
 our way—
 Or we may make them stepping
 stones.

—A. E. Hamilton

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Alice E. Lupton, Editor

STEWARDSHIP

When we speak of stewardship we are speaking of the many things material and spiritual of which mankind is made custodians.

Time is something that comes to us without effort on our part, something that we cannot decline to receive if we would. Knowledge, while we have to work for it, has radiant qualities of its own which we are proud to communicate to others. Graces of character, such as kindness, courtesy, sympathy, love, honesty, forgiveness—if they exist in our hearts—are bound to find a way of expression. We can only be conscious of possessing them by giving them away. In fact, they exist only as they are expressed.

But with our money, it is different; it seems to exist independently of the use we make of it. In a certain sense, the less we give away the more we have. There are three kinds of graces. Some witty person once said they are: "The flint, the sponge, and the honey-comb." To get anything out of flint one must hammer it and then one only gets chips and sparks. To get water out of a sponge one must squeeze it, and the more one squeezes the sponge the more water will come out of it. But the honey-comb just overflows with its own sweetness.

Some people are stingy and hard. They give nothing away if they can help it. Others are good-natured. They yield to pressure, and the more they are pressed, the more will they give. A few delight in giving without being asked at all, and of these the Bible says, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

I am asking every member of the auxiliary to be a TITHER. Each auxiliary is to conduct a Church Night Stewardship program, and since the month of February is Stewardship Month, I am very sorry that this will be a little late but we should

get busy in the work. The title of the book which I am suggesting for study is: THIS WORLD'S GOODS. The price is 60 cents per copy, and the book can be purchased from the Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

My prayer is that we may exalt the Lord through stewardship study by becoming better stewards.

Yours for Christian service,

Mrs. E. G. Holland,
 Fourth Vice-President
 of the State

WHAT TO ASK FOR

By Tom West,
 Plymouth, N. C.

In Matthew 7:7 we read, "Ask and it shall be given." We should be careful of what we ask for, because sometimes we think we need something when we are better off without it.

We should pray to God for wisdom, then we will be more qualified to know just what is best for us to have. We are to remember how God loved Israel, and how He led them out of Egypt into the wilderness, and fed them with food from heaven. He gave them men who were directed with power from on high, yet as time passed on they seemed to forget God.

When Samuel was judge of Israel the people became dissatisfied and wanted a king. No doubt the heart of Samuel was broken, but he went to God in prayer, and God told him to give them what they wanted. They chose Saul, who was the beauty of Israel, to be their king. We know how Saul was victorious for a time and how he led the people, but the time came when he wanted to show man his power. Here he disobeyed God, for he wanted the choice of the flock for a spoil, and old king Agag to amuse him, but God spoke through Samuel, asking what meanest the lowing of the cattle and the bleating of the sheep?

It was then that the people found that they had asked for the wrong thing. Even so, we should be sure

that God will be pleased with what we ask for before we ask Him. Again we are told to seek and we shall find. But if we seek to please God, we must turn away from a lot of worldly things because the world has nothing to offer which can bring joy to aching hearts. We must obey the teachings of Christ when He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Then again, He gave another example of duty when He said, "This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you." If we will obey this we will be obeying when He said, "Do unto others as we would have them do unto us." If we obey and practice this rule we can look any man squarely in the face, and stand up for what is right and honest. Paul said, "Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Rom. 12:17b, 18).

DEDICATED TO MY FRIENDS

I wish to dedicate the following poem to my many friends, who were so kind to me in words, deeds, thoughts, smiles, tears, letters, cards and prayers during my recent operation. I can't express in words what each of them meant to me, but the Lord knows even better than I. May He reward each abundantly, and may all praise and honor be to Him, for my quick recovery.

Friends

I had rather have friends
Than treasures untold.
Just one honest, true friend,
Is worth more than houses or gold.

I had rather have friends,
Than luxury, or health;
Because illness makes one humble,
And friends bring one health.

To walk life's highway
With never a care, nor a pain,
Would mean no insight into Christ's
sufferings,
With no blessings to gain.

I count it but joy,
To suffer for Him.
For each pain, and each burden,
He gives me a friend.

When our skies are all cloudy,
And our hearts burdened within,
What comfort; What solace!
From the prayers of a friend.

One who knows Jesus personally,
The best Friend of all.
Who goes to Him in simple faith,
And for you, for mercy does call.

Sometimes our burdens are so severe
Our prayers alone, are not enough

No music is sweeter, than words
from a friend,
"Don't worry, we'll pray, you just
look up."

Yes, dear God, if you can grant me
But one thing while journeying here,
Please let it be a friend
Who, like Jesus, my burdens will
share.

Then, if you have but one talent
On me to bestow,
Please let me be a friend
To all, every where I go.

—Mrs. Edwin Roper

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JESUS THE GIVER OF LIFE

(Lesson for February 2)

Lesson: John 4:46-51; 5:2-9; 11:

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I am the Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

The hope of immortality has always gleamed in the human soul like a steadfast flame which may sometimes flicker in the minds of adversity but cannot be extinguished. To the archaeologist who properly evaluates his evidences and reads the records of antiquity with an open mind this is the one certain fact about the race which finds no exception due to time, geographical distribution or tribal differences. All normal men have a hope of living again.

Our text for to-day is more than a pledge of the certainty of our continued existence, it makes separation between the only two classes of humanity which the Word of God recognizes. We are not divided in that Book into classes determined by color, racial connection, wealth, intelligence or sex; we are just **the living and the dead!** All who believe on Jesus Christ and have publically accepted Him are alive: the rest of humanity are dead. Thus Paul could write to the church at Ephesus and say, "And you hath God made to live again **when you were dead** through your trespasses and sins."

The Apostle did not say, "You were in **danger of death,**" or "you were in a condition **that resembles death.**" In the plainest words the pen can write he said, "You were dead."

The appeal of the text therefore is primarily personal. Would you like to live forever? You can—just accept Jesus Christ as **your Saviour**

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and Lord, and you will then be in possession of the Resurrection and the life! Outside Him you are as dead as Lazarus was in the tomb—in Him you are alive as Jesus is!

—Selected

II. The Lesson Illustrated

After studying the lesson material in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarters, see if you can use these illustrations to advantage:

Faith that Works

Dr. Grenfell tells of an old fisherman, rich in trust, who was "given to hospitality." He was 73 years of age and had fed many hungry folk during the "hard" winters. When times grew unusually hard, this old man of faith brought forth 12 dirty, well worn, five-dollar bills as a last resort. This money, his entire savings, he gave to the missionary to buy food for needy neighbors.

But Dr. Grenfell remonstrated, "You are getting old, and you should not cut the last plank away yet."

Then the hardy fisherman of many perils answered, "He'll take care doctor. I guess I can trust Him. It wouldn't do not to have used that \$60 and have sent folks away hungry would look as if I didn't have much trust in Him.—S. S. Digest.

Prove that (1) the nobleman, (2) the impotent man, (3) and Mary and Martha did (or did not) have the faith that works. Even weak faith is better than no faith at all. Gideon's faith was weak at first, but he finally accomplished great things for God and his people.

Handkerchief Pool

The Bible says, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanseth** us from all sin" (I John 1:7). In Yellowstone Park, there is a pool called Handkerchief Pool. Tourists drop handkerchiefs on the surface of the pool. Down to the bottom they go! Then a current draws them out of sight. But the handkerchiefs are not lost. In a little while the honest pool will give them back to their owners all laundered and

clean. This reminds us of the Fountain God opened when the Lord Jesus died for the sins of the world. The Prophet Zechariah spoke of this cleansing Fountain, when he wrote, "In that day there shall be a Fountain opened to the House of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness" (Zech. 13:1).

"There is a Fountain filled with
Blood

Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that
flood,
Loose all their guilty stains."

Let's not forget that Jesus is even more interested in healthy souls than he is in healthy bodies. Bodies last for years but souls live forever. Children should try to keep their physical bodies healthy and strong, for that is God's will, but it is of great importance that they "grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth."

I DREAMED OF JESUS

I dreamed that I gazed in the Heavens,
And saw there such wonders and signs;
I thought o'er the words of the Saviour
Concerning the ending of Time.

The noises grew louder and louder,
I looked for the sun but 'twas gone;
The sky then was suddenly darkened
The blackest of clouds rolling on.

I looked in the East for the sunrise,
I saw there instead of the sun
The face of my Lord and Redeemer
Had arose, for vict'ry was won.

I gazed as He passed o'er my house-top,
He smiled as He looked in my face;
This dream in my mind shall not vanish,
It's a dream that nought could erase.

—By Venie M. Carney

No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.—Abraham Lincoln

FOURTH UNION DISTRICT REPORT

The Fourth Union District Auxiliary of the Central Conference of North Carolina convened with Dilda's Grove Church Sunday, December 29, 1946, with Sunday School at ten o'clock.

The Union opened with a congregational song, "Jesus Saves," and devotions by Rev. J. D. Vernelson. His scripture was taken from the third chapter of Colossians. Mrs. Luther Goff gave the welcome address and Mr. Hubert Burress gave the response. An offering to the amount of \$38.02 was taken for the Orphanage and Rev. C. D. Hamilton blessed the offering. Rev. R. C. Proctor brought the inspiring convention sermon. His text was taken from the second chapter of Timothy, verses 3-15. His subject was "Usefulness for the Master." The Union adjourned for lunch with prayer by Rev. N. D. Beamon.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with a congregational song, "I Will Sing the Wonderous Story." The very interesting devotions were conducted by Mrs. Paul Thigpen. Her scripture was taken from the seventh chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel.

The Union entered into the business period with minutes of last meeting read and approved. The roll of Sunday Schools was called with nine present, one represented by letter, three absent and ten dollars donation. There were seven Ladies Auxiliaries present, one represented by letter, five absent and nine dollars donation.

Treasurer's Report

Balance	\$20.64
Dues	19.50
Collection for Orphanage	25.61
Total	\$65.75

Disbursements

Paid to Orphanage	\$30.61
Paid to Missions	5.00
Paid to Superannuation	5.00
Education—	
Paid to Miss Zalene Lloyd	5.00

Paid to Mrs. Judith Cairo	5.00
Paid to Bible College	7.50

Total	\$58.11
Balance	\$ 7.64

The Union voted that the morning offering for Orphanage be put on Chapel Furniture fund. It was also voted that the Union continue sending \$2.50 per month to Bible School in Nashville, Tenn. There was a move made and voted to appoint Nominating Committee and they were to report at next meeting. The Committees were Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Mrs. Albert Summerlin and Rev. N. D. Beamon. The Program and Banner Committee made their reports and were accepted. The Banner Committee reported that the banner is to go to LaGrange Sunday School and Aspin Grove Church Auxiliary. The local church rendered a splendid program. The president expressed gratitude for the hospitality shown this union. The union adjourned with a hymn, "Help Somebody Today," and benediction was offered by Rev. C. D. Hamilton.

Mrs. J. C. Edmundson, Pres.,
Mrs. Marvin Smith, Secy.

UNION MEETING REPORT

The Fifth Eastern Union of the Eastern Conference convened with St. Delight Church, Craven county, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1946.

The Union opened by a song and prayer was offered by Rev. Clinton Lupton. After the union was organized, special prayer was offered for Sister Thomas by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

The minutes of the last union were read and approved, after which the list of churches was called. Eight ministers responded to the roll call.

Rev. J. C. Griffin spoke on the Six-Point Program and asked the delegates to take this matter back to their different churches and support this program in its entirety.

There was not a union meeting sermon because of the ordination of Rev. Elmo Harper. This was a beautiful and impressive service. Rev. J. R. Bennett was the ordaining minister with the other ministers

present helping, Rev. C. L. Bennett and Rev. W. B. Everett, taking an active part.

Dinner was spread in the yard by the ladies of the church and community.

The afternoon was opened by a song and prayer service.

After re-calling the list of churches, a special collection was taken for Rommie Sutton of Juniper Chapel Church and the amount received was \$31.71.

The Fagan Electric Company of New Bern installed an amplifier for the use of the union and Sunday School Convention. After much discussion, the union voted to help the Sunday School Convention to purchase this amplifier, if the Sunday School Convention voted to buy.

Rev. Clinton Lupton was selected to preach tonight.

Rev. J. R. Bennett and Rev. J. C. Griffin announced the ending of the morning devotions over radio station WHIT, unless other arrangements can be made.

Rev. W. B. Everett, Rev. J. C. Griffin and Rev. J. R. Bennett were voted on to study this situation and to make arrangements if possible and report back to the next session of the union.

The Finance Committee gave the following report which was accepted:

On hand last union	\$ 1.84
Received this union	167.11
Special collection for Sutton	31.71
Love offering for Rev. Duffy	
Toler	51.90

Total received **\$254.40**

Disbursements

Orphanage	\$ 75.00
Missions	50.00
Christian Education	15.00
Love Offering	51.90
Collection	31.71
Clerk	7.50

Total paid out **\$231.11**

Left on hand **\$ 21.45**

The union adjourned to meet next time with Winter Green Church, Craven county.

Moderator, Rev. J. R. Bennett
Secretary, Rom W. Mallard



The Boys and Girls Story Column

A LETTER HOME

Writing letters isn't hard,

You us'ly start with "dear,"
Then you ask them how they are,
And wish that they were here!

Next you ask about their health,

And if the dog is well,
And how is Uncle Joe today,
And if he's had a "spell"!

Then you tell them what you did,

And where you next might go,
Hoping soon to see them all,
Their loving "so and so."

Dearest Mother and Father:

I am writing this letter at three o'clock on Tuesday. Uncle Timothy is looking for something in the engine, and I told him that he looked more like an Indian on the warpath, because he has so much black grease on his face. He always is losing something in that engine, and every day we stop, it seems he has to look for it. We just stopped here about two hours ago for lunch, and guess what we had? I cooked the lunch. I fixed baked beans (and Davie used almost a whole bottle of cat . . . kate I mean sauce on it, just because they stuck to the bottom of the pan a little). And then I fried some bacon. You know how I love bacon. And we had lemonade, and Uncle Timothy bought some potato chips yesterday, and they were hardly stale at all. I never thought I would like to cook outdoors. I guess you'll want me to do all the cooking when I get home, won't you? Uncle Timothy says that I'm getting to be a better cook each time I cook.

Davie is trying to catch a fish in a little shallow place in the stream just over the hill. I would have gone

fishing too, except that Davie said I had to find my own worms, and so I thought I would write you a letter.

But what is very exciting is that we found a child this morning. I guess you can't guess how it happened, can you? Well, we were riding along, eating some apples which Uncle Timothy bought from a farmer, and right out in the middle of the road was this little girl dressed in a blue dress. Why, Mother, if we had gone right on, and not stopped the car, we could have run right over her, and that would have been terrible. We stopped, and we all got out, and she was crying, and her dress had a hole in it, that she must have torn there, and Uncle Timothy carried her back to our car.

Well, for a long, long time she just cried and cried, but when Davie stood on his head and kicked his feet in the air, she stopped crying. After that she laughed. We gave her some crackers and some milk, and Uncle Timothy asked her where she lived. She almost started to cry again, but Davie hurried up and stood on his head again, so she didn't. She said she was five years old, and that her name was Ellen, and that some lady had asked her to go for a ride, and when she had cried and cried and cried, the lady had put her out of the car and gone away.

Uncle Timothy said we were five miles from any town, and that we had better go to a gas station and find a telephone and call up the police and tell them. Well, we all got in the car, and I held Ellen in my arms, and then we started down the road to see if we could see a gas station. Well, what do you think happened after that?

Well, the first thing we saw was a dark red car, stopped right in the middle of the road. A red car! You know mother I wrote you last week about the pretty lady whose tire we fixed, and she told me about that good candy to make? Well, were we ever glad to see it was this same pretty lady. Uncle Timothy stopped our car, and got out to ask her what was the matter, if it was the tire again, and then we got out to see what was the matter. Well, Uncle

Timothy had to look at the engine of the red car. We all stood around to see what was wrong. Imagine, seeing this lady again. I was glad, because she is so nice.

We told her about Ellen and everything, and (excuse me Mother, but Davie just scared me something awful with his yells down there by the pond, and made me put this blot of ink here) that Uncle Timothy was going to telephone. Then we all drove to the gas station to get gas for the lady. You see she hadn't any gasoline, and Uncle Timothy said some cars won't run without any gasoline. We pushed the red car with our car all the way to the gas station.

I guess you are about as excited as we were, aren't you? Well, Uncle Timothy telephoned to the police, and they said that Ellen's mother was there crying because she had lost Ellen. So Uncle Timothy told the police about everything (he didn't tell them about the lady in the red car who didn't have any gas, though), and so we said we would take Ellen back to the town where she lived, and that town was just the same one we had eaten breakfast in. But the lady in the red car said that since we had pushed her car to get gas that she would be glad to take Ellen back to her mother, so we didn't.

I was sorry to see little Ellen go home, but she was very glad I am sure to see her mother and father again. She sat right up beside the lady in the red car, and waved her hand to us goodbye.

Well, I guess that was a (excuse me, Mother, Davie just came from the pond and he is all wet. He says that something ate up all his worms, and then got caught on the hook, and pulled him right in, and he is all wet. Uncle Timothy went down to see, and it was the biggest turtle that you ever saw in all your life. About as big as the sofa pillow that Mrs. Adams gave you for Christmas). Well, I guess that was some adventure wasn't it? I mean about Ellen and the lady in the red car, and not about Davie.

Uncle Timothy wants to know if I'm writing a dictionary because he has had to spell so many words for me. Davie said to tell you that he took a picture of the turtle and will send it to you. Uncle Timothy says to send his love, and so does Davie, and so does

Your loving, only, happy daughter who is praying for you every day, and Davie says he is too.

Deborah
—By Virginia Baker

ATTENTION WESTERN AUXILIARY SECRETARIES!

It is imperative that I receive at once the name and address of each local auxiliary secretary in order to mail you the new Report Blanks for our coming auxiliary convention which will be held on April 2, 1947.

Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary,
Micro, North Carolina

WASTE

A lovely deed was in my heart;
I never set it free.
It died from lack of exercise
And made its tomb in me.

The greater the difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests.

—Epicurus

What this country needs more than anything else is fewer people telling this country what this country needs more than anything else.

Bad habits are like a comfortable bed—easy to get into but hard to get out of.

A miser grows rich by seeming poor: an extravagant man grows poor by seeming rich.

—William Shenstone

One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.—Elbert Hubbard

Every man is an open book, if you know how to read him.—Channing

Think of it! The greatest man or woman is 90% just like yourself!

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

The Church is Christ's sacred institution in which saved people are to live together in love and Christian fellowship one with another.—Roberts

—Clip this chart and post in your Sunday School—

A SUNDAY SCHOOL MONTHLY PLAN for SUPPORTING OUR DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

1. Superintendent make the following announcement during the opening exercises, just before the members retire to their class rooms for the lesson period:

"Today is _____ Sunday, one _____ of our offering will be sent to the _____, the other half will be used for Sunday School expenses. Give liberally that we might support the _____ regularly each month."

2. The superintendent would then lead or call upon someone to offer a special prayer for the denominational enterprise to be supported.

The Following Is Our Conventional Plan of Systematic Offerings

—Mail them as follows—

First Sunday— $\frac{1}{2}$ Offering to:
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Black Mountain, N. C., Route 1

$\frac{1}{4}$ Offering to:
CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.
Lucama, North Carolina

Third Sunday— $\frac{1}{2}$ Offering to:
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Treasurer
713 E. Simmons St. Goldsboro, N. C.

Fourth Sunday— $\frac{1}{2}$ Offering to:
MISSIONS
Rev. J. W. Alford, Treasurer
Columbia, North Carolina

Fifth Sunday— All Offering to:
SUPERANNUATION
Rev. M. L. Johnson, Treasurer
Lucama, North Carolina

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, Our loving heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from this earth our Brother, Elias Nobles, one of our most loyal and faithful members of his church, we the members of Piny Grove Church, Pitt County, realizing our great loss do submit the following resolutions:

First, That we express our deepest appreciation of his devotion, and long years of faithful service to our church, as Ruling Elder and Treasurer;

Second, That we extend to his bereaved family our deepest sympathy, and point them to God, and to the church which he served so well, for consolation and comfort in their bereavement; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy to be placed on the minutes of the church.

Mildred Humbles,
Irene Tyson,
Myrtie Ruth Tyson,
Committee.

SCHUMACHER. Mr. William H. Schumacher departed this life on November 2, 1946. He was 65 years, and 6 months old when he died. He joined Ever Green F. W. B. Church when he was a young man.

He was born in Greene County, near Anderson, Texas, and was married when he was a young man to Miss Maude Turner of Keith, Texas. To this union were born ten children. Surviving are his wife and the ten children and also a number of grandchildren, and his mother, 87 years old, and known as Mrs. Isa Schumacher, two brothers, 5 sisters, and a great many of other relatives, and friends.

In his passing we feel that we have lost a faithful member of the church, and a devoted Christian, but we are assured that our loss is his eternal gain. We bow in humble submission to the Lord's will. We hope to meet again in that great and happy day. As his health would not permit it, he did not go to church often. He read his Bible every Sunday, and would study his Sunday School lesson.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gafford,
Iola, Texas, Route 1

UNION MEETING

The Union of the Second District of the Central Conference of North Carolina convened with Cedar Grove Church, Martin County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1946.

Devotions were by Rev. C. L. Patrick. Prayer was by Rev. M. A. Woodard.

The following ministers were present: D. W. Alexander, Levy Humbles, C. L. Patrick, W. A. Dail, M. A. Woodard and Albert Harris.

Although the Union met at the extreme edge of the district, we had a very good attendance, had several good talks and some good special singing directed by Rev. Albert Harris and the Hines sisters.

Rev. J. C. Moye being sick, Rev. C. L. Patrick preached in his stead.

An offering was taken for the Six-Point program, amounting to \$32.02, which was added to the receipts for the Union, making a total of \$155.56. This was disbursed as follows: Clerk, \$5.00, Treasurer \$5.00, needy ministers \$27.00, Unified program \$11.10, Orphanage \$38.22, Christian Education \$11.20, Superannuation \$11.20, State promotional work \$11.20, Missions \$11.20, Church Finance Corp., on stock \$11.20, total paid out \$142.32; balance in treasury \$13.24.

At noon we were served a splendid dinner, after which we re-assembled and finished the business of the union. We had more special music by Rev. Albert Harris and the Hines sisters.

There was a rising vote of thanks given the church for the hospitality shown the union. The next union will be held with Little Creek Church in Greene County. Each church is urged to send delegates as there will be some changes made that will affect the union, and we want you there.

There being nothing further we adjourned to meet with Little Creek in March, 1947.

Rev. D. W. Alexander,
Moderator,
E. C. Hines, Clerk

NOTE OF THANKS

We are sincerely grateful to our many friends who have so kindly expressed their interest in our welfare during the Christmas season with their cards, letters and gifts.

We are especially thankful to the individuals, auxiliaries and to the Third Union of the Eastern Association for a very generous gift.

We accept these blessings as from the Lord and may He richly bless everyone who participated in making them possible. Please pray for us.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. H. Pipkin,
Mount Olive, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I have for twenty years been trying to preach and do other work, but I have given up my other work for 1947. I am giving all my time to pastoral and revival work. Any church or minister who would like to have me for a meeting in the spring or summer may write to me at once.

I have full-time pastoral work, and I am now booking meetings for the year. I shall not pick the churches. I shall be very glad to answer all calls at once. Please write to me at the following address:

Rev. L. B. Manning,
Fountain, N. C.

Some people take up too much time in trying to change the minds of others about certain things. They would do better by spending that time on worthwhile things for their own good and for the good of others. To try to change a man's mind against his will, he remains the same man still.—Old Proverb

Wherever you go, carry a savor of Christ. Let men take in knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus.—Selected.

If pleasures are greatest in anticipation, just remember that this is also true of trouble.—Elbert Hubbard

Difficulties are God's errands; and when we are sent upon them, we should esteem it a proof of His confidence.—Beecher

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How Much I Owe

When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glowing sun,
When we stand with Christ in Glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

When I stand before the throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own,
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with unsinning heart,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

When the praise of Heaven I hear,
Loud as thunder to the ear,
Loud as many waters' noise,
Sweet as harp's melodious voice,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

Even on earth, as through a glass
Darkly, let Thy glory pass;
Make forgiveness feel so sweet;
Make Thy Spirit's help so meet;
Even on earth, Lord, make me know
Something of how much I owe.

—Robert Murray Mc Cheyne

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VALUE OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE

J. Edgar Hoover says: "Church attendance is a vital factor in the nation's crime prevention program. While serving as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the past 20 years, I have been profoundly impressed with the fact that the 'church-going people' are the most substantial group of citizens in the nation. Church attendance and crime appear to be like the ingredients of oil and water—they do not mix."

YET TO BE LEARNED

Says Dr. Halford E. Luccock, "We have learned in airplanes to fly through the air like birds, and in submarines to swim under the sea like fish. All that remains is for us to learn to walk the earth like men!" Our youth will someday "walk the earth like men" if their parents will teach and practice total abstinence from alcoholic beverages.—The Key-stone.

Roger Babson is credited with saying that of all men elected to our national Congress who had previously gained a place in "Who's Who," two-thirds of them received their education in Christian institutions. This is remarkable when one thinks of such institutions as Harvard, Yale, and Johns Hopkins, and of our richly supported state universities.

Editorial

SENATOR CAPPER'S BILL—

Senator Capper of Kansas has stated that he will introduce in the Congress a bill to prohibit the advertisement of alcoholic beverages through the inter-state mails, over the radio, and from the moving picture screens, or so we understand from the news. In the face of so much present sanction of the manufacture and the sale of intoxicating beverages in this country, this is a bold step for the Senator to take. But, if such a bill should be enacted into a law, it would have some bearing toward curbing the spreading influence of the liquor business.

We believe the church people, Protestant, Catholic and Jew, and especially the leaders of these church groups, should voice their hearty support of Senator Capper's proposal, and specially urge their senators from their states to support this bill in the Congress that it might become a law. In such case, this would be one step toward curbing the whiskey interests in this country. The time has come when the Congress should take proper steps to check this broad-spread evil in the land. Every fair-minded person knows that it is a curse to our nation, and is casting every day a damaging effect upon the lives of millions of people everywhere.

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CONTENTMENT—

God so endowed the human family that people should be occupied with legitimate and gainful occupations. We read in The London Times this striking truth about contented people: "Happy, indeed, is the man who has found his work, and does it with his whole heart. In it he reaches his fullest dignity and has the guarantee of an abiding contentment."

The trouble with so many people today is they either have not found their "work," or do not care to find it. Many of them simply "flounder" about, have no definite calling, nor a specific purpose in life. They are drifters. They are far from being happy. As a result, many, sooner or later in life, fall into the commitment of various types of misdemeanors and heinous crimes. How true the old saying is, "The idle mind is the devil's workshop," and how true has this come to pass with many aimless persons. Laziness is not a God-given instinct, but many use it as an alibi for ailments. It is a sin inexcusable before God and an hindrance to the progress of good society.

Contentment! Yes, show us the person who is actively engaged in some legitimate and gainful occupation, and we will tell you that he is happy in his work. The business man who enjoys his business gets contentment out of it. The school teacher who loves the teaching profession is contented with her work, though it be hard at times, and the pupils be unruly at times. She will be a success in the teaching profession. The minister

who is really called of God to preach the gospel, and who loves that calling, is a contented soul, though trials and persecutions confront him wherever he goes. He knows he is a benefactor for the races of men.

God wants the physically strong and normal-minded individual to have a **Work**, and for him to be content with that work. Let it be preaching, business, farming, teaching, or whatever it might be, God wants the individual to be occupied with contentment, having a gainful occupation, a work that counts for better home-life and living, for better community uplift, for better state and national achievements. The Apostle Paul was content to preach the gospel. Martin Luther was content to be a religious reformer in the midst of bitter opposition.

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THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION—

The National Organization, as now constituted, and which was set up only a few years ago, of the Free Will Baptist denomination, is still in the stage of infancy, when considered in the light of the time usually required for religious institutions and church organizations to develop and grow into well established and carefully regulated enterprises for a church people.

Particularly is this true with respect to the Free Will Baptist denomination. As a matter of fact, prior to the setting up of the National organization, Free Will Baptists operating in the different sections of the country followed customarily, in some instances, different customs in church procedure, and had different opinions regarding church work as a whole. For example, the different groups, the East, the West, the North carried on their work of the church more or less independently of the other groups, but were of the same original Free Will Baptist beliefs. Since the institution of the National Organization of Free Will Baptist churches into one compact whole, the different sections are coming, we believe, close and closer together in faith, practice and teaching of the Free Will Baptist principles and doctrine. However, much is to be done yet toward unifying all sections into uniformity of beliefs, practices and teachings. We thank God for what has been done thus far.

Here is what we mean to say: (1) The East, and the West and the North—all sections must be patient while working out unity and conformity of practices and teachings; (2) the leaders of the different sections—East, North and West—must be open-minded, tolerant of others views, but ever seeking to weld the different groups into one united whole; and (3) Both the leaders and the laymen of the denomination should seek at all times to avoid sectional or divisional misunderstandings, hard feelings or ill-will, one group or section against another section. It will take time, patience, faith and prayer to weld into one solid whole the entire denomination. It can be done with God's help and yielded hearts to the principles of the Free Will Baptist faith.

Perilous Times

J. E. Foreman

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy" (II Tim. 3:1, 2).

The perilous times which St. Paul spoke of in the above scripture verses are today plainly seen all about us. As one can notice in everyday life, many people are unthankful for what the good Lord has given to them. If the weather becomes very dry, some are complaining. If it rains quite a bit there is still much complaining of some people who are not satisfied at all with what the good Lord has done for them. The Scriptures plainly tell us that when we have food and raiment "Be content." We are prone to think sometimes how unthankful we really are anyway. When we are well and can assemble at the house of the Lord, sing praises to His name, and talk about His wonderful truths as recorded in His wonderful Word, we are happy. But how sudden and how quickly we can change our attitude, and get in the other condition. This should not be the case with so many of us.

It does behoove us to make use of every opportunity that we can in order to be in the service of the Master. He came to earth and suffered on the cross that we might have eternal life. It was for our sins that He died on that old rugged cross, after having so loved us as vile sinners. It does seem that it is the least thing we could do to give our lives to Him in humble service. We should do this to the very best of our ability. The fact is too many are lovers of pleasures of this world than they are lovers of God. Money is somewhat plentiful these days and pleasure and crime are going on at a very rapid rate. Every kind of evil one can think of is being committed by so very many people over the country. Marrying and then divorcing in a very short time is spreading everywhere in the land. Drunken-

ness and revelings, and people forgetting the true God who has loved them so greatly that He gave His only begotten Son that they might have eternal life. Many people have become high-minded, haughty and independent of the will of God. Yes, plenty of such people are forgetful of their God during these perilous times.

Some are acting as if they own the whole world, and are trying to fool some other people whenever they can do so. But thanks be to the good Lord, there is One who sees the intent of the hearts of both the good and the evil ones. He does not look on the outside but on the inside of the lives of all people everywhere. He knows each one, not by the talk nor the appearance manifested, but by really what they are in the heart. The Bible says that they shall be known by the fruits which they bear. How true this is, and how careful people should be as to the kind of fruits they bear. Figs and thistles do not grow on the same branches, neither does sweet and bitter water come from the same fountain. It reminds me very much of a story which was told to me several years ago by a good friend of mine. It went like this. There was living in a town two men, one a poor man, the other a rich man, in his own estimation, and perhaps in the minds of other men. The poor man was working one day on the road just outside the town. He was making his living the best he could. When the rich man came along, knowing the poor man, he stopped his horse and talked with this poor man for a few minutes. It was at the noon hour and the poor man was getting ready to eat his lunch. He took off his hat and returned thanks, and then took out some bread from his lunch basket. Then he took a glass and dipped up some water from the ditch beside the road. The rich man said to him, "Do you thank the Lord for such a mess as this?" The poor man replied, "Yes, I thank my Lord for every thing, even my drinking wa-

ter." The rich man then replied, "I don't," and drove on down the road.

This rich man had not gone so very far before a voice spoke to him, saying, "The richest man in town shall die tonight." So he being the rich man, immediately turned around and hastened back to town. He called in all his friends, associates and kindred to spend the last night with him. Surely he was to die and therefore all gathered together, and waited possibly with sad hearts all night. But the rich man was still all right the next morning. But soon there came a knock on the door of the house, and everyone being surprised looked anxiously. When someone opened the door, the wife of this poor man asked if anyone could help her as her husband had died. Then this so-called rich man said, Yes, I will not only help you, but I will hereafter take care of you." He had then found out who the rich man of the town was.

I think today there are too many people who think as did this rich man. We think too much of self, and not enough of the other people, whether they be poor or rich. I have seen this happen many times, and oh how hurtful it is when the Bible teaches us that Christ our Saviour is no respecter of persons. If we are to be true followers of the Master, we must not have prejudices against anyone. It is no strange thing to see people today who claim to be church people but who will "high-hat you." It is so hurtful to go round in different crowds, here and there, and hear those people using the Lord's name in vain. Oh, how bad that is! It looks as though they never think of the Bible and its teachings. It says that God will not hold a person guiltless who does such things. These are those who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. It appears that the masses of people think that being enrolled on some church book is all right, and that they can then do as they want to do, and all will be well with them. Many of such people drink, swear, lie and gamble, when the Scriptures plainly teach that all such vile workers of iniquity shall not have any part in the heavenly rewards.

Now, friends, will you please stop and think seriously? Would you not like to have a part with God who has loved us so much? Christ Jesus gave His life on the cross for us. Now, if you who are professors, but are not possessors of the work of grace in your hearts, want salvation the remedy is found in St. Mark's Gospel 1:15, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." These are the words spoken by Christ himself. "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

"When peace like a river attendeth
my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught
me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
My sin, O the bliss of this glorious
tho't,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it
no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O
my soul."

THE CLASS ROOM—

THE HOLY BIBLE

(Continued)

That God has revealed His Will is neither impossible nor improbable. There is such an impulse as mental telepathy, that is, the transmission of thought from one person to another.

It is no scientific impossibility for two minds to be so affected that they will run perfectly parallel to each other. I have seen this myself. I saw a man perfectly blind-folded drive an automobile through traffic, stopping precisely at the right place for a number of times under the control of a person on an automobile in the rear. My own investigation satisfies me it was no fake or show.

Therefore, if one person can govern the thoughts of another so that person will do his bidding, where is

ground to doubt that God can so control the mind of Holy men that their thoughts will be just what God would have them to be.

This is precisely what is taught in II Tim. 3:16 and II Peter 1:21; that is, that God so controlled the thoughts of the Sacred Writers as to wholly secure them from error.

It has been admitted by millions from the very oldest of the Sacred Writers to our day, and no skeptic, atheist, or infidel has ever offered argument to touch, much less refute, the claim.

The prophecies of the Bible and their fulfillment, as are verified by secular history, is positive proof of their inspiration. History records the fall of Babylon and Nineveh with such precision as though history was the expansion of prophecy. Prophecy even calls by name unborn men who were to act important parts in the world among whom is Josiah and Cyrus, and the history of the Jews affirms the fulfillment of the same. Prophecy named the place and fixed the date of the Saviour's Birth and the fulfillment of these predictions is attested by Josephus, a Jewish historian. Predictions respecting the periods of persecutions by pagan and Papal Rome are to be found in the Book of Revelations and early ecclesiastical and secular history, record their precise fulfillment. Nothing short of inspiration could foresee and foretell events with such minute precision. No skeptic has ever been able to account for it.

Some admit that the Bible contains the Word of God; but that all of it is not inspired. They even refer to II Tim. 3:16, and translate it thus: "all scripture inspired of God," leaving room for some that (as they would have us think) is not inspired.

Now II Tim. 3:16 would stand such a translation by the greatest stretch, but the same rule would do violence to other Greek passages having nearly the same phraseology and exactly the same force. What will they do with such passages as these: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "In Adam all have died so in Christ shall all be made alive" and many others that might be given. Any high school student can see that to such

passages the rule of translating would do violence. The safest rule is one that will apply in all cases.

Others offer, as evidence against inspiration, that it contains words spoken by wicked men. No one claims that wicked men were inspired; but we all claim that Holy men were moved upon to write what they said.

Others claim that the history of the Bible does not conform with proven secular history; but the shovel and pick are turning up evidences supporting the historical portions of the Bible, and who knows but what some day evidences will be brought to light that will authenticate the Bible and discredit secular history as has already been done in some instances.

Atheistic and infidel scientists claim the word of God contains scientific impossibilities; but science is the study of nature (God at work) and God can deviate from His regular process and do things seemingly contrary to nature. He can change His usual process, for with Him nothing is impossible.

We could go on and on but all that is offered against inspiration, when exposed to the test of common sense, vanishes like a bubble.

Finally, what uninspired book could have survived all the catastrophes of mankind, the rise and fall of nations and empires, the overturning of kingdoms and last, but not least, survived that dark period when to read it was at the peril of life, and come down to us written and stamped in the lives of men as the scriptures are today? There is only one answer NONE, NO ONE.

Every nation which has accepted the Bible has prospered, and those that have rejected it, have paid dearly for it.

France, following the concepts of such men as Voltaire, Hume and Paine, laid impious hands on the Bible, but in so doing, she was so drenched in blood that she was glad to lift them from that great and Holy Book.

It is a lamp to the feet of the Child of God, and at the bedside of the dying, it speaks to the soul of a better day—of a day that is near at hand.

D. A. Windham

RADIO MESSAGE

"And be not drunk with wine."—Ephesians 5:18.

These are the words of the Apostle Paul in his epistle to the church at Ephesus relative to holy living and godliness. Unfortunately many in the professed church at that time were guilty of rioting and drunkenness. It is much increased today. To be drunk means to be intoxicated, and to be intoxicated means to be poisoned to the extent that the mind does not function normally. To be drunk means to be insane, it means to be on a spree. It is plain downright craziness. We are speaking in terms of the text of being drunk with wine. It is true there are many ways of being drunk. You might be drunk with anger, you might be drunk with malice, envy, strife, and I believe that I have seen people who were drunk with jealousy. All of these are reactions of the human mind and body when submitted to the depraved nature of man, with all his sinful attributes. To be drunk in this manner is terrible, but such is within the control of the individual, but to be drunk with wine or some other intoxicant, one loses all of self control and becomes lower down than a beast.

The Bible was written by inspiration and for the good of man in every respect. If we were to leave the fact of eternal life out of the Bible, and if we would not mention the many truths about man's salvation, we would still have an unexcelled volume on moral law and the things that make society and social life worth while. All civilization is based upon the word of God. When nations cease to recognize this fact, they no longer remain civil and soon will crumble to destruction. Thus, for the benefit of society, for the benefit of nations, and for the benefit of individuals, we have this command from the word of the Lord: "Be not drunk with wine."

There are many reasons why people should not be drunk with wine. I shall have time to mention only a few of the major reasons. In the first place, alcohol is an enemy to the human body. I'm sure that no one

will deny this proven fact that alcohol is an enemy to the human body. Alcohol is a poison and should be administered only when the effects of poison is desired. Science tells us that the action of alcohol on protoplasm cells is very similar to the action of ether or chloroform, both of which are cousins to John Barleycorn. These powerful drugs, however, act very quickly upon the protoplasm cells, whereas alcohol acts more slowly. The liquids are dissolved and the cells paralyzed, until the person is unconscious. This explains why a person who is drunk seems indifferent to pain. In cases where ether or chloroform have been administered, the recovery is very rapid, but if alcohol has been administered the return to consciousness is much slower. Alcohol is often called a stimulant because increased activity is often observed after alcohol has been administered. But this increased activity is not due to any spur that has been applied to the organ, but to a paralysis of the nerve cells that control the action of the organ. The nerve cells temporarily impaired (poisoned by contact with the alcohol) are not able to impose the usual restraints, with the results that the body runs wild like a car without brakes.

The ultimate result of such a condition was seen during the Christmas holidays of our own city, when a young man, who was spending his first Christmas at home since the war, was driving a car in a drunken condition and ran into and killed two pedestrians enroute to a Christmas service. After he sobered up and was told what he had done, he was very remorseful but it was too late. He is charged with manslaughter and will probably spend the greatest portion of his life in prison because he did something that he was not conscious of at the time of the accident. He was poisoned with legal liquor and beer; and, while in an unconscious condition, he committed a crime that will probably mean a life sentence. The same government that legalized the poison, sold the man a license to sell it, and also permits the advertisement of the same, will pronounce sentence for his crime. In

reality who is the criminal in this case? We support that which causes injury to individuals and takes the lives of the innocent. Alcohol weakens the body and makes it a victim of deadly diseases. It not only harms the individual personally, but many are suffering today and dying torturous deaths because of the sin of drunkenness. Hospitals and various institutions are filled with deformed and sickly patients who are the descendants of drinking parents. A recent example of why people should not be drunk with wine can be seen in the terrible fire in the Winecoff Hotel of Atlanta, Ga. City Fire Marshal, Harry Phillips, lays the blame to a careless cigarette smoker dazed by liquor, as the most likely cause of the Winecoff Hotel fire that took 120 lives. "Whiskey bottles were strewn around many rooms of the hotel," Phillips said. He told the board that the fire department had put out several hotel room blazes started by "drunks" and that firemen are called out every night on "burning mattresses" cases in which evidence points to drunkenness.

Then, too, you cannot afford to be drunk with wine because it will keep you out of heaven. Drunkenness is listed as one of the works of the flesh. Gal. 5:21: "Envyings, murders, **drunkenness**, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." I realize that there are those who think that they can practice the works of the flesh, engage in revellings and drunkenness, and maybe go to confession or to church at least once per week and the Lord will not punish them, but I would have you to know that God's word tells us very plainly that drunkards shall not go to heaven, but shall be cast into a lake of fire. But you say, "Preacher, I drink but I don't get drunk." Well, the drunkard was at one time a moderate drinker, the same as you. If it takes five bottles of beer to make you drunk, and you have drunk only one, then you are one-fifth drunk. The Bible teaches that he that is guilty in the least is also guilty in the much. The safe way, my bro-

ther, is to let the 'stuff' completely alone. If you continue to play with fire, sooner or later you will be burned. Why not turn to the Lord Jesus Christ and yield your life to him, and He will make you a new creature (II Cor. 5:17).

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Highland Park, Mich.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Responsibility of Fathers

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

Fathers, notice that the apostle said, "fathers" not mothers. Mothers have a great responsibility, but God has placed a greater responsibility upon fathers, as the head of the family. As head of the family, the father is to head the religious attitude and services of the home.

Fathers, if you neglect the responsibility which God has placed upon you, then you can only hope to reap what you sow. If you live after the world and follow up sinful indulgence and allow the devil to motivate your life, remember well that God will not neglect to settle with you. Father, if you are not a Christian, how do you expect to obey the Lord's command?

In the average home what religion is practiced and taught is taught and lived by the mother. A great number of men act as if Christ only came to save women and children. You will gather that impression from the attendance at public worship. No father has done what he could do, and what he ought to, and what God demands of him to do, until he has family worship—that is, an altar in the home for devotions and worship of God. No father has done what God demands of him, if he does not train his children to go to the house of God and worship the Lord. God commands and demands that we assemble for worship.

In Hebrews 10:25 the Apostle instructs us to "not forsake the as-

sembling of ourselves together." The man who says, "I can be just as good to stay at home and listen to a radio, as I can to go to church," is badly in error. All of God's true children, throughout the life of the Christian church, have believed in worship together — assembling together to praise and give God glory. Not only the Christians of all ages have assembled to worship, but the Hebrews believed in going to the House of God. The Psalmist said, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" "Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God" (Psa. 135:1, 2).

The evening that the Lord Jesus (the First day of the week) appeared to his disciples, they were all there but Thomas. The Scriptures say, "Eight days from then." Let me quote it verbatim for fear of some critic. "And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them; then came Jesus, the door being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you" (John 21:26). Then Pentecost came and they were all together in one place and the Holy Ghost came as a "mighty rushing wind," and the "sound filled the house." Notice that this was on the FIRST DAY of the week. Paul and the apostles taught Christians to assemble together. So, don't let the Devil and his henchmen rob you of the worshipping of God, in the house of the Lord.

The Cry of "Peace"

The cry of "peace" continues while nations fight and quarrel over bases, and democrats fight in Georgia some with actual "fist fights" over the Governorship. What a disgrace to civilization! No wonder the world laughs at religious reformers when there is so much hatred, riots, and confusion. Well did the writer of sacred prophecy write: "For when they shall say, Peace and safety: then shall sudden destruction come upon them, as travail upon a woman with child: and they shall not escape" (1 Thess. 3:9). The cry that

is going on now, by the great leaders is a warning that "destruction" is just ahead. This is not the cry of an "alarmist" but an actual message from God's own BOOK. "It's my fervent hope that the atomic bomb will never again be used. And the way to prevent it from being used is to maintain peace on earth . . . that is my one ambition to bring about universal peace. We are working toward that end now and I think that we will succeed."—President Truman.

Stalin speaks in the same way as does Mr. Truman, but how can there be peace? Every nation is afraid of the other nations. They cry "Peace" when there is no peace. This peace talk is only lip service.

Communism will not let peace be in China. Communism is causing a strike in Japan. Communism is causing disturbance in Europe. Be it understood that Stalin and his COMMUNISTIC CHILDREN are satisfied only when they get everything they ask for. Stalin says, "We want no war." That is so, if Stalin can get control of the whole of Europe, China and Japan. So this cry of PEACE is hollow. It is "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal." When you oppose communism, you are in the face of a brazen serpent, not the kind "lifted up in the wilderness," but the viper sent out by Satan to defy the Lord Jesus Christ and the Christian religion in the "last days."

Communism is "anti-Christian, it is a godless, concrete "devilism." Look at its history. Look at the facts. See what it did in Russia about a quarter of a century ago. These are undeniable facts.

"The Land Rush"

My last quotation, with note, is hereby taken from an editorial of the News and Observer (Raleigh, N. C.), and speaks for itself.

"One of the lions in the path that impedes the United Nations is the greed for oil and land. This is emphasized by a cartoon in the Dallas News showing John Bull, the Russian Bear, the American Eagle with hammers nailing down their claims

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Dear Friends,

A happy New Year to all! And I trust that all of you have had just as wonderful a Christmas season as I have had. I feel that in many ways this has been the richest of my whole life. That is as it should be for Christians, however. We sing, "Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before," and 365 days should make a great difference. Our Lord told the heir who was troubled about his inheritance that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." When we hold foremost the desire to draw nearer to Him and to know Him and the power of His resurrection, we do learn that material possessions, as well as circumstances, have little to do with true joy and happiness. Habakkuk reached this point of victory, for he wrote, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." The minor prophet could have sincerely sung what many Christians sing hypocritically, "All that I want is in Jesus, He satisfies, joy He supplies . . . All things in Jesus I find." This is an experience on which the prophets and apostles hold no priority but which all may know through Christ. So I trust that all have known this unperturbable joy during the Christmas season regardless of any circumstances that would have robbed you of it, and that the experience may deepen with each succeed-

ing day of this glad New Year.

Yet there are many, many material things and circumstances that have gladdened my heart and given me great cause for thanksgiving. "He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not with Him freely give us all things?" The words of the Psalmist come to my lips again and again, "He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities . . . Bless the Lord, O my soul!" If He promised only to give us what we deserve, where would we stand? What would we have? But He has promised to supply all our need, and most of us do not faintly deserve even the things we desperately need. Often since I came to this house Satan has said to me, "You don't deserve this! You ought to be ashamed to spend the money it takes to keep it up." Although he is the father of lies, he sometimes tells the truth, and here I have to sadly confess he is right. But the Heavenly Father's words come reassuringly, "Yes, my child, his words are true. You don't deserve it all, but you need it, and I have pledged to supply all your need." Still in other respects I get much more than I need. Yesterday a parcel long delayed in transit arrived, containing a five-pound fruit-cake, exactly as good as my own mother makes, and that is the highest word of praise in my vocabulary! Fruit cake is certainly not a need in my life; it is a luxury, an extra, a delight! Satan won't let the opportunity slip by, and so he appears again, "Famine time! Even your own Indian people don't have enough, and you enjoy fruit cake from America!" He could make me feel awfully bad about it if the Lord didn't come to my rescue. It happened this way: An elderly couple re-

tiring from the battlefield of missionary service came by to say goodbye before leaving to take ship for Europe. I brought out the newly arrived fruit cake and exhibited it with considerable pride of the good North Carolina friends who had sent it. As I served the aged couple, I remarked how good the Lord had been to me. The sainted gentleman replied vigorously, "Yes! Why, He even gives us cake! Bread would be good enough and would meet our need. But He also gives us cake!" Then he quoted, "God . . . giveth us richly all things to enjoy." Satan always retreats when He hears the Word, and so we "richly enjoyed" the rich cake that our Father had given through His children.

I am satisfied with Jesus, and in gratitude for all His goodness, I am constrained to pledge anew "Lord, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest."

I would like this letter to be accepted as a word of thanks to all who have sent anything at all to India for Christmas. I mentioned in a previous letter that some parcels had arrived. Still others have arrived since that time, and you will never know what they have meant to us until in Heaven all your good works and the fruit thereof are made fully known. Our people send their hearty "salaams," meaning their very deep appreciation. We were blessed with sunshine on Christmas Day and so I made some moving and still pictures of the children at "Shamrock" playing games and singing Christmas carols. In time I trust all of you will see these pictures, and if you do not see in them all the toys you sent, you will at least see extravagant expressions of joy which are the effect of your gifts!

The used Christmas cards you sent in such abundance have been a greater blessing than the senders could have hoped they would be. I, myself, got a big thrill as I looked through these cards and read names of friends I knew so well. It made me feel I was having fellowship with them as they exchanged greetings with one another, and I was pleased to have this little indirect touch with many from whom and of whom I had

not heard since I returned to India. But the cards were a special joy to the dear Indians, who always receive them as a real Christmas present. They love the pictures on them—any picture at all. But they love best the pictures of Jesus, the shepherds, wise men, or any reminder of the Christmas story. If you are interested to know more precisely what we did and are doing with these cards, here is the story:

First we sorted them into groups.

(1) Those with pictures of the nativity, on all of which we wrote in Tamil, I Tim. 1:15. (2) Those with candles, lamps, or any kind of light, on which we wrote John 8:12. (3) Those with churches, on which we wrote Psalm 122:1. (4) Those with Christmas bells, groups singing carols, or any suggestion of singing or praising, on which we wrote Psalm 100:1-2. In this way we would not simply give a colorful picture to delight the eye, but give also a message which the Holy Spirit could use. Each school and Sunday School pupil in the two schools and three Sunday Schools received a card along with his or her present, and adults wherever we have gone to preach or teach. We would ask you to continue to pray that God will use these cards with Gospel messages as the days go by. They serve as Gospel tracts which God has so evidently blessed throughout the world. Like tracts, some of these are not kept, and possibly not even read. On the other hand, many are kept the whole year long and used as ornaments in the homes, while others are eagerly read and devoured as food for the hungry heart. So your daily prayers for these missiles will be fruitful.

Another phase of the blessing of these used Christmas cards ought not to be omitted. Christmas cards are not easily obtainable out here, and especially the desirable kind that are so common in America. So quite a number of missionaries, learning that I had a good supply, came or sent and took suitable cards to their own friends and loved ones. All remarked that they had never had such pretty cards. As you sent them in abundance, there were plenty for all these purposes mentioned, and

still some left over after Christmas. Moreover, since Christmas others have arrived, and I am now "swamped" with used Christmas cards! You may now please refrain from sending any more until the latter part of the year! However, we are very pleased to have these extra ones which we can use for handwork, etc., in the school.

For all the parcels containing presents for Indian children and workers and for myself, I do thank you ever so much. Some have sent gifts of money, others letters that were rich in blessing, as well as Christmas cards with their inspiring messages. All have come as a refreshing shower on thirsty fields, gladdening our hearts and strengthening our witness. My first impulse is to mention the names of all who have given, but there is danger of an omission that might cause complications? So I shall simply ask all of you to accept this means of thanking you for your remembrance—in whatever form it came—and promise that as the Lord enables I shall write you personally.

It is difficult to be calm as I look forward so eagerly to the long-hoped-for reinforcements from home. Can it be true that at last some one is coming to the rescue? There will be more than a usual welcome awaiting the Woolseys when they arrive here. Our Indian Christians are praying for them, and here in the home the two servant boys are most eager for their arrival. This morning one of the lads asked the Lord so earnestly to move the Indian Government to grant the permit to enter, and the American authorities to give all necessary facilities to send the Woolseys to us quickly. As they come to join the work in India you will need to pray much for our guidance. They will be needed here in Kotagiri. On the other hand the Purnea field is restless because we have so long delayed our coming. This is not meant to imply that the way is open for us there, but simply that the people are clamoring for us. You need to pray that God will give us a satisfactory entrance there. "There are many adversaries." So we shall together face many prob-

lems in the work here now, and as we look to the future. But I am thankful that we have a house with accommodations for the Woolseys! We find ourselves daily planning with them in mind. Speed them on!

In this house I look around and see many pleasant reminders of some of you. For I have here the things you gave me through the years at home. In the living-room a small rug from North Carolina; on the shelf a vase from Georgia; the organ from South Carolina; my typewriter, partly paid for by Texas friends, and the sewing machine from the same friends. On one bed a patchwork quilt from Georgia, and, on another, one from Missouri. And at each meal I think gratefully of the ladies who provided silver, luncheon sets and other necessary articles. The question is surely applicable to me, "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" As for my bicycle, it has been worth many times its price, even the fabulous prices I was offered for it during the war! It saves such a lot of time for us all, to say nothing of the physical strain it saves me. And, incidentally, it seems to give my servants a sort of distinction as they are seen riding it, it being the only American vehicle around and a bit more elegant in appearance than the Indian ones we see. I am so grateful for all that all of you have done through the years. God will be no man's debtor; He will graciously reward you.

The small boy, Balan, who was with me, went home after one month. He was in fine condition, and had grown quite fat and vivacious. His countenance was radiant, and he seemed to have discovered a new world. I hoped that he would be all right. However, now after three weeks he is feeling very miserable with his body again breaking out in sores, and his outlook rather dismal. I am wondering what is the will of the Lord for me to do about him. To take him back involves many problems, but he seems hopeless left at home. Please pray that I may be given wisdom in all such matters from day to day, so as not to miss any precious ministry that He would have me do, and yet not to assume responsibilities out of His will and

thus crowd out the more essential service. The big problem here is in knowing which to leave undone, since one cannot do all. So many are sick, or otherwise in need of the common ministries of a good home. It is hard not to share with them the comforts of life we have. And yet even though the missionary lived in luxury, how far would it go among so many! If we can but show them Jesus, they will find all their needs met in Him.

Many of the letters that now lie on my desk unanswered have asked questions about sending parcels and money to India. As I see no hope of getting these letters answered promptly, I am giving the required information here, thinking there may be many others also who would desire the same information.

Although some seem to have been told that parcels cannot be sent to India now, I have been receiving parcels ever since I returned. And there seem to be no very rigid restrictions as to what may be sent, since the parcels I have received have contained anything from home-made toys to clothing, canned foods and all the in-betweens. However, your parcel must not be over a certain weight and it must come within certain measurements. But if you wish to send more than one box will hold, you only have to get another box the same size and send two, or as many as required to hold your goods!

It is not true with India as with Cuba that parcels should be sent to one place or person for packing and dispatching. Miami is a port of embarkation for Cuba, while Glennville is unfortunately not that for India! Glennville friends would most willingly do this service, but it would not be an advantage to anybody. The Cuba missionaries also have other reasons, I believe, for asking you to send their parcels to Miami—reasons which do not apply to India. I mention this only because I have been asked this specific question in letters recently received.

Before beginning to pack a box, go to your postoffice and ask for definite instructions. If your local office is "hazy" on the subject, I suggest that you write to the U. S. Postof-

fice Dept., at Washington, and ask for detailed and up-to-date information, and ask that your postoffice also be informed.

In general I would say that the packing should be done very carefully to avoid smashing and breaking. These things must travel all the distance around the world, even if they come the shortest possible route, and by almost every conceivable means of transportation. And I have never noticed that any one is obligated, or even inclined, to handle them carefully. They will be dropped many times before reaching. Use plenty of newspaper and brown paper for inside packing, to keep the articles from rubbing against one another, heavy articles from smashing the lighter and more fragile ones. Generally, canned goods should not be packed in the same box with other things, and the cans should be packed so that each can is steadied and cannot be shaken in transit. If a cardboard carton is used, it should be a very stout one that will not give, and should be so securely tied that there is no possibility of its loosening.

Unless packed in a wooden crate, sew your parcel up in strong white cloth (unbleached muslin). Then you can be pretty sure it will reach intact.

Then at the postoffice call for a customs declaration form. On this form list the things contained in the parcel, and beside each article put its value, for customs. Be very careful about this part of it; don't put a big value on your goods. The purpose of this form is to guide customs officials in levying duty on this side. It has nothing to do with insurance and compensation. So if you value your goods highly, the duty will naturally be high in accordance. Even if you buy goods from the store, you are expected to value them only at wholesale price, not by any means the retail price you paid for them. Things you make yourself, you may put only a nominal price on them. Items like dolls and toys that the ladies make, should not be valued at more than 10c each if they are large and especially nice. Smaller ones, less accordingly. Clothes that have been

used, or any second-hand goods, should bear only a very nominal price. You need not feel conscience-smitten about this, for it is exactly what the authorities expect of you. To do otherwise simply calls for unnecessary heavy duty to be paid here.

Register or insure your parcel, so that you do have something by which to trace it in case it goes astray. Not that you could ever hope to be compensated if it were lost, but registered or insured mail is always given more careful attention.

And please note that used Christmas cards are not subject to duty. They should be sent in the same class as books and printed matter, and no declaration is required. Mark on the outside, "Used Christmas Cards. Absolutely no commercial value." However, if your postoffice ignorantly requires a customs declaration, simply put the same information on the declaration form. Otherwise, I have to pay for them, and I do not feel they are worth paying for, much as we want them.

In the matter of sending money, please go to your bank and ask your teller for a New York Bank Draft in the amount you desire to send. He will charge you a few cents, or will make no charge if you have an account in that bank. Simply put the check in a letter (better register it) and send it to me airmail or seamail as you like. Checks bring the very highest exchange and are now easily negotiable, especially if they are New York Exchange. Foreign Postoffice money orders are a safe and convenient way of sending money, and are acceptable to me, with the one objection that the exchange is somewhat less.

I trust this information will be helpful to those who had wished to send something but did not understand how to go about it, as well as to those who were brave enough to make an effort although they were uncertain as to the outcome. And may the Lord of this over-ripe harvest-field lead us on to a more intense labor for Him and to increased fruitfulness.

Yours in His glad service,
Laura B. Barnard

NOTES AND QUOTES

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to lands or islands from pole to pole.

The chief cause of the slowness of the men charged with fashioning world peace is devotion to certain ideologies, land grabbing desire for imperialistic power."

Our ideology is Christian in name, but in actuality the god is wealth, both the rich and the poor are seeking continually to get the filthy lucre. "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, . . . "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness" (I Tim. 6: 9-11).

You don't have to get rich to be a sinner, but just covet that which is not yours and seek to get it by unjust means. Thousands will go to hell chasing buffalo nickles. But now listen to the word of God concerning the rich: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days" (James 5:1-3).

"LIQUOR BAN!"

The above caption headed a short item on front page of the January 17th issue of the News and Observer, a leading newspaper of North Carolina.

When I saw the heading, I quickly read the article and learned that Senator Capper of Kansas has introduced in the Senate a bill to bar all forms of liquor advertisements from interstate mails, from the radio, and from motion pictures. I bowed my head and thanked God for a senator who openly fights the liquor traffic,

and I prayed God's blessings upon Senator Capper's efforts. When I raised my head from prayer, I found a question which had to be answered; namely, "What am I going to do to help?" The more I pondered the question, the more I knew I could not dismiss it carelessly. I had a duty regarding the issue.

On Sunday our Sunday School voted to ask our secretary to write to Senator Capper, telling him our stand for him on the question. But even that does not satisfy my urge, so here I am pleading with every man, woman and child who reads this brief article, to write to your senator, asking him to co-operate in the passing of this important bill in the Senate. Hurry, your help is needed.

If this liquor traffic did no eternal damage to the souls of men and women, boys and girls, the evil effects reaped in earthly life are sufficient to cause every citizen to stop, look and listen! It should cause every Christian to cast his vote against the liquor traffic. It has wrecked more lives, caused more heart-aches, and has brought poverty to more homes than any other one thing about which I know.

We Christians must take a stand against the great curse, or we will reap the terrible effects of its influence in our own homes. Our government has put its stamp of approval on the sale of intoxicating beverages. In many states it has been brought out of the brush and placed in (Respectability?) in society. We no longer have to read reports of the evil it causes, for we are seeing many tragic conditions in our own neighborhoods.

Shall we answer the challenge just now and arise in great strength and voice our influence against the continuance of the liquor advertising? These days very few magazines refuse catering to the liquor traffic, and they make their adds very attractive. The radio programs encourage our youth to drink and there are, I am told, very few motion pictures which do not contain a drinking scene. Our youth are being educated to use liquor by many sources of degrading influences. I again plead with you to get busy and ask

your senators to support Senator Capper in getting his bill passed in Congress.

Yours for truthful advertisements,

Katie Sawyer Jackson

**REVEREND G. C. VAUSE STILL
ACTIVE IN THE MINISTRY**

The many friends of Reverend George Vause would doubtless be interested in knowing that he celebrated his seventieth birthday on January 11, 1947, at his home near Timmons ville, South Carolina.

His children gave to him a lovely surprise birthday party which he seemed to enjoy very much. Even though he has reached his three score and ten years, and had three years ago a light stroke, which has made him feeble, he is still carrying the gospel message. He has been a true and faithful servant of the Lord for over forty-five years. About ten years of this time was spent in and around Ayden, North Carolina, where he received his ministerial training at the Seminary.

He has pastored his home church, and Horse Branch Church going on thirty-three years. He says, "I'm not a bit tired, and would like to know I could preach to the people I love so dearly that much longer."

He has three churches, and for each he gives two appointments each month. The most of his congregations just can't give him up. Even though he is feeble, they say that there is something we get from his sermons and his personality that we don't get elsewhere.

We do hope that the good Lord will see fit for him to be with us for many years yet, for he is such an inspiration for his family and surrounding neighbors and friends.

His Daughter,

Mrs. Roxie Vause Gibbons,
Turbeville, South Carolina

We find God when our quiet responds to His quiet. Worship renews the spirit as sleep renews the body.—Emerson.

St. Claire Bible Class

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FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

(Lesson for February 9)

Lesson: John 6:25-35, 56-58. Read John 6 and 7.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I am that Bread of Life" (John 6:48).

Consider, too, that if Christ be both meat and drink, **what need we have of Him**, because there is no need in the world, I suppose, that is greater than the need of meat and drink. You hear the shout of "Fire!" in the street, and it startles you; but those who have ever heard the cry of "Bread!" in a bread riot, say that the alarm of "Fire!" is nothing in comparison. There is something so sharp, so awful, so determined, so ferocious, so like the yell of wild beasts, about men and women that scream for bread, that it is the most awful of sounds.

And "Drink!" What a word that must have been for a number of poor wretches shut up as they were in the Black Hole of Calcutta, raving through those little windows at the guard outside for drink; and stretching out their hands and beseeching them to turn their carbines upon them and shoot them rather than let them die lingering deaths of suffocation and thirst! How when a little water was given them they fought and struggled for it, if so be a man might but get a drop, or such a handkerchief that had been dipped into it, and linger on a little longer.

Nobody can have a greater need than an actual want of bread and want of water; but that is what you want, my dear friend without Christ; your soul wants bread and water. Think not that you are rich and increased in goods if you have not

Christ, for in truth you are naked, and poor, and miserable. If you do not trust Him, love Him, serve Him, your poor soul has not even a drop to drink. — Spurgeon's Illustrative Anecdotes.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. It takes revelation and not reasoning to answer all questions about the origin of Jesus (John 6:25).

2. Men are always much more interested in that which belongs to the physical life than in that which is spiritual (vss. 26, 27).

3. The only One who can give to us imperishable food is the Son of Man whom God the Father hath sealed for this purpose (vs. 27).

4. If men could be saved by the works they do we would not need to depend entirely upon the Lord Jesus Christ (vss. 28, 29).

5. No work is as simple as that which Jesus commanded men to do (vs. 29).

6. Jesus is so manifestly not of this world that He requires no other "sign" to identify Him as the Son of God (vs. 30).

7. The manna was bread sent down from Heaven; Jesus is the "Bread of Life" sent down from Heaven.

8. The Bread of Life must be received by every individual who desires to be a partaker of eternal life (vs. 35).

9. Not the physical participation in the food, but the spiritual imparts eternal life (vs. 56).

10. Just as the human body cannot live without natural food, so the soul cannot go on living without spiritual food.

11. Be sure to read every word in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies. Note with special care the Comments on verse 56 of the lesson.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Probably never before in the history of the world have so many millions of men, women and children been starving for food as in the days

following the war. We quote a heart-rending incident from the **Greek Evangel**:

"Aleppo was one of the many orphans who roamed the streets of Athens and Piraeus under Nazi occupation. He told me he was twelve years old, but he looked like eight. So small and thin, so emaciated was he! His large dark eyes, like ripe olives, attracted our attention at once. Eyes are made for joy and laughter, the heritage of children. But, as I looked into those deep sunken eyes, I saw only sadness and sorrow.

"Aleppo came only once or twice a week to our home with the hope of receiving a few raisins, a nut, or a dried fig from the American missionary. He was too timid and too well-bred to come more often.

"One day, after an absence of many days, Aleppo came knocking at our door, and as I spoke to him that morning I could see that our Aleppo was nearly at the end of his young and tragic life. 'Oh, Auntie,' he said, 'to-day I'm really hungry—**really hungry!**' What of those other days when he had appeared at our door? Was he not then hungry? 'Oh, yes,' he replied, 'but to-day it is different. Oh, please, Auntie, I'm so hungry!' He had forgotten when he had his last piece of bread.

"As he talked to me, the deep, dark, sorrowful eyes slowly roamed the floor of the porch where we were standing. Suddenly he cried, 'Look, Auntie, do you see it?' 'See what?' Aleppo bent down, picked up something and placed it into my hand. It was a crumb of bread no larger than my finger nail. My baby had dropped it from her tiny fingers while playing on the porch.

"'Oh, please Auntie, could you spare that bit of bread? It's so long since I've had any.' Aleppo was really hungry! Have you ever looked into the face of a hungry, really hungry, child? To-day, in Greece, there are many such children, slowly dying from malnutrition. Let their deep, sorrowful eyes and tragic faces speak to you. Little children were

very close to the heart of the Master."

Are we sharing the bounties of our supply to help feed the hungry in the world? Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat." Let us obey our Lord and share not only the bread for the physical body, but the still more urgently needed Bread of Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL POWER NEGLECTED

The Church has been neglecting the source of its spiritual power. We can never know accurately the state of the Church until we look into the Scriptures. If the Bible is the Christian's only rule of faith and conduct, it is no less the one standard by which the Church can gauge its power and spiritual condition.

More specifically, the book of Acts sets forth clearly the plummet which God places alongside the Church to show the degree of rectitude. Here is not man's measurement; here is God's. The test applied is not: Is the Church getting on in the world? The question is: Is the Church fulfilling God's purpose, is it indwelt by His life?

The Church is God's husbandry, God's building. He has laid the foundation. Christian fellowship is the temple of God. If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy, for his spiritual habitation of God is holy.

When a minister of Christ breathes deeply and long in the pure, pungent atmosphere of the book of Acts, he is bound to come forth from the experience with some deep convictions concerning the state of our churches. The change in atmosphere is arrestive—even startling. And the difference is summed up in one fact; namely, that the Holy Spirit is not honored in our churches as He was in the infancy of the Christian movement.—United Presbyterian.

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DR. JOWETT'S ADVICE

Young preachers and older ones too, should remember these words from Dr. J. H. Jowett, prince of

modern preachers: "Sermons that save must sound an alarm. No glittering generalities, no rhetorical niceties. The message must ring out like a fire bell."

—Clip this chart and post in your Sunday School—

A SUNDAY SCHOOL MONTHLY PLAN for SUPPORTING OUR DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

1. Superintendent make the following announcement during the opening exercises, just before the members retire to their class rooms for the lesson period:

"Today is _____ Sunday, one _____ of our offering will be sent to the _____, the other half will be used for Sunday School expenses. Give liberally that we might support the _____ regularly each month."

2. The superintendent would then lead or call upon someone to offer a special prayer for the denominational enterprise to be supported.

The Following Is Our Conventional Plan of Systematic Offerings

—Mail them as follows—

First Sunday— $\frac{1}{2}$ Offering to:
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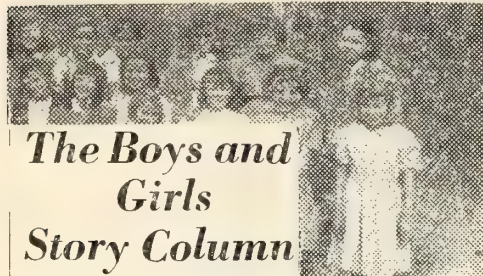
Second Sunday— $\frac{1}{4}$ Offering to:
CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, Inc.
Black Mountain, N. C., Route 1

$\frac{1}{4}$ Offering to:
CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.
Lucama, North Carolina

Third Sunday— $\frac{1}{2}$ Offering to:
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The Boys and Girls Story Column

LITTLE BROTHER

Leroy C. Brown

John Hall called his brother Billy "Little Brother."

Little Brother went to Sunday School each Sunday morning but John never went.

Often Billy asked John to go with him but each time John would say, "I do not want to go to Sunday School."

Little Brother wondered why John would not go to Sunday School. One day he said to John, "Brother, why will you never go to Sunday School with me? It would make me very happy if you would."

"Well," said John, "the newsboy brings the funny paper each Sunday morning about the time Sunday School starts and I want to read the funnies as soon as they get here."

"Oh, but going to Sunday School is more important than reading the funny paper," declared Little Brother. But John would not agree.

That very afternoon, after school Little Brother went to the place where the Sunday funny paper was made. He told a clerk that he wanted to talk to the man who owned the paper.

"What do you want?" asked the clerk. "We do not need any more newsboys."

"I do not want to sell papers," said Little Brother, "But I must see your boss."

"Mister Hart is too busy to talk to a little boy, so run on back home now," said the clerk.

Little Brother looked straight at the clerk and said, "This is very important. I must see your boss."

"You win," said the clerk as he lifted a phone and spoke to the boss. "A young man says he must see you, Sir," he said.

"Send him in," came back a voice in the phone.

"Go in there," said the clerk, pointing to a door.

"Well, well," smiled Mr. Hart, as he looked at Billy. "I'll say you are a young man. What is your name, Sonny?"

"Billy Hall, Sir. But John calls me Little Brother."

"And who is John?"

"He is my brother and I have come to talk with you about him."

"Very well, what about him?"

"He likes to read your paper so well, Sir," said Little Brother, "that he stays home from Sunday School to read it. I do not think it is right to sell papers on Sunday."

"I am glad you came, Little Brother," said Mr. Hart. "You see, I am a Christian, too, and old as I am I still go to Sunday School. I teach a class and I would hate to think that some of my boys were staying home from Sunday School to read or sell papers. I am glad John likes our paper but Sunday School should come first. I have just bought **The Star** and from now on we shall print no more Sunday papers. In fact, we are going to print some papers about Jesus for the Sunday Schools to use. I have been thinking about it and your visit has caused me to see the great need for this."

"Thank you, Sir," said Little Brother, as he left the room.

Next Sunday John said, "The newsboy did not bring any funny papers to-day."

"But look at these fine papers," said Little Brother. "I brought them home from Sunday School."

Soon the two boys were reading stories about Jesus.

"These are good stories!" cried John.

"Come with me to Sunday School," invited Little Brother, "and we shall learn even more about Jesus."

"I will," promised John. "I will go with you next Sunday."

—In Juvenile Pleasure

Diamonds are chunks of ordinary coal—which stuck to their jobs.

—B. C. Forbes

MOTHER'S INFLUENCE

A. L. Sellers
Quitma, Ga.

"The curse be upon me." This was the reply of Rebeca to Jacob when he wanted to refuse to obey her, as she advised him to deceive his Father in order to get his Brother Esau's blessing. With that assurance, he let his Mother advise him and to deceive his Father, and he got the blessing. But what happened? The home was torn up, Esau was enraged, and Jacob had to leave home. Consequently, Rebeca was left with her blind, broken-hearted husband, and thus to endure the results of a broken up home. She was the cause of it.

Mothers, your babies are the most precious of all earthly possessions. Truly, they are the most precious of all other possessions. Not only are they most precious, but they are the most innocent and dependent of all creatures. They are while infants blank of knowledge, character, or reputation. Theirs is the beginning of life that has no end while in the Spirit. But this life in the flesh must have knowledge, character and reputation for everyone when they grow up to maturity.

Mothers, your understanding and influence, and the kind of knowledge which you possess will be a great factor in determining what kind of knowledge your children should acquire. The kind of knowledge given to them and received by them will greatly determine the character, reputation and life they will have when they grow up to manhood or womanhood. Then, for the welfare of your children, and also for your own pleasure in life there is nothing more essential than for you to be careful as to the kind of influence you exercise over your children.

Jacob's Mother had no idea of what the results of her advice would be upon her family, but she soon came to realize that trouble was coming from her own undoing. She saw that something had to be done, or else a tragedy would happen, as had been true with Cain and Abel. She arranged, therefore, to get Jacob

away from home. Jacob left hastily, and as far as we know never returned to that home again. This must have been a sad hour with Jacob and his Mother. Can we imagine what they would have given for peace and brotherly love to have been restored in that home? But that peace was gone never to return again. How sad it is to understand that Rebeca was the cause of it.

Mothers, be not deceived. God is not mocked, for whatsoever we sow that shall we also reap. Be careful what you sow in your children's minds, lest you sow some deeds that, when matured, will bring destruction to their souls, and deep sorrows to your hearts.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE PINS AWARDED

Pleasant Hill Sunday School began the new year by awarding thirteen perfect attendance pins and certificates for the year just closed. New officers and teachers for the coming year were elected.

The following Sunday School pupils received pins as follows:

Third Year Bar—Donald Bunn, Joe Millard Bunn, Bettie Lou Bunn, Shelba Jean Bunn.

Second Year Wreath — Buster Bunn, Clarence S. Bunn, Mrs. Clarence Bunn.

One Year Pin and Certificate—Louise Berry, Leslie Berry, Lula Belle Berry, Julia Berry, Margaret Berry, David Berry.

The following officers and teachers were elected: Supt., Mr. Floyd Baker; assistant Supt., Mr. Clarence Bunn; secretary and treasurer, Miss Louise Berry; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. Donald Bunn; Bible class teacher, Mr. J. C. Bunn; Senior class teacher, Mrs. Marvin Bunn; Junior class teacher, Mrs. R. H. Berry; Primary class teacher, Mrs. Blanche Bunn; assistant teacher, Mrs. Edna Baker.

Mrs. Clarence Bunn

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TWO WAYS OF SINNING

We learn by studying the Bible that there are two ways in which people commit sin. One is by omission, leaving undone the things a person should do. They are called sins of omission, not doing the heavenly Father's will. The other is the sinning by committing transgressions against God's laws. There are things that we would not do for anything, and yet we will leave off some other things that we should do in obedience to God's command. On the other hand, let us see if we are doing all the things that the Bible teaches us to do.

We can see all along life's pathway some things that we can do if only we would take the time and manifest the right love for God and our fellow men. But we say that we cannot do that or this thing today. We do not have the time. Take for example, visiting the sick and going to church. We feel that we do not have the time to do those things, therefore we put off those things which we should do. There are many other things which we should do, and a lot of other things we should leave off from doing. Therefore, let us study the Bible and see if we are doing what God would have us to do for His cause.

The Bible teaches us not to forget to assemble ourselves together. We can go to church, and see only a few there for services. At the quarterly church conferences we find only a few present, and hardly enough to attend to the church business. This is a neglect on the part of many church members, committing the sin of omission, not attending to their Christian duties. Many people visit filling stations when they should be at church and Sunday School. Many of them are church members.

Some church people seem to think it is all right if they do not attend the services, since they are church members anyway. They should clean up their lives and get right with God. With His help they will be able to do things for the cause of righteousness. They need to let their light shine in order to be a help to others. It is my heart's desire to be

of some help to others. I am asking the Christian people to pray for me that I may be able to do more for the cause of Christ. We are to pray one for another, but we do not pray enough to the Lord.

Let us be careful as to what we do or say, and pray that God will give us wisdom and understanding. May we come to know what it means for us to obey God's commands. We find in the Bible where it said, "by love serve one another." If we would only do that, it would be a better world in which to live. Moses did not enter into the Promised Land because he did not obey God.

Mrs. Margaret McGowan

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The following will show the receipts by conferences, or associations from January 1 to December 31, 1946:

	College Report	State Treas. Report
Eastern Conf. ..	\$1,012.91	\$ 599.81
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Cape Fear	508.55	741.60
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Western	126.25	245.31
French Broad ..	80.80	
Piedmont	55.87	
Pee Dee	50.00	10.00
State Women's		
Auxiliary ---	48.50	250.11
West Virginia --		10.00
Miscellaneous --		42.00
Total	\$2,725.11	\$2,345.25
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This above all, to thine own self be true,
And it must follow as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

—Shakespeare

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

DANIEL. This is written in memory of Jacob Daniel, age 69, who departed this life on October 17, 1946. It was such a shock, as he was well as usual, going around doing his morning work. He had gone to his pack-house, when his sister found him he was on the steps dead.

He lived a quiet life and never had much to say. He was a member of Daniel's Chapel, and was not married. He leaves one sister of the home, Miss Delphia Daniel, one married brother, Johnnie Daniel.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. L. B. Manning in his home, and his body was laid to rest in the family cemetery beneath a beautiful blanket of flowers, with many relatives and friends present for the funeral.

He leaves us to mourn but not for long,
Because we also all must go;
To meet those who have gone on before,
And the one who has loved us so.

—Written by his Niece, Lossie Daniel

MRS. FRANCES ROWE RUFFIN

Mrs. Frances Rowe Ruffin, widow of the late Rev. J. K. Ruffin, Free Will Baptist minister, was born December 1, 1862 and entered into rest 15 January, 1947, at the age of 84 years, one month and 15 days.

She is survived by two sons: P. A. and J. W. Ruffin, of Bailey; four daughters: Mrs. C. H. Finch and Mrs. G. L. Griffin, of Bailey; Mrs. N. R. Winstead of Elm City, and Mrs. Percy Liles of Durham; one brother: Walter Rowe of Lucama; 25 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Ruffin was a loyal member of Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, and lived a consistent Christian life. She is remembered by many people in the community where she lived her life as one who visited and nursed the sick people of the community as long as her physical strength would permit. She was a great believer in prayer, and submitted herself completely to the will of our heavenly Father.

A few evenings before her passing a minister of the community was having prayer with her and asked that God might give her strength to submit to His will. She spoke out and said: "Yes, Lord, I want thy will done." She lived and died in the faith, and we rejoice in the great victory she has achieved.

The funeral was conducted at Rock Springs Church January 17, by James A. Evans and Ivey T. Poole.

MINUTES OF ALBEMARLE S. S. CONVENTION

This Sunday School convention met with Corinth Church on December 29, 1947, at ten o'clock A. M. The devotions were conducted by Oscar Webster, and then the president delivered his address. The ministers of the district who were present were L. A. Ambrose, D. M. Radcliffe, J. A. Alexander, and R. C. Ambrose. The visiting ministers present were D. W. Alexander from the second union meeting of the Central Conference, and also Rev. W. A. Dail from the Central Conference, and Rev. F. A. Rivenbark from the first union meeting of the Western Association, and also P. C. Wiggs and L. B. Manning of the fourth union meeting of the Central Conference.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Then the list of schools were called, and the following represented: Fairmont Park, Union Chapel, Little Creek, Mt. Zion, Shiloh, Free Union, Hickory Chapel, Mt. Olive, Belhaven, Malachi's Chapel, Sound Side, Free Union (Beaufort County) and Elizabeth City. The total contributions from these churches were as follows: To the orphanage, \$368.85; to missions, \$5.50; to Christian education, \$20.00; for convention expenses, \$19.60.

A motion was made and carried placing Little Creek Church on our list of Sunday Schools. At this time we were favored with special music by Randy and Cathie Cox. Then we had congregational singing which was led by F. A. Rivenbark. Then again we were favored with some more special music by Randy and Cathie Cox, using the number, "No Tears in Heaven." Brother Rivenbark then brought the morning message. Following the sermon, an offering was taken for the orphanage which amounted to \$53.05, thus making the total for the orphanage to the amount of \$421.90.

The afternoon session was opened at one o'clock with the devotions being conducted by D. W. Alexander, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Alexander. A program was given by members of Free Union Sunday School. Following this program the

following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Oscar Webster, president, Pinetown, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, vice-president, Creswell, N. C.; Alice Webster, Secretary, Pinetown, N. C.; Isaac Furlough, treasurer; Mrs. Alton Reynolds, program committee. Brother David Furlough was elected to represent our stocks in the Church Finance Association. The treasurer's report was then received, and a rising vote of thanks was extended the retiring president, Brother David Furlough, for the wonderful way in which he had served the convention for the past four years. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this convention. It was then adjourned with the benediction to meet the next time with Free Union Church in Beaufort County on March 30, 1947.

David Furlough, President,
Miss Alice Webster, Secretary

PEACE

With open Bible in my hand,
My evening chapter read;
Obedient to my Lord's command,
I knelt beside my bed.

I prayed for peace to fill my soul,
The peace that never dies;
I felt that He had made me whole,
He heard my earnest cries.

Retiring then, I fell asleep,
And there He talked to me
In dreams that were to me so sweet,
He spoke so tenderly.

I'll ne'er forget the words He said,
Still ringing in my ears,
My hungry soul that night was fed,
And I awoke with tears.

Tears of joy that can't be told,
As when He said to me,
"My peace I send unto thy soul,
My Peace I give to thee."

—Venie M. Carney

P. S.—Composed after a dream of talking with God over the telephone. His exact words to me were, "This is a message from God." I called Him the second time. He said "My Peace I bring unto you, and My Peace I give unto you, is your mouth full"? I answered, "Yes."—(V. M. C.)

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It was Love that made the sea—
It was Love that put all beauty
In the world, for you and me.
It was Love that gave us flowers,
It was Love that gave us tears,
It was Love that lent us laughter
To make gay the lonely years!

It was Love that gave us friendship,
It was Love that offered peace—
Oh, Love can bring to suffering,
A splendid, swift release!
It was Love that planted happiness
Wherever hearts are found—
Oh, it's Love, Love, Love, LOVE,
That makes the world go 'round!

—Margaret Sangster

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Editorial

The Bible has much to say about human dread or fear. When Eve and Adam transgressed God's command in the Garden of Eden, they became afraid, and "hid themselves from the presence of the Lord" (Gen. 3:8b). When God spoke to Adam, "Where art thou?" (v. 9), Adam said, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid" (v. 10a).

Their source of fear originated from the fact that they had sinned. Moreover, they recognized the fact that God was divine and all-powerful, supreme and just in his judgments. They feared because of what God might do to them because of their failing to heed his commandment. God's voice speaking to them immediately brought to consciousness their guilty conscience for the deed that they had committed.

The fear of some kind of punishment for misdeeds committed brings to the transgressor's mind dread to meet the issue when settlement must be made. This is generally true of every one, regardless of age or station in life. The penalty to be paid for transgressions against human society, or against God's divine laws, is not welcomed by right-minded people. They dread prolonged physical, mental or soul punishment for their misdeeds, but it is a divine law that justice is to be meted out to transgressing mankind.

The difficulty with most people is they do not count the cost before committing the misdeeds against God and man. The price in worry, anxiety, disturbed rest, and years of toil, and eternal doom, if first carefully weighed and meditated over by the would-be breakers of the laws of society and divine government, there would be the leaving off the commitment of many transgressions, and the saving of many a great fear from the hearts of individuals.

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Christ spoke a great truth when he said, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (Jon 16:33b). He was beyond sin and all the powers of Satan could not seduce him. He was speaking to his disciples, encouraging them to be cheerful, resolute and bold to preach the gospel to the unsaved. They needed his counsel since they had a hard task to perform. When he went away they were to think of his cheerfulness, his splendid teachings, and his wonderful works performed for the good of the people everywhere he went.

Christians today are to be of good cheer. They are to be patient, endure their hardships as good soldiers of the cross, and persevere in good works for the salvation of the lost. God's servants are not to become peeved because of persecutions, false criticisms, and hurtful misunderstandings which some people deliberately manifest against them. Carrying the gospel should be a joy. Doing good unto others in the name of righteousness has a right to make the heart glad. Many people sense a

keen joy in their salvation, and want to express their good cheer by helping others to know that there is real pleasure in knowing and in loving the Lord.

It is a joy for deeply consecrated people to go to church and Sunday School. They get great good from the sermons, the music, and the worship in the house of the Lord. Winning the lost to Christ brings gladness to the hearts of God's ministering servants which is beyond all other joy. The performance of one's Christian duty unto his church and community brings to him joy and good cheer that is far above material wealth or sensual pleasures.

Therefore, the Church must be of good cheer, going forth to fulfill her sacred mission in the world. She is to possess the joy which Christ wants her to have in laboring patiently and hard for a lost world. Her multitudes of ministering servants must have that joy in their hearts, in spite of all persecutions, oppositions, and painful trials, as they give their lives of useful services to the cause of righteousness in the world. She is the salt of the earth with the gospel of Christ to save dying humanity.

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Objects for Christian service have weight upon the minds and hearts of a great many people. This is true with respect to the way people will respond to certain things in religious work. When a certain need arises, as Sunday School rooms, for example, to a certain church, the program launched to meet this need will usually be carried through in due course of time by the local church people. If certain things must be had for the mission field, as buildings, equipment, teachers, etc., the church people, when fully cognizant of the needs, will be liberal in raising sufficient funds to effect the completion of the project. This is usually true in the achievement of the definite and greatly needed goals or objects under consideration for the advancement of the church program and for the glory of God.

It is human nature for people to want to see the need, the concrete objects or goals, for which they are to strive in religious endeavors, or any other endeavors for that matter, before they will feel free to do their best for these projects. First, set up the objects, the great needs, and then the people will, with a clear and definite understanding, respond to the call more readily than they will if they do not see the purpose for supporting righteous causes. Definite objects of work are good incentives for liberal responses of church people who are willing to do things for the cause of Christ. They serve as stimuli to move us to concerted action to help bring about desirable effects or results in religious achievements. The more we do to bring such objects into being as means of church growth and expansion the more joy we get out of our church work.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT?

After thinking, studying, praying, and working for something, and now that we're in the possession of it, we're proud of it aren't we? Well, aren't we PROUD of our Cragmont Assembly, Incorporated? I'll say we are proud of what it meant to our Denominational Organizations last year. But we are proud of the family who have by the help of God, made Cragmont what it is for the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina. We are proud of those who have contributed one red cent to the purchasing and the furnishing of our Assembly Property. Any gift that has been given has certainly been greatly appreciated.

Returning from a visit to Cragmont a few days ago, and seeing things as they are; and then, to think of the dark picture as it was a year ago April, 1946, I thanked God for doing such a fine work through two appreciative people. They have almost made the impossible possible.

Now, that I have been duly elected as Business Manager-Treasurer for the Cragmont Assembly, Incorporated, for 1947, would you remember when you pray to ask God to lead, guide and direct us through all phases of the work that we may be just the servants God would have us be. Since Brother and Sister Wiloughby are leaving, it is greatly appreciated that the board have considered us to work with and for them.

After one season's operation, we see of course much that must be done to enable us to accommodate those who meet in the Assemblies this year. It also takes finance all along to operate an institution of this kind and get it in condition to entertain our visitors and guests. May I suggest that you send us an offering each month or as often as possible for the furnishings and the up-keep. There are churches that have each of their local organizations to make an offering, and by grouping the funds together and making a check payable to Cragmont Assembly, Incorporated, Black Mountain, North Carolina, it will make things work out much easier and less papers to handle.

Have you thought about paying us a visit this summer? There will be several Assemblies and you may decide which you'd like to attend. The committees of each organization will meet soon to decide the dates and they will be announced soon when each will assemble together there. We'd like a visit from every Free Will Baptist of North Carolina.

In hearing many speak their sentiments about our Assemblies, I fear that some have the wrong idea of what our Assemblies are for. We meet as a body for the sole purpose of studying to get all the knowledge we can absorb from the Institute of which we are attending, whether it be Sunday School (we learn how to operate one), League (we train young people to serve in the Church), Woman's Auxiliary (we learn how to operate one), Ministers' Conference (ministers meet together to fellowship one with the other and to discuss doctrinal points and Bible). These meetings are for educational work, training men, women, boys and girls to serve in the work of the Lord as laymen, missionaries, or ministers, etc. Then for good wholesome Christian recreation, having a good time in a clean Christian way, which is a help to the people in entertaining groups back home with clean Christian activities. Many have been saved through the Evangelistic services in meetings of this kind, and too, many have answered the call of God to fill the service of the field that God has called them into.

Now, have you thought about it? You, and the training acquired in one or two weeks per year, what can you do? You can put that which you learn in one week into practice for a whole year, and then go train more again. This is benefitting the many who have not been privileged to obtain an education. Someone has rightfully said, "The School of experience is the greatest of all." Let us pray, study, train, and put into practice what we learn, and then serve this year for our Lord. You can do your best however great or small in the sight of your friends, but your best is the greatest in the sight of God. Have you thought

about it? It not, think for a while and pray. Let's make the program at Cragmont this year be the top for Christ and His Kingdom Service.

Rev. J. Albert Harris,
Bus. Mgr.-Treas.

NOTED JURIST TELLS HIS EXPERIENCE

Shall We Do Less than Jacob?

By Judge J. P. Hobson

"The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."—Lev. 27:32.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. 3:10.

The primary duty of the church is to take the gospel to every creature, and this is our Lord's final command. Many people feel too poor to give anything for these causes, when the fact is that if all made the tenth holy unto the Lord there would be no lack of funds to maintain home and foreign missions.

The tithe is not one-tenth of the gross income, but only one-tenth of the net income after deducting the necessary expenses of earning it, as for example a drummer's necessary expenses in carrying on his business. But necessary expenses for self or one's household are not to be deducted. Nine-tenths of the net income may be so spent, but one-tenth is not to be spent on ourselves; it is holy unto the Lord. It is not all to be spent on the home church, but in the worship of the Lord as the worshiper thinks best. What is given to the poor "is lent to the Lord."

No one is too poor to tithe. The poorer he is, the less can anyone afford not to tithe. When one tithes, he simply takes the Lord into partnership in his daily life. God does not ask an equal partnership. He asks only one-tenth. Can any of us afford to go through life without this partner? He makes the nine-tenths go farther than the whole would go, if the tithe was not practiced. This

is not a mere theory of mine, but an actual experience after nearly fifty years' practice of the tithe.

Soon after we were married I bought a home on credit. A year later I became involved in debt and my law practice was in bad shape. As I was going home one day a deacon stopped me and asked me to subscribe for the pastor's salary for the coming year. I told him I owed more than I could pay, that I must be just before I was generous, and that I could give nothing to the church. I went on home and told my wife what had occurred. She said we ought to give something, and after some discussion I recalled an incident that occurred some years before. I was making a canvass for a church purpose, and our minister, Rev. Angus McDonald, told me to come by and see him after I saw the other people on my list. I went to see him and he got out an old pocketbook, saying, "I tithe and here is where I keep my tithe." He gave me the largest contribution I received. This was the first tither I ever knew. So I said to my wife, "If Mr. McDonald could tithe on \$700 a year, maybe we might try it." She agreed and got out a ginger jar and put it on the mantlepiece in our room! I brought home the tenth of all money I received daily. We paid to our church causes out of the ginger jar, the same amount as we had always done, and to our surprise in a few months there was so much money in the ginger jar we were afraid to keep it in the house and it was placed in a separate bank account. We have tithed ever since. The ginger jar is still too full to keep in the house.

Thousands upon thousands have had a similar experience. If all Christians tithed and devoted a fair part of the tithe to home and foreign missions, the gospel would be taken to the ends of the earth within this generation. Ministers do not like to preach on this subject because so many people say they go to church to hear the gospel, not to hear appeals for money. But the tenth is "holy unto the Lord" and should be devoted to His worship.

Abraham tithed when there was no Jewish race or temple service. (Gen.

14:20). So did Jacob when a penniless wanderer (Gen. 28:22). All this was before the commission to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. Shall Christians do less? "And of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28:22).

—In Faith and Prayer Witnesses

THE MEASURE OF GIVING

Ours is a giving God! "Every good gift and every perfect gift . . . cometh down from the Father of lights." He opens His hand, and satisfies "the desire of every living thing." And all His gifts to all ages are climaxed in His unspeakable Gift.

These amazing truths come to us with overwhelming power at Christmas, as at no other season of the year, and hallow all its activities. It is the season when everybody is thinking about giving. Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on gifts of more or less value, too many perhaps of doubtful value. And all to satisfy, in some measure, an impulse to give, the inspiration of which is not always recognized.

God's gifts as they are centered in Christ are all essential gifts. None of them can be ignored without great loss. They are vital to our happiness because they are part of God Himself, even as we are. They may be all summed up in three monosyllables—life, light and love.

It might help us to realize something of this loving giving, if we were to sit down with pencil and paper and try to make a list of His priceless gifts to us, which have come to us through His first Christmas gift at Bethlehem. Christian homes, loved ones, and friends; an open Bible and a blood-bought Church; schools and benevolent institutions for the sick and suffering; a civilization permeated with something of the spirit of the Man of Galilee; the necessities and luxuries of everyday life; work to do and the strength to do it; the changing seasons, each with its own glamorous beauty—and so on beyond the limits of our powers to number. No won-

der Mrs. Browning wrote: "God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame."—Christian Observer.

TO NIGHT IN GETHSEMANE

To-night when all is quiet and still,
And the moon softly sheds its light,
Let's go in thought to a lonely place
Where our Saviour prayed one night.

Here is the place—Gethsemane—
Why, there's Peter, James and John,
But, ah, they're soundly sleeping,
And the Master?—He's gone.

Hush, listen, there's a voice—
Step forward a little, it sounds near.
Oh, look! It's Jesus, and—
He's praying . . . Can't you hear?

Let's get closer, look at His face!
It's wreathed in anguish.
And He's saying, "Father, if thou be
willing,
Remove this cup from me."

He's sweating, too, like drops of
blood!
O! what can this all mean?
But we dare not make our presence
known,
And disturb this solemn scene.

What kind of cup is He speaking of?
Why, He's praying for all mankind.
He's finished now and going yonder
To the men He left behind.

Now, there's a multitude with Him,
And one gave Him a kiss.
Listen! He's speaking, "betrayest
thou
The Son of man with a kiss?"

Betray! Betray! Why that's deceiving!

Oh, no that should not be
To a man who agonized so much,
Who sweated and prayed as He.

Let's follow behind the multitude,
They're leading Him away;
Now they're accusing Him,
And not a word will He say.

Come! Come! let's go now,
I dare not linger here;
To hear this one falsely accused,
Who to my heart is so dear.

—Mrs. Delsie I. Waters

Preachers' Corner

"How long should a sermon be?" This is the question that I have asked hundreds of church people. Some of these have been country people, others lived in towns or cities. Some have been older people, others younger; some have been learned, others ignorant; some have been wealthy, others poor. The answers have been varied. Following are a few of the answers that have been given to this question:

"The shorter the better."

"I can listen as long as the preacher can preach."

"It depends on who is doing the preaching."

"A sermon should be about twenty or thirty minutes long."

"I like long sermons, preachers are in too big a hurry nowadays."

"The length of the sermon would depend on the subject."

"I like sermons short and to the point."

One could conclude absolutely nothing from these answers. Church people do not agree on the length of sermons any more than preachers. It would be foolish to try to set a rule regarding the length of the sermon.

Personally, I think four things should enter into the length of the sermons (1) The speaker—his experience, his training, his knowledge of the subject, etc. (2) The subject—some subjects naturally require more time than others. (3) The occasion—One cannot disregard the customs of his time if he expects a hearing. (4) The audience—their interest, their ability to comprehend, their attention, etc.

"What about the leadership of the Holy Spirit?" Sure, I believe in the leadership of the Spirit. But all of us who preach know that the Spirit can and will lead us in the privacy of our own meditation and prayer better than on the impulse of the moment. The Holy Spirit has and does lead us on the "spur of the moment," but we can better hear and know His leadership in the quiet of our own study and prayer.

—F. B. Cherry

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Now Is The Time

My unsaved friend, it is unwise to put off salvation. Some one has said, "Procrastination is the thief of time," but I say, "It is the thief of souls."

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day will bring forth" (Prov. 27:1).

"Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith), Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness" (Heb. 3:7, 8).

"He that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1).

"SEEK THE LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" (Isa. 55:6).

You may not live until tomorrow. If you hardeneth your heart one more time, it may be your last opportunity. Then you cannot find salvation after death. Today is the accepted time. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27).

My unsaved friend, you can harden your heart against God's persuasion, you can reject His amazing grace, but you cannot dodge death. Next thing after death that you know about is JUDGMENT. What will you do about it? Where will you spend eternity? Are you ready? God says, "Prepare to meet thy God." It will be a sad day with you if you are not prepared.

Some Testimonies

Some time ago I conducted a funeral and a daughter of the deceased said, "Mother said she was ready." Several years ago I visited a dear saint who was passing and she said, "Preacher, I don't want to get well now; I want to go home to be with the Lord."

I visited a dear old afflicted saint a few days back and she said, "I am just waiting for the Lord to call me home."

The Apostle Paul said he had "a desire to depart and be with the Lord."

The Psalmist said, "Yea though I walk through the valley and shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

My dear reader, what can you say? Are you ready? If you are not ready, it is not God's fault. God has done all that He can for you in that He gave His dear Son that you might be saved.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

Man does the believing, and God does the saving. The gift of life is a gift from God.

"We are saved by grace, through faith, that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" (See Ephe. 2:1-10).

You may offer me a gift but I am not bound to accept it. God is continually offering to every man salvation, but God is not going to force anyone to accept. It must be accepted freely as it is given. If you go to hell, it is your fault.

A New Projector

I have recently purchased a **Sound Motion Picture** projector with speaker and microphone. I can show sound and silent pictures. I have about two thousand lineal feet of film showing our different religious institutions, churches, etc. Also can show "The Man that Forgot God"; "The Door to Heaven"; "Glad Tidings"; and others. Last Sunday night we showed "The Man that Forgot God" to a good sized congregation at Bridgeton. All praised the picture, and when over, the people looked as if they were in the midst of a real old-fashion revival. I am ready to go and help people to see and worship God through Bible pictures together with enlightenment as to our denominational work. There is no comparison to pictures by this Sound machine and the old silent machine which I have had. The old machine is gone. The new is here to help you. I am open for dates.

An Appreciated Letter

Sister Rutha Hardison, Deep Run, N. C., writes: "I have just finished reading this week's Baptist paper. I have never attempted to try to tell you how much I do enjoy reading 'Notes and Quotes' . . . 'I think if there ever has been a 'Best' Baptist

paper, this week's is the best. There are so many good pieces to read by different ones. I just told my husband that 'This week's Baptist alone' is worth all it cost for a year." Well, many other good things were said by Sister Hardison. We certainly do appreciate these fine remarks. Such letters as this and the one that Sister Wilson sent just a little back will kill a lot of fault finding that comes to us, now and then, by those who think differently from what these saints think. Such letters as these have been our pay for NOTES AND QUOTES, now for more than thirty years. God bless you, Sister Hardison. I will keep on by God's Grace.

BUILDING SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

We wish to let the people know how thankful we are for the start which we have made on our class rooms for our church, Trinity. Any one who has ever visited Trinity Church at Pike Road knows how we need class rooms at this place.

We have a small church membership, about seventy members, and a small Sunday School, with the enrollment of about fifty-five members. Our average attendance is around forty for each Sunday. But we do have some faithful workers in our school, and the Sunday morning offerings are around eight to nine dollars each Sunday.

When we got our church completed and the furniture bought and paid for, we began to think and pray about Sunday School rooms. We had a building committee appointed to look after getting building materials. It seemed that every way they turned, someone was saying, "You can't buy anything to build with now." But things have changed a little, for just two weeks ago we bought enough nails to finish the outside work, beside the help of our friends and loved ones. Then one of the members of the committee reported that the top was in sight. This morning, January 17, we have a group of men cutting trees for the rough lumber. We do thank the Lord for such faithful men who are willing to give of

their money and also of their labor to do this work which we have dreamed about.

Dear friends, the Lord has wonderfully blessed in the past, but He will do more if we will only trust him, and try him. There are many church members who do not trust God as they should, and that is the reason they fail. The Lord says, "Trust me, and I will pour you out a blessing you will not be able to receive."

I am asking God's blessings upon us as we start to build, and let there be peace among us. Paul says that God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. As in all churches of the saints we do want to get this work done without any confusion. We do not want to be like the world, for the world is in confusion. Old Satan is working in many ways to destroy the work of the church, but if we will take Jesus along with us I know we will be successful.

We have a wonderful pastor, Rev. R. B. Spencer, who is with us in this great work, and we greatly appreciate what he has done for us in the past, and I am sure he will be with us in the future to help us. I do want all Christians to pray for us.

By a member of the church

THE BURIAL OF SIR JOHN MOORE

Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note,

As his corse to the rampart we hurried;

Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot

O'er the grave where our hero we buried.

We buried him darkly at dead of night,

The sods with our bayonets turning;

By struggling moonbeam's misty light,

And the lantern dimly burning.

No useless coffin enclosed his breast,

Not in sheet nor in shroud we wound him;

But he lay like a warrior taking his rest,

With his martial cloak around him.

Few and short were the prayers we said,

And we spoke not a word of sorrow;

But we steadfastly gazed on the face that was dead,

And we bitterly thought of the morrow.

We thought as we hollowed his narrow bed,

And smoothed down his lonely pillow,

That the foe and the stranger would tread o'er his head,

And we far away on the billow!

Lightly they'll talk of the spirit that's gone,

And o'er his cold ashes upbraid him,—

But little he'll reck, if they let him sleep on

In the grave where a Briton has laid him.

But half our heavy task was done, When the clock struck the hour for retiring;

And we heard the distant and random gun

That the foe was sullenly firing.

Slowly and sadly we laid him down, From the field of his fame fresh and gory;

We carved not a line, and we raised not a stone—

But we left him alone with his glory.

—Rev. Charles Wolfe

MISSIONARIES OR SOLDIERS. WHICH?

A quarter of a century ago John R. Mott said to the Christian world, "Unless you send 10,000 missionaries to Japan soon, you will be sending hundreds of thousands of soldiers later." He was a prophet. Why should so many missionaries seem an unreasonable demand and so many soldiers not? Because we are greater patriots than we are Christians. Because we have not put the Kingdom of God first.—Willard Brewing.

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MISSIONS

Mrs. Robie Strickland, Third Vice-
President of Woman's Auxiliary
of the Cape Fear District
Convention

To the Auxiliaries of this District.
Dear Co-workers:

I have just received a letter from one of our missionaries, Miss Barnard in India. I wrote her in November and some of the churches sent her a donation for Christmas. She was very happy to hear from us and appreciated the gifts very much. She said it came when most needed, as God always knows our every need and supplies them when needed most.

Maybe some of you would like to write her or send her a small gift. Her address is: Miss Laura Belle Barnard, "Shamrock" Kotagiri, South India. We can also send the Christmas cards that we planned to send before Christmas. Please send the cards as second-class mail and not put any value on them, also mark the package, "Used Christmas Cards," not Salable. Then she will not have to pay heavy duty on them.

In December I mailed each church in this district some missionary literature that I received from Rev. Winford Davis. I hope that you can circulate this literature around so that each member will get to read it as there is some very good reading in it. I have a few copies left if any of you failed to receive yours, please let me know and I will send you one.

I want to thank each auxiliary for sending in your donations on the piano for the Cuban School. We are still just a little short of the fifty dollars that our district is supposed to raise. So to each of you that have not sent yours in yet, remember we are counting on you. We are anxious to go over the top one hundred percent. We also want to remind you that the Woolsey's are depending on us too for help. I guess they will be

leaving soon to join Miss Barnard in India, and I am sure that each one of us would like to have a part in this worthy cause, too.

All monies for this purpose should be sent to Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.

Please remember that God always remembers and rewards us for everything that we do, even as small a thing as a cup of cold water in his name.

There is a book that we can get at this time on Missions, written by Miss Barnard, for two dollars, from Rev. Winifred Davis, The Board of Foreign Missions, Monett, Missouri. I have ordered one of these books and have read it through, and it is real interesting and I hope each auxiliary will order this book and read it and maybe have it as one of our study books on missions this year.

We are hoping to have a personal report from each of our missionaries by our next District meeting in the spring. We are depending on each of you. Please pray for me that I might do the Lord's will at all times and perform my duty as He would have me do. Again I want to say thank you each and every one.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robie Strickland

AUXILIARY REPORT

On January 21, the Kenly woman's auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Eddie Flowers, and the program was given from the Year Book of Programs by Mrs. Flowers. A study was then given from the Hand Book by Mrs. Julius Corbett. A discussion followed concerning the duties of all of the officers of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Bernard Ferrell, the president, presided over the meeting through the business session. All of the officers gave their monthly reports. It was then reported by the treasurer that the auxiliary had

turned in \$193 from cooking and serving the Kiwanis suppers since last May, which is done about every five weeks apart.

Plans were made to send cards, and sunshine baskets to all of the sick and needy ones in the community. After all the business was completed, the meeting adjourned with prayer.

Mrs. Felton Watson, Cor.-Secy.

NOTICE

This is to announce to all secretaries of the woman's auxiliary convention of the Second District of the Western Association of North Carolina that this convention will be held with Mt. Zion Church in Nash County on March 5, 1947. Be sure to send in the names of the deceased members of your societies to Mrs. Bert Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C., Route 1, at the earliest possible date so that she may have time to prepare her Memorial Service for the convention on the said date. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Worth Davis

PROGRAM OF THE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

of

The Second District of the Western
Association

To convene with

Mt. Zion Church, March 5, 1947

Theme: Seek ye Christ First.

Morning Session

- 10:15—Registration
 - 10:30—Congregational song
 - Devotions conducted by Mrs. Buck Shearon
 - Welcome address by Mrs. A. G. Bass
 - Response by Mrs. H. C. Bass
 - Remarks by the president, and appointment of committees
 - Roll call of societies
 - 11:15—Song
 - Convention message by Rev. Walter Williams
 - 12:00—Lunch hour
- ### Afternoon Session
- 1:30—Congregational singing
 - Devotions conducted by Mrs. Floyd Bunn

- Program by local church
 2:30—Orphanage report by Rev.
 James A. Evans
 —Business period
 —Report of finance and appor-
 tionment committees
 —Treasurer's report
 —Presentation of awards
 —Announcements
 —Memorial service conducted
 by Mrs. Bert Brantley
 3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. D. O. Wilder, President,
 Mrs. Worth Davis, Secretary

“PRODIGAL JIM”

“Jim, Jim—oh Jim—where have you been? Father and I have been up all night waiting for you.”

Jim, pale as a ghost, and trembling with emotion, had just stepped inside the door of the small home in a suburb of Detroit. It was 5 a. m.

“Mother, I’m going to have to leave home; I got drunk again last night, and I—I—did—something—terrible. If it is found out it will go hard with me. And mother, I’m going to have to leave and not even let you and father know where I am.”

Mother was weeping and greatly agitated. When she got a measure of control over herself, she said, “Why, oh, why, did you ever start in with that terrible drinking? We tried to bring you up in the Sunday School and church, but Jim;” and she could say no more for a few moments. “Oh, how I wish you had never started in with the drinking crowd.”

“There mother, now don’t worry about me: I’m no good anyhow. But it’s not your fault. But I must go at once.”

“But Jim, can’t you wait till father gets back? He went down to the police station to inquire if they had seen you or heard about you.”

Jim’s face got considerably paler. “How long has father been gone?”

“About 45 minutes, I guess.”

“I’ll have to go at once. Goodbye, mother dear. Perhaps I’ll see you again,” and he was off.

“Do leave that drink alone, and start reading—” but Jim was al-

ready out of sight, and so she didn’t finish the sentence.

Months passed, and not a word from Jim. Every morning and every evening both mother and father prayed, and prayed earnestly for their Jim. Months grew into years, and still no word from Jim.

“I heard this morning that Sam Hadley, of New York, is to speak at a noon meeting downtown today, Mary; I’d kinda like to hear him,” said Jim’s father one day to his wife.

“I would too; I’ve heard so much about him. Let’s go.”

Sam Hadley, converted drunkard, told what Christ had done for him. And Sam Hadley had a truly wonderful testimony. “You’ve often heard testimonies of folks telling how they found the Lord. I can’t tell anything like that,” said Sam. “I never found Him. I was not looking for Him. He just sought me when I was a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; rescued me from danger, interposed His precious blood.” Hearts were touched and souls were saved.

“Awful sorry, but I’m not well; I’d rather be excused.”

But mother saw a ray of hope, a possibility of interesting some one in her son, and she said, “But can’t we see you a little later, after you rest?” This meeting with Mr. Hadley was arranged.

When they met, Mr. and Mrs. Ackers told Sam the story of their wayward boy. “God saved you from drink, and He can save our boy. Mr. Hadley, won’t you pray for him?” asked mother.

“Indeed I will.”

“You may run across him when you go to the coast; he’s out there somewhere. I got a letter from an old friend of mine not long ago, and he told me he was sure he saw Jim in San Francisco. Mother and I have prayed for years for him. Let’s be definite, Mr. Hadley, and pray unitedly for him every morning at 9:00 o’clock, Detroit time.”

Mr. Hadley was deeply moved by the affection and earnestness of the parents. “Yes, I will, God willing, pray with you every morning at that hour.”

When Mr. Hadley reached the

coast, Dr. Wilbur Chapman was holding a great union evangelistic meeting in Oakland. One night he saw Sam Hadley sitting in the audience. The idea occurred to Dr. Chapman to hold a midnight meeting that night with Sam Hadley as speaker, the meeting to be held in one of the largest public buildings in the city, with the hope of reaching the class of people who had gone down deep in sin, with the Gospel. When the hour arrived, every seat in the great hall was taken. Dr. Chapman got up to make the announcement. Just then a man came on the platform from the rear; he stood to one side, behind one of the wings, but evidently he had difficulty hearing, for he tried to make his way up to the speaker, without being noticed.

When Mr. Hadley began to speak, Dr. Chapman, now seated, saw the man trying to hear. So he stepped over to him, and asked him to take the seat—the only one vacant in the house—that Sam Hadley, the speaker, had just got up from. The young man sat down.

Sam was at his best that night, and the saving grace of God was magnified. When the sermon was over, Dr. Chapman arose to address the crowd for a few minutes, and Hadley took the seat left by Chapman.

He edged his chair over to where the young man was, stuck out his hand and said, “My name is Sam Hadley.”

“I’m Jim Ackers,” was the response.

“Jim Ackers!” thought Sam to himself. “Why that’s the man we’ve been praying for! And here he is right by me.” “Glad to know you,” he said to Jim. He thought it would be better not to tell him of his acquaintance with his parents.

“How did you happen to come in the back way?”

“I heard about this service, and just thought I would come to hear how a drunkard got saved. I came, and couldn’t get in. Just my luck, I thought; when I do want to go to church, I can’t. But I went around back and got in. And you know the rest.” With that introduction it was easy to lead the young man to Christ.

Dr. Chapman was about to pro-

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

MY CHRISTIAN DUTY

As I travel along this pilgrim road
I want to lighten another's load.
It brings to my life more joy and
beauty,
And above all—it's my Christian
duty.

Often I meet with those in need
Of the Gospel on which their souls to
feed.
To my surprise they have never heard
The story, it's my duty to spread the
Word.

Then there are those who long for a
friend,
One who will keep them to the end,
It's my duty to tell them where to
find
Such a Friend, so loving and kind.

There are millions of tasks that have
to be done
Before I approach the setting sun,
That will add to my life more joy and
beauty
And give to God my Christian duty.

—Venie M. Carney

HELPING A CHILD FIND GOD

I helped a little child to see
That God had made a willow tree,
And he became more real to me.

I tried to lead a child through play
To grow more Christlike every day
And I myself became that way.

I joined a junior child in prayer,
And as we bowed in worship there
I felt anew God's living care.

Lord, keep us ever quick to see
By guiding children we find Thee.

—Author Not Known.

The Apostle Paul did not say that
he kept the body of sin under, but
his own body. There is a great dif-
ference between the "body of sin"
created by the Devil, and the human
body made by the Almighty.—Rev. B.
Carradine.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS DECISIONS

Some parents say: "We will not in-
fluence our children in making choices
and decisions in matters of religion."
Why not? The ads will! The press
will! The radio will! The movies
will! Their neighbors will! Their
politicians will! We use our influ-
ence over flowers, vegetables, cattle,
etc.; shall we ignore our children?—
The Baptist Standard, Dallas, Tex.

HELP WANTED!

"The Carpenter of Galilee
Comes down the street again,
In every land, in every age,
He still is building men;

On any day we hear his knock,
He goes from door to door.
'Are any workmen out of work?
The Carpenter needs more?"

—Hilda W. Smith

HISTORY MUST REPEAT ITSELF

Dr. Fosdick has well said, "This
present loose, tipsy, cocktail-party
generation cannot be the last word in
the story of alcoholism. As sure as
history repeats itself, a change of
public attitude is due, a revolt born
out of disgust with and fear of the
intolerable estate we are in."

The Apostle Paul said that he had
a "thorn in the flesh," but he did not
let that thorn get the best of him.
Most people have a "thorn in the
flesh," and the pity of it is too many
of them let it ruin them. For some
this thorn is the habitual use of pro-
fanity, for others, it is lustful plea-
sures, and for still others, it is the
greed of covetousness. The tragedy
is they do not try to curb this thorn
which is constantly impairing their
heart-life.—Rev. R. B. Spear.

There must be death unto sin be-
fore there is life unto holiness. We
must consent to be dead indeed unto
sin, before we can have the fulness
of the Holy Ghost.—Rev. L. E. Nice.

nounce the benediction, when Hadley
stepped up and asked permission to
say a few words more. Then he told
the remarkable story of the redemp-
tion of the wayward son, starting
with his conversation with the par-
ents in Detroit some time before.
The vast crowd was deeply moved.
Turning around, Hadley said, "Jim,
haven't you got a word for us?"

"Friends, tonight I'm saved,
through the grace of Christ. For
years I've lived a drunkard's miser-
able existence. I've been a fugitive
from the law. My past is dark and
sinful. But tonight, through the
prayers of mother and father,
through the prayers of this man, as
I have just learned, I have been led
here in a most unusual way, and I
have accepted Christ! My desire now
is to live wholly for Him, and right
the wrongs of the past, as far as I
can. Pray for me."

Imagine the joy in the little Ack-
ers' home that night, when they got
the telegram that Jim was saved!

—Christian Victory Magazine

—Selected by Mrs. R. C. Bell

A SPECIAL NEED

From land to land, from seas to sea,
We must send help to those in need.

It's not the need for health or wealth,
Or the material thing of life.

It is the knowledge of our Saviour,
The One who died for all.

So, let us pray a prayer more often,
And labor all we can.

To send the knowledge of our Sav-
iour
To those living in other lands.

Mrs. Felton Watson

From the beginning, God has de-
manded that His people should love
Him perfectly and entirely—that is,
with all the capacity of their being—
and that no rival affection should find
any place in their hearts.—Rev. S. B.
Shaw.

WILL AMERICA EVER TURN HEATHEN?

A few people will tell you that America is getting better, since we are advancing in education. I wonder if our children are not being educated away from God, instead of toward God.

Let us see what our forefathers did as compared to what people are doing today. I remember when I was a boy that our schools opened with prayer, at least some of them did. The courts of the land opened with prayer, and nearly all assemblies opened with prayer. The neighborhood would meet and have prayer meetings, and many folks would have family prayer before retiring to bed. Many people would say grace at the table before meals.

Of course, there are more people who are better educated now than there were in the early days, but are they better at heart? Are they dependable and as honest and truthful as most people were in the days of yore? I wonder if we are slipping back in heathendom? Well, Who is a heathen anyway? Webster says that he is one who does not believe in God. We are told that about eighty percent of the people of our nation scarcely ever go to church, and of course, a very small percent of those who do attend are honest-to-goodness Christians. Then too, a very large percent of the non-church goers pretend to be doubters of God's Word.

Did you readers know that there are some papers published in the United States that are expressive of the beliefs and opinions of infidels? Did you know that they have a broadcasting station in this country. Did you know also that the wild tribes of the Rocky Mountains object to the white people bringing into their midst so many vile habits which tend to lead the Indians from their morals? They say that their Indians will not lie to their own tribe members, nor steal from them.

Well, What about us white people? It has been said that the Indian has never broken a treaty with the white people. Well, Who broke them? Is their religion better than ours? Of course not. Who is wrong then?

That is something to think about, isn't it?

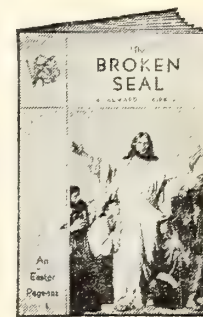
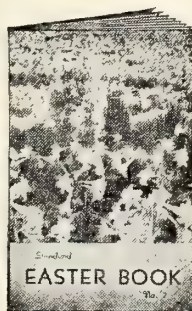
Do you think that there is a day of reckoning for America? Do you think that the greatest sin of the age is that the people have lost the sense of guilt? The great historian of our age, Mr. Wells of England, says that civilization has been crumbling for forty years. Are our people concern-

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A CORRECTION

In the issue of the Baptist paper for January 22, page four, under the message, "Stir Up the People," an error occurred. The writer's name is Elder Teddy J. Moody, instead of Elder Teddy J. Moore, as is shown under the subject of the message. We beg apology for this error.—Editor.

Easter Program Material



Standard Easter Book No. 2

A Program Book for Schools, Large or Small

Do you want a full-length Easter pageant? Suggestions for Easter music? Recitations? Short playlets, drills, exercises, acrostics? "Standard Easter Book No. 2" has 48 pages of such material including the pageant "The Broken Seal."

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An Easter Pageant by Edward T. Kirkley

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The characters are taken from the Scriptures and the scene represents Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, her sister, the wife of Cleopas,

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By Marie Graham

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The action, which is simple, but tremendously effective, is centered around the cross. Seven characters from varied conditions of life bring their troubles to the cross and find in the "seven last words of Christ" an adequate solution. The script and music reveal the intensity of each episode. For this reason the small congregation, where there may not be a profusion of dramatic talent, will find it as suitable as the large church. Price, each, 10c.; per dozen, \$1.00.

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By Mrs. Charles A. Mitchell

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JESUS AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

(Lesson for February 16)

Lesson: John 8:12-16, 31-36; 9:1-5.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Men recognize the essential nature of light, and the benefits derived from its presence. All artificial illumination, from the flaming torch of the savage to the search lights of armed civilization are a protest against darkness and an attempt to find escape from its threat and danger. If we have no pocket flashlight we use a match to guide our stumbling feet, and without light we would be helpless in the extreme. No man with money on his person walks down a dark alley, and most women traverse the more brightly-lighted streets when they venture abroad at night alone. Without the Bible and Christians in the world all would be puzzled and at a loss for knowledge and guidance. Without the Bible and Christians there is floundering and no certainty, no faith. The world and rebellious man and atheists cannot conceive the extent that the Bible and Christians are responsible for the refinement and culture and tender sympathies in the world. The little folks in a certain family were building a city on the floor, with blocks given as presents at Christmas time. The father observing, told the children to now make it a heathen city. Great astonishment filled the children as Father directed the various institutional buildings be removed. Beginning with the church, then the schools, hospitals, old folks' homes, county homes, orphanages, and many other shelters and retreats.

They wondered what would be left. So it is. All these benefits come as a result of Christians, because of Christ the Light of the world. One might mention also the inventions that come indirectly as a result of a good background. Years of good teaching, clean and Godly living tends to healthy, strong bodies, therefore clear minds and intellects. How many of the giants in industry and education are sons of ministers and leading church men. Are we using these God-given faculties for the purpose that God intended? And our physical strength also, and the spiritual light for His glory? Every man will be judged by the light within his reach.—Selected.

II Sentence Sermons

1. There is a close connection between life and light. He who has Christ has both (John 8:12).

2. The mere fact that Christ is the Light of the world has not removed the blindness of sin from the eyes of millions of men (vs. 13).

3. Since Christ is the Light we can accept His own testimony concerning Himself. The Light proves that it is true (vs. 14).

4. Light judges by laying bare the actual condition of the things upon which it falls. That is why men seek to keep away from Christ (vss. 15, 16).

5. The Light of God's Word reveals who are the true disciples of Christ, for they will walk in the Truth (vs. 31).

6. Light enables us to recognize the Truth, and it is only thus that we can be made spiritually free (vs. 32).

7. Those who have never seen the Light do not realize how sad their lot is over against those who are able to see (vss. 33, 34).

8. Real liberty in the spiritual sense does not come from a force, or a movement, but from a person, namely, the Son of God (vs. 36).

9. Spiritual blindness is with us from birth, and there is no way of healing but through Christ (9:1-3).

10. Christ is the Light of the World, but we are also the light of the world, for we are to reflect Him

to our fellow men (vs. 5; Matt. 5:14).

11. There are so many good things in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies that we can only ask you to study the lesson material they contain very carefully and prayerfully.

12. We feel sure that the Master can use **The Banner** to bring **Light** to many young lives. Advertise it.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Lives Can Give Out Light

Each one of us is our brother's keeper. By our example, we either hinder or help others. Cain asked the question, "Am I my brother's keeper"? The Bible gives the answer to this question, "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself" (Rom. 14:7). A little girl asked her mother, "Mother, are you a Christian?" The mother replied, "No, darling, but why do you wish to know?" The little girl replied, "Well, Mother, if you are not a Christian, I don't want to be one either!" In writing to the young man Timothy, Paul said, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:12). Are you setting a good example? You have no right to do anything which would cause another to stumble or fall. The Bible says, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor **any thing** whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak" (Rom. 14:21). A boy was very sick, even unto death. "Daddy," he said, "is God as nice as you?" After a silence, during which the father's throat was too full of sobs to answer, the little fellow said, "Then, Daddy, I am going; I am not afraid!" The daddy had lived a beautiful Christian life before his boy.

"We are living a Gospel,

A chapter each day,
By deeds that we do,

By words that we say.
Men read what we live,

Whether faithless or true,
Say! What is the Gospel
According to **You**?"



Youth Training for Service - -

EAST NASHVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE RE-ORGANIZES

The F. W. B. L.'s of East Nashville (Tenn.), Free Will Baptist Church were recently re-organized with the following general officers: Director, Elmo Simpson; Assistant Director, Jack Parsons; Secretary, Mrs. Clarence Bowen; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Elmo Simpson; Pianist, Miss Loyce Marshall; Assistant Pianist, James Benny Smith.

We have three leagues: the Adult, the Young People, and the Junior. Mrs. Marvin Lance is president of the Adult League; the Rev. Clarence Bowen is sponsor of the Young People's League; and Mrs. J. B. Smith is Superintendent of the Junior League.

We are steadily growing in membership and are looking forward to many worthwhile achievements during the spring months.

Clarence Bowen, Pastor.

Teaching **TITHING** IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Charles Elmo Robinson

(Condensed from The S. S. Counsellor)

Should tithing be taught? It should. Everything that mature saints ought to do, should be painstakingly instilled into the mind of the child. The Sunday School is the place appointed by the church in which children accept Jesus as their Lord, and where, from then on they are trained to walk in newness of life, going on to perfection. Christian stewardship, which calls for tithe paying and offerings giving, is vastly important as a lifetime practice, but it is so directly contrary to natural impulses that it should be faithfully taught from the earliest Sunday School lesson straight through to the latest one.

Why? There is just one thing mentioned in the Bible as a thing which one can do that will cause God to love him in a special way. "God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7. Praying much; living blamelessly, being a great lover of men, being a great soul-winner, may make God love a man in a special way; but the Bible fails to say so. It is happy-hearted liberality that brings the glad smile to the face of Jesus, and makes God love him especially.

Paying tithes is God's announced plan for getting the money together that makes it possible for a church to carry on the

work of saving souls. So paying tithes is helping to win souls for Jesus.

How? It should not be taught as a duty or as a hard thing that must be done to please God. It should be taught as an act which is making love to God. Say to the children, "If you want God to love you, you in particular, bring in your tithes, and what more you can for offerings. It will make God smile at you and love you especially if He sees you do it happily because you love to please Him."

It should be taught as the way God has pointed out for men and women to succeed in life. True stories showing how God comes in and blesses the man or woman who lovingly and happily and regularly pays his tithes and brings in his offerings, can be found in large numbers.

Talks with Superintendents

DUTIES OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

In former years the Superintendent was thought of only as the presiding officer, or leader, of the Sunday school in its meetings. In many cases the superintendent led a song, called for a prayer, perhaps conducted the reading of the scripture lesson responsively as opening exercises, then considered his duty done until time to "tap the bell" or otherwise call the classes back together for a short closing exercise. With the development of the Sunday school idea, however, the superintendent's duties have become many more. Some of the more important duties of the superintendent of a modern, progressive Sunday school may be noted as follows:

1. To direct the formulation of an adequate religious education program for the church and secure its adoption.
2. To enlist workers and provide for their training.
3. To counsel with the pastor and, together with the pastor, co-ordinate the educational activities with other parts of the general church program.
4. To keep his organization and materials up-to-date.
5. To see that the building and equipment are kept in order.
6. To check the results of his plans and policies.
7. To conduct suitable worship services in connection with the Sunday school, and see that proper discipline is carried out.
8. To hold conferences with his teachers and workers.

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THE FIRST SNOWFALL

The snow had begun in the gloaming,
And busily all the night
Had been heaping field and highway
With a silence deep and white.

Every pine and fir and hemlock
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,
And the poorest twig on the elm tree
Was ridged inch-deep with pearl.

From sheds new-roofed with Carrara
Came Chanticleer's muffled crow;
The stiff rails were softened to
swan's-down,
And still fluttered down the snow.

I stood and watched by the window
The noiseless work of the sky,
And the sudden flurries of snowbirds,
Like brown leaves whirling by.

I thought of a mound in sweet Auburn
Where a little headstone stood;
How the flakes were folding in gently
As did robins the babes in the wood.

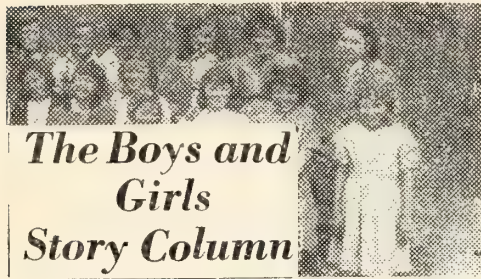
Up spoke our own little Mabel,
Saying, "Father, who makes it
snow?"
And I told of the good All-father
Who cares for us here below.

Again I looked at the snowfall,
And thought of the leaden sky
That arched o'er our first great sorrow,
When the mound was heaped so high.

I remembered the gradual patience
That fell from that cloud like snow,
Flake by flake, healing and hiding
The scar that renewed our woe.

And again to the child I whispered,
"The snow that husheth all,
Darling, the merciful Father
Alone can make it fall."

Then, with eyes that saw not, I kissed her
And she, kissing back, could not know
That my kiss was given to her sister,
Folded close under deepening snow.
—James Russell Lowell



The Boys and Girls Story Column

COUSIN WILLIAM'S WAY

Hilda Richmond

"Why in the world can't you be as nice as Cousin William?" inquired Betty with a frown when her brother rudely told her that he would not take her along on the nutting trip.

"I'm not a young man nor a college student," said Jack shortly.

"You'll be both some day if you live long enough," retorted Betty, "and you'd better be learning how right now. Everybody likes Cousin William."

"Time enough!" said Jack, sorting out old baskets and sacks. "By the way," he added suddenly, "why don't you try to copy Cousin William's manners if you think he is so wonderful?"

"Girls don't copy boys," said Betty.

"Well, it wouldn't do any harm for you to be polite too, Betty. You are always telling me this and that since Cousin William came, and you might learn some things yourself."

As Betty thought it over she felt that she might have persuaded Jack to take the girls on the nutting trip, if she had asked politely, but instead she had told him that it was not fair to leave them at home and had reminded him of the many times the girls had asked the boys.

"Oh, dear! now my chance is gone," she said. "They will have such a good time cooking their dinner in the woods and all that. I wish I had been more polite."

As she talked it over with Adele and Alma they tried to think of some plan to coax the boys to take them along as the season for nuts would

soon be open. "Cousin William, tell your secret to us," called the girls as their tall relative came into the library for a book. "How do you make folks like you?"

"It's a very old rule that Jesus gave while on earth," said the college student. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And then he added, "It isn't my way, but the Jesus way, as the missionaries tell us the poor people in their schools and hospitals say when they learn about the Saviour."

"Well, it is too late now to go to the woods, but it is not too late to try Cousin William's way. Let's get to work and have something extra nice when the boys come from the woods. They have taken us lots of times so perhaps they wanted to go alone to-day."

It was rather hard to take their pocket money to buy fruit and little cakes and sandwiches for boys who had not wanted them along, but the girls determined to try that way once. The things looked very nice as they arranged them on the dining table. And just then the telephone rang and a voice at the other end of the line said that Mrs. Peters was coming to take the girls to the woods.

"It seems that Jack and Clay and the other boys felt badly at leaving you girls at home," said Mrs. Peters, "So they telephoned from a farm house that you are to come. The nuts are thick on the ground, they said, so take big baskets and bags and I will call for you in twenty minutes."

So the whole matter ended happily and the girls had a share of the good things they had prepared for the boys. It was great fun eating out under the trees and measuring the brown nuts, but greater pleasure to think that no one was angry or disappointed or unhappy.

"And I think things are going to be better all around after this," said Clay. "We've talked it all over and we think Cousin William's way is a good one to copy."—Youth's Evangelist.

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Dear Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents:

As you know, the last of January is the time for the March of Dimes drive for Infantile Paralysis. This is a worthy fund for it has meant so much to boys and girls here in North Carolina who have been attacked by the dreaded disease. There is a great need for more study and research to find a preventive so children can be protected against it. It would be helpful if you would mention this Drive in your Sunday School or Church and urge the people to contribute.

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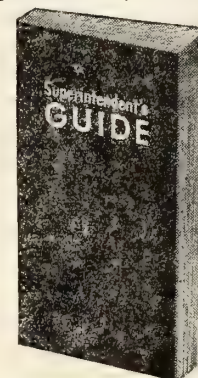
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ed about this matter? Surely they are. Two of the main factors of any people are churches and public schools, and the church is the mother of the schools, and is therefore the greater of the two.

If we believe in civilization, then people should be more concerned about the churches. They are the promoters of civilization more than anything else we can have. Is it not time for the American people to wake up to the fact that the church is the greater of the two institutions? Listen, "They that sow to the wind shall reap the whirl wind." David said, "The nation that forgets God shall be turned into hell."

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Once upon a time James Russell Lowell penned a single paragraph which should occasionally be read by those who do not attend any church, who give nothing to religious causes and who, nevertheless, enjoy the benefits of Christian civilization. Lowell's paragraph runs as follows:

"When the microscopic search of skepticism, which has hunted the heavens and sounded the seas to disprove the existence of a Creator, has turned its attention to human society and has found a place on this planet, ten miles square, where a decent man can live in decency, and security, supporting and educating his children unspoiled and unpolluted; a place where age is revered, womanhood defended, and human life held in due regard; when skepticism can find a place ten miles square on the globe where the gospel of Christ has gone and cleared the way and laid the foundations and made decency and security possible, it will then be in order for the skeptical literati to move thither and ventilate their views. But so long as these very men are dependent upon the religion they discard for every privilege they enjoy they may

well hesitate before they seek to rob the Christian of his hope and humanity of its Saviour."

Will some one please copy and paste in the office of every business executive who in some way draws his wealth out of the resources of God's

good earth; and then paste it on the bulletin board of every university where there are skeptical literati and let them either deny it or affirm its truth. If they affirm it, the next thing should be that they mend their ways.—The Alabama Baptist.

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Whereas, in the Wisdom of Him who is too wise to make a mistake and whose infinite goodness permits no unkind deed, has removed from us two of our most beloved members and two of our oldest, in the passing of our beloved and faithful sisters, Lillie Smith and Annie Evans, both of whom have been members of our church for near half a century, we realize we have lost two of our best women.

The hand of affliction was laid heavily on them for several months before the Great King whispered "It's enough" and bid them come higher. During it all He who tempers the storm for the tender lambs, suffered not one trial too many and saw to it "as their days were so should their strength be."

Their lives were an inspiration to all; for in the task assigned them they were faithful in performing it and though the storms of trouble raged around both of them, theirs were a perfect submission as the Master had taught in lone Gethsemane when He said "not my will but Thine be done."

Therefore be it resolved that we, the members of Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, accept in meekness the dispensation of a Kind Providence for "He has given and taken away, blessed be His name forever."

By the Committee,

Rev. D. A. Windham,

Mrs. Herman Nobles

GRAVES. On December 19, 1946, the dear Lord called Lewis Lee Graves, to his home above. He left on that fatal day to do some Christmas shopping. He met his tragic death on the highway between Snow Hill and Kinston. He was killed instantly when someone struck his car causing it to overturn. His young wife was with him but miraculously escaped injury.

Lee, as all of his friends knew him, had been home from overseas only three months and been married since October 26th of this year. He was very young, having just celebrated his twenty-second birthday on December 7th.

He had been attending church regularly since his return home. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Grimsley, near Snow Hill, N. C.

We miss his sunny smile, his helpfulness, and just his being around, but we try to think of him as only being away for we know we will see him in the great beyond.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Hardy Graves, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Graves, two sisters, Nannie of Kinston, and Shirley of the home, three brothers, Willie, George, and Pee Wee of the home.

Mrs. Roy L. Graves,
Miss Nannie Graves,
Mrs. Lewis Lee Graves

BUCK. Ella Russell Buck, wife of James T. Buck, departed this life on August 29, 1947. She was a member of Union Chapel F. W. B. Church. She was born on November 11, 1916, making her stay on earth 29 years, 9 months and 18 days. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, three boys, William Edward, James Arlie and Dalton Ray, and two girls, Shirley Gray and Lula Olivia.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Clinton Lupton, and her body was laid to rest in the Buck cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

Flowers may wither and decay,
But the memory we have will never
fade away.

—Written by Mrs. Walter Buck.

REPORT OF ALBEMARLE LEAGUE UNION

This union of the Albemarle League met with the church at Corinth, on December 28, 1946. The meeting was opened by the young people singing hymn, "Onward Christian Leaguers," and prayer was offered by Rev. M. C. Roscholer.

We were glad to have had the following ministers present for this league union: W. A. Hales, A. L. Reynolds, J. A. Alexander and M. C. Roscholer. The president made some interesting remarks for the good of the union, after which he led the congregation in singing another hymn, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." A poem was read by Joe Ange, entitled "A Little Talk with Jesus." We were then favored with a duet by Rev. A. L. Reynolds and Miss Alethia Etheridge, entitled "Follow Me." Mr. Hales talked then of Miss Alethia Etheridge's willingness to go to the foreign mission field. Prayer was offered in her behalf by Mr. Hales.

Mr. J. A. Alexander made a talk concerning the league work in the Fairmont Park Church of Norfolk, Virginia. Following this talk, Miss Alethia Etheridge gave an interest-

ing talk on the subject, "A Forward March for 1947." She read her scripture from the sixth chapter of Ephesians. Joe Ange also made a talk, reading his scripture from the third and fourth chapters of Philipians.

Following these talks, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Then the list of leagues was called, and the following responded:

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We were very glad that Young People's Leagues have been organized at Malachi's Chapel. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Then the following officers were elected for the year 1947:

President, Joe Ange; vice-president, Alice Webster; secretary, Alethia Etheridge; treasurer, Alice Webster; program committee, Mr. Hales, Miss Ella Willoughby, and Miss Voliva, Digest Committee.

The Duffy Toler Junior League of Free Union Church won the banner, and the W. A. Hales Adult League of Sound Side Church, and the willing workers, Senior League of Fairmont Park won honorable mention. The meeting closed to meet with Free Union Church in Beaufort County on Saturday night, March 29, 1947.

(Miss) Alice Webster, Secy.

Joe Ange, President,

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Away, my needless fears,
And doubts no longer mine;
A ray of heavenly light appears,
A messenger divine.

Thrice comfortable hope,
That calms my troubled breast;
My Father's hand prepares the cup
And what he wills is best.

If what I wish is good,
And suits the will divine,
By earth and hell in vain withstood,
I know it shall be mine.

Still let them counsel take
To frustrate his decree;
They cannot keep a blessing back,
By heaven designed for me.

Here, then, I doubt no more;
But in his pleasure rest
Whose wisdom, love, and truth, and power,
Engage to make me blest.

—Charles Wesley.

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"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"—Luke 2:49b.

Secular history reveals the fact that Alexander the Great, conqueror of the ancient world, died at the age of thirty-three sighing for other worlds that he might conquer. He was ambitious of subduing other peoples and taking possession of their lands. His was a selfish and greedy aim, caring not for the rights and privileges of other races, but ready and willing to shed blood and devastate the possessions of other people for his own lust and pleasure.

Jesus the Saviour of men, upon approaching his death at the age of thirty-three, said, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." He came not to kill, destroy and disturb the towns and cities of the nations of the earth but to bring peace and joy. His ambition was to bring consolation to human hearts, not war, carnage and devastation, as was true of Alexander the Great, but to do away with war, hatred, strife and all manner of vile wickedness. His followers do not have to sigh for other worlds to conquer, for the spirit of Christ dwelling in their hearts will help them to overcome the world.

There are other worlds to be conquered: the "world of sin" in the human heart is to be conquered, if the life is to be made right with God. Christ and the Holy Spirit will help the penitent individual to overcome this evil world in his heart. There is the "world of class hatred" to be overcome. Education and good morals will not suffice to cause this world to be overcome. Here again, Christ and the Holy Spirit will break down the dividing line of "class hatred," if the jealous-minded people will yield to the divine teachings set before them. There is the "world of racial pride" which is to be overcome, because there are some races that feel they are superior to other races. Christianity is the best remedy, when properly applied to the hearts of men, that will do the greater part in making all nations to become brethren in peace and righteousness. There is the "world of opportunity" for everyone to do his part in achieving success in this life. Whatever it may be, each individual is to overcome his obstacles by making use of his opportunities, and conquering the difficulties in his way.

Christ had a mission to perform, he had a work to do, and he fulfilled the task that God sent him into the world to accomplish. He will help us to perform our legitimate and honorable tasks and guide us into the way of peace and happiness if we will take him as our Commander. He will help each one of us to overcome these worlds of class hatred, racial pride, sin and direct us in the world of opportunity if we will seek his leadership, and use our powers to become just what he would have us to achieve in life.

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"I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven"—Matt. 16:19a.

Those who carry keys are stewards, who are respon-

sible for the safe keeping of treasures. When the Lord Jesus said unto the Apostle Peter, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven," he did not mean that Peter was to be the keeper of the gates of heaven. Christ rather made Peter a steward of the gospel of the kingdom of God on earth. Thus, Simon Peter was to use these keys as he offered the gospel of Christ to the people wherever he went to preach the way of eternal life.

It is plainly shown that Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, used these keys to turn the lost to Christ. As a result, the Holy Spirit came upon the people and three thousand souls were added to the church for the glory of God. The Apostle Peter used these keys later in the house of Cornelius, as he preached Christ and the way of salvation, saying, "God is no respecter of persons." The gospel is for the Jew and the Gentile, and Peter plainly demonstrated this fact in his winning Cornelius and his household to the Christian way of life.

The Apostle Paul, Barnabas, Timothy and others used these keys of the kingdom as they went from place to place, preaching the gospel and winning both Jew and Gentile to Christ. Since their day, many of God's ministering servants have gone forth with the gospel truth, preaching and drawing men unto Jesus. They have used these keys of the kingdom of heaven to unlock the mysteries of eternal life to people lost in sin and doomed to eternal perdition.

What a wonderful thing it is? no longer should any race, nation or clan of people be left in darkness and beyond the reach of the gospel of Christ. It is free for all. But these keys are to be ever used by faithful stewards of Christ, as they seek to unlock the hidden mysteries of God unto those who are in darkness and are standing seriously in need of the Christian light of life. All true messengers of Christ Jesus are stewards of these keys of the kingdom of heaven, and it is their duty to wisely use these keys that human hearts may be unlocked from the shackles of sin and from the darkness of despair.

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"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus"—Phil. 2:5.

Paul was exhorting the Philippian brethren in this verse of scripture to be kind and agreeable, one with another. He was urging them to Christian brotherliness, to be good church members and peace-loving citizens in their community.

For them to have the mind of Christ, involved emptying themselves of self, and taking on a deeper allegiance and relationship to Christ. They were to set about the experiencing new relationship toward one another. It meant the adopting a new standard of living, new conception of life and what life should mean to them.

For us to be one with Christ, we are to seek his guidance, walk daily in his footsteps, and then we are to work in his vineyard, "both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

God's Way

God's will and way for mankind is the right way, though man often errs from that way and is punished.

Because Jacob coveted the blessing which belonged to Esau, sin entered his heart and a misdeed was performed against Esau. Jacob had by false means received the blessing, but no sooner than it was promised to him by his Father Isaac, he had to flee from home for his own life.

While at Bethel, on his way to Haran, he had a vision of the Lord. Thereupon, he made a vow, "of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee" (Gen. 28:22b). Jacob knew that he had robbed his brother, and he wanted to make a pledge to God for his future days. A tenth of what God might see fit to give to him during the days that he should live he promised to give to the Lord. This was in accordance with what the Old Testament scriptures teach concerning what belongs to God, irrespective to free-will offerings made unto the Lord by his chosen people.

God caused Jacob to prosper during the years which followed. He is one of the great patriarchs of the Old Testament who has left a wonderful story for all time to come.

Around two hundred years following Jacob's vow unto the Lord at Bethel, Moses declared God's word unto the Levites what part of the increase of the land belonged to the Father. He said, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27:30). The tenth not only belonged to God, but also it was holy, for he had given the increase to his people Israel. It was for his religious work which had to be performed for the spiritual blessings of the Hebrew children. The priesthood had to be supported, and God had the plan for this support, in addition to all free-will offerings which the people were to make to the support of the religious life of the nation.

Moreover, Moses made known to the Israelites from the divine law God's holy will concerning the tenth of the people: "And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service of the tabernacle of the congregation" (Num. 18:21). Here is proof that God meant for his religious services to be supported with the tenth from the land. While others labored in the land to make their living, the Levites were in charge of the religious affairs of the nation, and thus must be cared for from the tenth of the land. God's way was the right way.

The Hebrew people were to lay in store God's tithe for future purposes. Note, "At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within the gates" (Deut. 14:28). This was to care for future needs of God's work in Israel. It was a plan by which the store could be drawn from when the ordinary supplies had run low. When church budgets or treasuries are full, the work can go on in a good way. But when they are running low, then need becomes great. God saw to it that the Israelites should lay by in store the tithe for ample use in the future. Hard years might come and the tithe be not enough to carry on the work in good way. Poor church support means bad church years, and poor incomes of the church people mean smaller tithes, therefore let them lay by in store in full during the years of much money, so that the tithe will be large and the church treasuries be amply able to care for the church needs during the lean years, for they are just ahead of us. Yes, lean years will come, as they came in the past.

God knew that his people could have more to live upon, after they had given to him his tenth, than they would have had if they had not known anything about his tithing plan. He gave them an increase far above the tithe, than they would have made, had they not been re-

quired to pay the tithe. Instead of taking away from them, he added to their blessings. God's way is the right way.

The children of Israel did not hesitate to give the tithe. Read this: "And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine and oil, and honey and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly" (II Chron. 31:5). People should bring into the church the tithe, the free-will offering, and lay them upon God's altar for the support of the work of the church and the spreading of the gospel everywhere.

The patriarch Abraham gave a tenth to Melchisedec; thus he recognized God's way was the best way to support the cause of righteousness in the world. Melchisedec did not need the tithe for himself, nor did Abraham need ten tenths of his spoils which he had gathered from "the slaughter of the kings." Melchisedec was the "priest of the most high God," and God could use Abraham's tithe of the spoils for a very good purpose among the priesthood. People who have more than they need, coming from great possessions, can do a great deed by paying their tithe to the Lord, and let him use it for his own glory.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews says, "The patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham" (Heb. 7:5, 6). Here we see how the law provided that the Levites, that is, the priesthood, had the right to take tithes of the people of Israel. Christ gave no law for the ministry to take tithes by command from the church people, but he did say to the Pharisees that they should not have left undone the weightier things, as "judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought you to have done, and not leave the other undone" (Matt. 23:23b). He rebuked them

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severely for stressing the one and leaving the other undone. They were strict observers of paying "the tithe of mint and anise and cumin," and thought that they were doing well, but Jesus pointed out the fact that they needed to observe the weightier things of the law. He called them blind guides, "which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel."

We wonder sometimes if we do not need rebuking for the way we do things. Some of our ways in the church doubtless are not pleasing to God, for we do try to overdo some things and leave undone others that we should do for the best advantage of the cause of Christ. Here again, we think God's way is the best way. Our tithes and offerings of our increase belong to God and he will bless us if we will be consistent tithers of all that the Lord has given to us.

The Apostle Paul told the Corinthian brethren how they should give to the Lord, in these words: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16: 2). Here is a plan for weekly support of the church and its causes. Paul knew that a systematic, weekly offering to the church would be the right thing for the Corinthian brethren to do, so that they would have in the treasury sufficient funds to meet the church needs when he should return to see them. Certainly, in this age the church needs funds all the while to be able to carry on its work, and to spread the gospel in the foreign lands, just as the Corinthian church needed funds to enable it to do the necessary work in spreading the gospel among the people living in that country. They were supposed to help, Paul and his co-laborers in the gospel as they carried the gospel of Christ to other places.

Regular and systematic giving to the church through the tithe and free-will offerings weekly by the whole church people will adequately meet the needs of the church, and will at the same time build up sufficient funds to take care of future needs of the church.—R. B. S.

In previous lectures, having considered the assaults of the atheist, infidel and skeptic, we come now to deal with modernism — perhaps the greatest enemy to the teaching of God's Word.

We are dealing now with men whom I firmly believe the Master had in mind when He spoke of false prophets, who wore sheep's clothing, but inwardly were ravening wolves; and Paul, when he spoke of teachers having itching ears. Here is a class of men, some in the sacred pulpits and others in class rooms, of presumed to be, Christian Colleges and theological schools. But among all the men who advocated modernism, I am to see my first one who had a real case of the Old St. Paul Religion, who was dead and whose life was hid with Christ in God.

They claim to believe in the Bible or rather in part of it and deny all the miracles. Here we can only look at just a few passages they try to explain away all the meaning from. To examine all of these would require the rest of my life and would be like writing a commentary on a good portion of the Bible.

Their most terrific assault is against the Virgin Birth of Christ, already discussed when we were on the doctrine of Theism. (See that lecture.)

Then they attack the doctrine of Creation, already discussed in part, but which we will now consider more in detail. They claim the Creation was spontaneous not instantaneous, and that the days of creation were vast periods of time, a thousand years or even more and not a twenty four hour day as most of us understand.

They quote scriptures, as they think, to prove it, but they are only abstract verses lifted out of their position and when correctly understood, prove nothing whatsoever.

Let us follow their method of reasoning just a little and see where it leads. Now, the first five books of

the Bible were written by the same Author and if He meant long periods of time, one thousand years at least, in the account of Creation, when and where did He resort to another method? Since they can't draw the line He must have followed it throughout the Pentateuch.

By this method of reasoning, Abraham would not be returned from his journey in the wilderness to offer Isaac, and the Paschal Lambs would not yet be slain. Moses would have many thousand years still to fast in the wilderness and the children of Israel would still be journeying to the promised land.

We might go on, but this is enough to make us want to bow our heads and pray heaven pity a fool.

A greater part of the modernistic views portray a pathetic lack of information and unbiased investigation. If these, holding such views, would prayerfully look for all the facts and take time to investigate, they would see the inconsistency in what they advocate.

Again, they claim that no such catastrophe as a flood ever happened literally. That is, all that is said concerning the flood is just a parable like the Prodigal Son or the Good Samaritan.

If they would only notice the style of the language, it would be enough to settle that point. But, if they know that in Ancient Chaldea, there have been discovered among the ruins evidence and relics showing that such a catastrophe really did happen and, further more, Christ refers to it and if it is a parable, it is the only one He makes reference to and there are many in the Old Testament. They claim that enough water to have covered all the earth would have been fatal to the Solar System. In reply, the Bible says "the foundations of the great deep were broken up" and an upheaval of the ocean beds as here stated would have been sufficient to inundate even the highest mountain. Here they have absolutely no argument.

And again, they claim that the amount of gold used in the construction of Solomon's Temple is an exaggeration; that no nation has ever had that much gold. This is saying

mildly that the statement of the Sacred historian is a falsehood; and thereby showing an appalling lack of information. If they would earnestly seek the truth, they would know that in the Bible, we have mention made of Gold, Pure Gold and Fine Gold. Gold means the ore in its un-mixed state; pure gold means the metal with some part alloy and fine gold is the metal in which a considerable portion of the alloy has been removed. Let us notice more particularly. To cover the interior of that temple with XX Gold Leaf at today's prices, the gold would cost less than five thousand dollars. And to make the vessels that were made of gold, unless they were very large and thick would not take any fabulous amount. Here again their contentions go to pieces.

They claim the Book of Jonah is only a myth and it is only a parable, and not a statement of fact. That a whale cannot swallow a man. But there is a specie of whales that can swallow a man. But that goes up in a bubble, when we read that "God prepared a great fish" to swallow him. I believe that God, if He saw fit, could make a fish big enough to swallow this world and then make a sea large enough for him to swim in. It is absurd to think Christ would refer to Jonah as He did if the Book of Jonah was not a statement of fact. I cannot make mention of all they claim, respecting Jonah, but it all sounds like idle talk.

They even try to discredit much of the New Testament and particularly the miracles of our Lord. They see contradictions and inconsistencies in the plain statements of the Evangelists. But the contradictions and inconsistencies are only in their heads and not one in the Sacred Volume. Only a few of them and my message will be with you.

In the healing of the blind man at Jericho, they give contradictions as follows: The Evangelists, they claim, are not agreed. One states He healed him as He was leaving Jericho and one says it was as He was entering Jericho. One says there was one, another says there were two. Can't they be honest enough to admit that there were two, but one only men-

tions the one who did the speaking without mentioning the other. And if they would search farther, they would learn that there were two places called Jericho; one the Jericho in the days of Joshua, mostly in ruins; and the other Jericho as it was in the days of Christ and the miracle was performed between the two; as He was leaving one and as He was entering the other.

Therefore, the only contradiction here is in the heads of those who rush to conclusions without looking for facts.

They see conflicting testimonies among the Evangelists respecting the hour of the Crucifixion of our Lord. They claim either the Synoptists or St. John were mistaken. The Synoptists say the darkness started at the sixth and lasted until the ninth hour; while St. John states that His trial was in progress at the sixth hour, some time before the Crucifixion. Here is no conflict in testimony. They are all correct. The Synoptists wrote before the destruction of Jerusalem and went by Jewish time, which started about six in the morning while St. John wrote after Jerusalem was destroyed and went by Roman time, the same as ours. Therefore, the sixth hour of Matthew, Mark and Luke was the same as the twelfth hour of St. John. So here again is perfect agreement.

They see also in the words of Christ "As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." By carefully studying the scriptures, they would see that no conflict is present. As this will be discussed in a later lecture and our time is out, I will only say this. Three days and three nights can be accounted for, even if Christ was crucified on Friday and arose from the dead on Sunday morning. We will clear this passage of scripture as we have been requested to give more fully the facts concerning the changing of the day of devotion from the seventh to the first day of the week and Easter, which will be the closing of our Easter Service at King's Cross Roads.

There are many more passages

that the modernist tries to becloud the meaning but these are some of the main ones and every one can be defended. Not one of their interpretations will stand the test of a common sense investigation.

In conclusion, I beg you to cling to the fundamental teaching of His Word for if God did not say what He meant, who can draw the line?

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Tithe of Our Income

A Dear Sister writes: "Brother Griffin, I will be glad if you will write in Notes and Quotes, something about 'tithes and offerings,'" and she went on to say, "I have never heard it preached very much," etc.

It is a fact, a great number of our ministers have failed to preach the whole truth to the people, not because of unbelief, but because so many of us take it for granted that people would support the work of the church and the denomination, if we could only get them saved from the guilt of sin; that would be enough. Well, salvation is the big thing, but a saved person can fail in many things for the lack being trained or taught the fundamentals regarding the life and character of a truly saved person.

Tithing In Our Treatise

"Both the Old and New Testament Scriptures teach tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work"—Treatise.

"And he gave him tithes of all" (Gen. 14:20). . . , and all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee" (Gen. 28:22). "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year" (Deut. 14:22). "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2). "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But he say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:8-10). "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ye ought to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matt. 23:23).

We learn that it is an obligation unto God. If we fail we are "cursed with a curse" (Mal. 3:9).

We learn that tithing is not the greatest thing, judgment faith, etc. are bigger things, but Christ said, "Ye ought to tithe," or it should not be left off.

Articles of Faith

TITHING—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2).

The National Association of Free Will Baptists has agreed that we believe that "tithing is God's plan for His church." Therefore it is a part of our faith, not because it is in the Treatise and Articles of faith, but because it is in the Bible. God has said for us to do it. Some Free Will Baptist people will continue to believe it and practice it, because they want to be true to God and to His word.

A Tract from Layman

One of the best tracts that we have been able to find on tithing is entitled "IF WE WANT HIS BLESSINGS . . . WE OUGHT TO ACCEPT HIS PLAN." There is a great lesson in the tract. I am copying it. These tracts can be secured from the Layman Tithing Foundation, S. S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Ill. Here is the Tract.

If We Want His Blessings . . . We Ought to Accept His Plan

There are five steps on which folks stop in their financial relation to God. They are:

The Tip Step—They give God a dime as they do the girl that checks their hat. They may even give a quarter, and equal their gratuity to the porter or waiter at their club. Surely God is not pleased by such ungratefulness for His blessings.

The Amusement Step—These folks give when, or if, they attend church. It is on the same level as their patronage of the theatre or baseball park. Others may support the church fifty-two weeks a year. They pay only when they go, or as a government official once put on his pledge card, "\$5. per week, when I come." Can we hope for God's blessings on such giving?

The Promise Step—It is a well known fact that many pledge that which they never even try to pay. They impress the church Canvassers with their false "generosity" and do not hesitate to let others know how much "we pledge." What God thinks of this is found in the story of Ananias and Sapphiro who made a pledge, had the money to pay it and then held out on God. They were accused of lying to the Holy Spirit, and their punishment was death. False promises do not merit His blessing.

The Tithe Step—Some believe the law of the tithe to be God's plan for all time and therefore binding on Christians. Honesty requires them to pay it. Others accept it as a fair and reasonable plan for recognizing His ownership and their stewardship. But whether we consider it an obligation or a privilege, surely we ought not to do less as Christians than was required by the law. At any rate, God's challenge has never been recalled, "prove me . . . and see if I will not pour out a blessing."

The Tithe and Offerings Step—The tithe of old was the measure of honesty, but the offerings the evidence of love. God, speaking through Malachi, said, "Ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." The tithe places rich and poor on the same plane. The offerings above the tithe enables the one of large means to show his true appreciation of his

greater blessings. May it not be that God is saying to you today as was said to one of old who was occupying a lower place than he should have been, "**Friend, go up higher.**"

The above tract is very beautifully illustrated with a picture of a church building with steps with a couple of persons in the act of entering with topics on the steps showing Five Steps in giving to God.

Our Thanks

The first of January I wrote a note of THANKS in which we extended our HEART-FELT gratitude to our many friends who remembered us with Christmas and the New Year's cards, together with other gifts, but by some means it has mis-carried and at this writing (Jan. 29) we know nothing of it. But it was in our heart to thank every one, even though we did not get it across. May God bless every one who thought of us. We received about three hundred cards and several gifts. It is impossible to send every one A THANK YOU CARD, so this is our best. May God bless every one.

Let Us Pray

Recently I received a letter from a troubled soul. This dear one was and is troubled because of sin in her family. She said "Pray for me." It was a pitiful petition. So when you read this note. If you really believe in prayer, pray for a Dear Troubled Soul. God will know who, that is enough.

A FRIENDLY SMILE!

"I had a friendly smile,
I gave that smile away;
The milkman and the postman
Seemed glad of it each day.

I took it to the shop,
I had it in the street;
I gave it without thinking
To all I chanced to meet.

I gave my smile away
As thoughtless as could be;
And every time I gave it,
My smile came back to me."

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LYRIC RELIGION

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(Note: The following article is supplementary material for the 1947 Year Book of Programs for Woman's Auxiliary Societies. It has been prepared by Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, Instructor of Music in our Free Will Baptist Bible College. We appreciate this good work of Mrs. Sawyer. I want to recommend that our women clip this article from our church paper and place it in your Year Book. This contains vital information which will be of interest to your study of the programs throughout this year.—Marie Hyatt, First Vice-President of W. N. A. C.)

In two of his letters the Apostle Paul recommends the ministry of singing to his fellow Christians. It is not the sort of counsel, perhaps, we should expect from this sturdy and intellectual apostle. We scarcely imagine the gift of song as part of our conception of his marvelous equipment. We do not think of him singing as he climbs from the Cilician plains into the cold and biting air of the Taurus Mountains.

But why not? It is probable that we get very much nearer to a true image of the man if we think of him toiling along the hard roads in the mood of song. The man who broke into singing at midnight in the prison in Philippi, when a few hours before he had been beaten with Roman thongs, has a very active sort of minstrelsy in his soul that would wake into music at the lightest touch of events.

And who has not known the inspiration of song? Who has not known the stale flatness of some depressing scene lifted away by the ministry of song?

"Sometimes a light surprises
The Christian while he sings."

When Johnson Oatman, Jr., received inspiration for the writing of the beautiful words to the hymn, "Lift Him Up," his soul was full of harmonies, singing with grace unto the Lord.

"Lift Him Up"

How to reach the masses, men of every birth,
For an answer Jesus gave the key:
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
Will draw all men unto me."

Oh! the world is hungry for the living bread,
Lift the Savior up for them to see;
Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that he said,
"I'll draw all men unto me."

Don't exalt the preacher, don't exalt the pew.
Preach the Gospel simple, full and free;
Prove Him and you will find that promise is true,
I'll draw all men unto me."

Lift him up by living as a Christian ought
Let the world in you the Savior see;
Then men will gladly follow Him once taught,
I'll draw all men unto me."

Lift Him up, Lift Him up,
Still He speaks from eternity;
And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
Will draw all men unto me."

If a soul is full of harmonica singing with grace unto the Lord, even its admonitions find a ready entrance into the lives of others, and are ministers of health and healing.

Those whom we call experts in de-

votional life are almost in perfect agreement as to the helpful ministry of singing their devotions.

What riches of singing there are in the Psalms: There is nothing that so awakes all that is good and holy in people, calling their spirits to their proper duty, setting them in their best posture towards heaven, and tuning all the powers of the soul to worship and adoration.

"I Am Music"

"Servant and master am I; servant of those dead, and master of those living. Through me spirits immortal speak, the message that makes the world weep, and laugh, and wonder, and worship.

"I tell the story of love, the story of hate, the story that saves, and the story that damns. I am the incense upon which prayers float to heaven. I am the smoke which falls over the field of battle where men lie dying with me on their lips.

"I am close to the marriage altar, and when the graves open I stand near by. I call the wanderer home, I rescue the soul from the depths, I open of lovers, and through me the dead whisper to the living.

"One I serve as I serve all: and the King I make my slave as easily as I subject his slave. I speak through the birds of the air, the insects of the field, the crash of waters on rock-ribbed shores, the sighing of wind in the trees, and I am even heard by the soul that knows me in the clatter of wheels on city streets.

I know no brother, yet all men are my brothers; I am the father of the best that is in them, and they are fathers of the best that is in me; I am of them, and they are of me. For I am the instrument of God.

"I am Music."

—Anonymous

People have always loved to sing. It seems to be a natural way of expressing happiness. In the time of Moses we find the Hebrews using sacred songs. When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, freeing themselves from Egyptian bondage, Moses and Miriam gave them a song of praise:

"I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously;
The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea,
The Lord is my strength and song,
and he is become my salvation; he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation;
My father's God, and I will exalt him." (Exodus 15:1, 2).

This is probably the oldest choral song we have, and it is one of the best. The Hebrews used singing only for the worship of Jehovah.

You all know of the Shepherd boy, David, who slew the giant, Goliath. We have admired his courage and bravery, but let us not forget that among his greatest gifts to us are the songs which he composed. When he was out on the hillsides, taking care of the sheep, he had plenty of time to look 'round at the wonders of the earth and sky. In the beauty of nature he saw the glory of God, and expressed his feeling in songs which are found in the Psalms. When David became King, he was so fond of music, that he encouraged the people to sing more. The Bible tells us that there was a great choir trained, formed from thousands of musicians chosen from among the Levites to be used in the Temple and Tabernacle services.

We can imagine how wonderful it must have seemed to the boy Jesus when he went to the Temple for the first time! He must have been impressed that His Father's house was a house of prayer. Like other Jewish boys, Jesus was taught to sing the Psalms. The hymn which was sung at the last Supper was probably Psalm 115.

With the beginning of the Reformation, Martin Luther not only gave the people their Bible in their own tongue, but also gave them the first Hymn Book, as had been said, "So that God might speak directly to them in His Word, and they might answer Him in their songs."

The very first book printed in America was a psalm book called the "Bay Psalmist." The pilgrims had brought with them from Holland an edition of the Psalms.

We now come to our modern times,

when there has been a tremendous development in hymn writing. England has given us some of our very best hymns. Among the pioneers were Isaac Watts, who has been called the "Father of English hymn writer," and Charles Wesley, who wrote nearly six thousand hymns, many of which we use frequently to-day. Reginald Heber, who was a missionary, brought us our challenge to service through the fine writings of his missionary hymns.

After the Revolution, the American people began to feel their liberty, and express their joy and freedom in poetry; and when our greatest American poets, such as Bryant, Whittier, Longfellow, and Holmes contributed to our hymns, we reached a result of which we may well be proud.

Through the fine writings of Moody and Sankey, a class of sacred songs termed "Gospel Songs," have been given us.

Someone has said: "Our Christian hymns are surely among the most powerful agencies we have for developing the religious sentiments of our people. The best of them are exquisitely beautiful in form and imagery, are magnetic and noble in tone and spirit, and deal habitually with topics and aspects of truth that all lie close to the heart.

Hymn singing may surely be called successful when it affords an avenue for true approach to God in earnest and noble worship, and bring to our thought these scriptures:

"Exalt ye the Lord, our God, and worship at his footstool" (Psalm 99:5).

"I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing." (Psalm 101:1).

A Song or Psalm of David

"O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

Awake psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations" (Psalm 108:1, 2, 3).

In the writing of this beautiful hymn, "Lift Him Up," Mr. Oatman,

writer of the lyric, and Mr. Beall, composer of the music, might have brought to their minds these two verses from the Book of Books.

From Colossians, third chapter, sixteenth verse, we read: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

And in the nineteenth and twentieth verses of the fifth chapter of Ephesians we are enjoined to "make melody in our hearts," by these arresting and helpful words: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Lift Him Up" and sing praises unto his name. "Exalt Ye the Lord"—our watchword. "Exalt ye the Lord, our God, and worship at his footstool for he is holy."

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NOTICE TO EASTERN AUXILIARIES

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention will convene with Core Creek Church, Craven County, Thursday, March 20th. Report Blanks were mailed out last week to the various auxiliaries, with instructions, and a request that they be filled out and returned to the Secretary by March 1st, if possible, together with the contribution. The reason for this is, that under the new plan, local Vice-Presidents do not have to submit their reports to the district Vice-Presidents, but they are supposed to make written reports to their local Secretaries, and she gives these reports, or sends them to the district Secretary, who makes up the report for each Vice-President and mails them in time for them to compile same for the Convention. It places a heavy responsibility on the secretaries, especially on the district secretary, as she is held responsible for the district Vice-President's reports being accurate.

We are also calling attention to the plan of contributing, which is different from the way we have been do-

ing. We are asked to "Double our contribution this time, that one half will be for use in the district, the other half to go to the State Auxiliary Convention. Now, the auxiliaries that have been sending in, say \$5.00 to the convention, will send \$10.00 this time, for if we only send the amount we usually send, half goes to the State, and the district will be deprived of its usual sum we have been having for distribution. If you have been sending \$10.00, or more dollars, you are to double it, regardless of everything else. We must keep in mind, however, that by doing this, it lightens the work of the State Secretary, for there will be no call from the State for any funds from the local auxiliaries, except your 30cts per capita dues, 10cts being kept in the district, 10cts for State and 10cts for National. Your Secretary will be held responsible for sending to the State Secretary an accurate report from the district Vice-Presidents, which must be in her hands early in May, or at least, in time for her to make up her report for the State and the National Conventions.

I hope we will understand the new "set up," and do our best to comply with its terms to the best of our ability. It may appear rather difficult to us right at first, but by placing ourselves in the center of the Master's will, and praying that we all be in one accord with Him, suiting our actions likewise, this change may, or will, we should say, work out to better advantage all around.

The local societies will not have to make any reports or send any funds to the State Auxiliary Convention in May, if we do our part to carry out the plan we are now putting in use, as contributions to the State will be taken care of through the district Conventions. In sending the per capita dues, be sure to so state in your report.

May we be in earnest prayer for our convention, that there be a full representation, that we may all be one in Him, even as Christ and the Father are One, and that regardless of our personal opinions and desires, we should be more than willing to

say, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary,
Eastern Aux. Convention

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AUXILIARY REPORT FOR 1946

Our auxiliary furnished 372 garments for the children's home at Ringling, Oklahoma. It also furnished \$70.35 in cash, three bed quilts, and four dozen jars of canned foods. We paid ten dollars for the clothing for a boy in the home, and eleven dollars for a Christmas present. We furnished towels, four dozen glasses, dish cloths and the like. Gave the home a six pound fruit cake at Christmas, and bought fifty children's books for the library.

Items as Gifts

Box for Cuban mission	-----	\$10.00
Paid on Camp Ground	-----	\$10.00
Money raised for paint	-----	\$22.35
Vitrophane for windows	-----	\$8.00
Flowers	-----	\$20.79
Raley	-----	\$5.00

Mrs. Essie Hearron,
Sulphur, Okla.

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MALACHI'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY REPORT

The yearly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Malachi's Chapel was held in the home of Mrs. Frank Alexander, January 16, with eight members attending.

After the devotions, Mrs. Cora Midgett and Mrs. H. S. Swain made very interesting remarks on the lesson, the theme of which was, "Exalting the Lord through Enlistment."

Four new members were received during the year.

During the business period the following officers were elected for 1947: President, Mrs. Harry Swain.

1st Vice-President, Mrs. H. S. Swain.

2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Albert Spencer.

3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Anson Voliva.

4th Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Alford.

5th Vice-President, Mrs. Frank Alexander.

Secretary, Mrs. Alton Reynolds.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. D. Midgett.

The Treasurer made her report which was accepted.

Financial Report

Balance brought forward	
from 1945	-----\$ 4.24
Monthly dues	----- 22.95
Birthday offering	----- 6.88
Penny-a-Week for Super-	
annuation	----- 9.00
Free Will offering	----- 89.56
Sale of products	----- 156.17
Total	----- \$288.80

Disbursements

Funeral design	-----	\$ 15.50
Products	-----	108.16
Norfolk Church	-----	10.00
Missions	-----	2.00
House furnishings at Crag-		
mont	-----	5.00
Orphanage	-----	80.83
Home Church	-----	24.00
Miscellaneous	-----	20.00

Total	-----	\$276.34
Balance in Treasury	-----	\$ 12.46
Mrs. Alton Reynolds, Secretary		

GOLDSBORO

Dr. Wm. Howard Carter, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Goldsboro, has been discharged from the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore where he was a patient since January 14th. Upon the advice of his physician there he is now in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he arrived last Friday, it was announced by his private secretary, Mrs. Harold K. Thomas. Accompanying him to Baltimore and St. Petersburg is his wife.

Latest reports reveal that Dr. Carter is slowly improving and it is expected that he will return to his pulpit here the latter part of this month.

Ministers and laymen, conducting services while Dr. Carter has been away, have been: Rev. Eugene Steele, Dr. C. R. Wickham, Rev. Stedman C. Davis, Mrs. Lessie B. Mallard, Mrs. O. C. Liles, Mrs. Kenneth Radford, and Mrs. J. W. Hassell.

Doris Byrd Thomas

DEATH TO SELF THE ESSENTIAL THING

The Reverend A. B. Simpson once said, "The death of self blots out a universe of wretchedness, and brings a heaven of joy." The trouble with most people they keep too much of self with them every day. It is like this: "I want to get ahead. I want to beat the other fellow in gaining wealth. I want to outdo my friends in the 'public eye.' I want to be smarter than anyone else," etc. Too much of self blinds one's mental eyes to the light of human service. It gets in the way of others, often blocks the pathway to good progress, and works an hindrance to society.

The Apostle Paul once said, "It is no longer I that live, but Christ that liveth in me." He was able to get self out of the way that he might do the will of the Father in heaven. He crucified self but took Christ as his new self—new life in the spirit—that he might do those things only for the glory of God. He was all out for Jesus to do his bidding, and to think more of the carrying out of the gospel plan of salvation for the good of others than he was about doing things for himself.

The Reverend H. N. Brown said, "God wants to divorce you from self, so he can depend on you." So long as one thinks of self and for selfish interests only, that long he will be of very little good to humanity and no good to the cause of Christ. Self-centered people are leeches on society: they draw from the public all that they can get, and are always trying to get more by whatever means comes to hand to enable them to gather unto their own treasure houses. God is not pleased with them. He wants to divorce them from their selfish interests and self-centeredness, and give them a new vision, a new concept of life. Where God is all, self is nothing. This was true of Paul. He was nothing, but the cause of Christ and the salvation of the lost meant everything to him. "It is in the death of self that humility is perfected," said Rev. Andrew Murray.

John Corbett

THE ACID TEST OF STEWARDSHIP

A very great many people will admit the general principle of stewardship and refuse to accept the specific provisions of tithing. "All I have belongs to God" is the explanation one prominent Christian offers. "I spend every dollar as though God was watching, but I do not believe in tithing, for that puts it all on a legalistic basis."

That same Christian does keep the Sabbath, however, and that is determined by a legalistic requirement. He puts his wife on an allowance, giving her a certain percentage of their income with which to pay the household expenses. He pays a fixed amount of rent to the landlord every month. That's on a legalistic basis, too.

As an American citizen he keeps an accurate account of his income and outlay, and acknowledges his citizenship by paying installments on his income tax. He has one daughter who is a freshman in college and he has begun paying tuition on a regular schedule. That is one more legalistic payment.

When he comes to acknowledging God's claims on his life, he refuses to put them on a business basis, asking God to accept whatever gratuities he may care to extend from time to time.

This means that every gift is made after all other claims have been considered. He gives out of the residue, rather than out of his income. If there is nothing left after the necessary bills have been paid, then he makes no contribution. God must stand aside until the landlord, the garage man, the insurance agent, and the government have been satisfied.

Yet he will stand up with the rest of the people in the morning worship service and sing lustily: "Have thine own way Lord, have thine own way; Thou art the potter, I am the clay."

Roy L. Smith

Holiness is wisdom for this world as well as for the world to come.—
Rev. Isaac Reid.

BIBLE SCHOOL TO START IN KENLY

Rev. R. P. Harris to Teach

A Bible School is being started in the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church by its pastor, the Reverend R. P. Harris who is an approved teacher of the Bible courses offered by the Moody Bible Institute Correspondence School of Chicago. The first class is being organized now, and will have its initial meeting on Thursday evening, February 20th, at seven-thirty o'clock in the Sunday School chapel. The first course offered is The Fundamentals of Christian Faith, consisting of thirty-eight lessons, and a class will be held once a week. The course is being offered at a cost of six dollars for one person and half price to two or more using the same text books (in the same family).

Any person of any church or denomination living near Kenly may enroll in this school. Persons living too far to attend may also take the course by correspondence at the same price. After February 10th, prices will be raised to eight dollars for one or four dollars for two using the same text book.

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

(Lesson for February 23)

Lesson: John 10:7-18.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I am the good Shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

Our text for to-day contains a strange contradiction of the ordinary course of natural events—a shepherd dying for his sheep! The opposite is generally the case. Sheep are the property of a shepherd, they are his source of income and are born, live and die for his convenience. He shears their wool and sells it for his own profit, he eats their flesh and traffics in their offspring in callous indifference to their possible comfort or desires. They are actually his, and have no claims on him except such as spring from the shepherd's own selfish interests.

Even in the temple worship it was always the **sheep** which died for the shepherd. Countless lambs and rams had shed their blood between Abel's offering and Jesus' death, and a river of blood had been poured out to make atonement for the guilty. But always it was the sheep which died for the shepherd!

Now Jesus came, reversing this whole natural order. The **Good Shepherd** gave His life for the sheep!

So we thus see the dual nature of Jesus illustrated in one more figure of the Bible. The Shepherd became the Lamb that He might die for the flock!

Consider first the aspect of the shepherd. This is a figure which God used of Himself in His relations with Israel, and one which Jesus used in describing His interest in all men who should be part of the great throng that reach Heaven by faith

in him. Even actuated by self-interest, there are certain things which a shepherd must do for the sheep if he is to profit from them.

The first of these is to find pasturage. God did this for the children of Abraham. He established them in the most fruitful and loveliest of all lands on this planet. Had they been such a "flock" as bring profit to their owner, Israel would be in that same land to-day! The shepherd king called attention to this work of God when he wrote so poetically: "The Lord is my Shepherd; * * He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." But alas! He also roused them out of that verdant scene of peace and plenty, and they languished in the deserts of captivity. As a Shepherd He was justified—they were a wild, unruly, profitless flock!

The shepherd is also under the obligation of the defense of his charges. If he allows the wolves and bears to raid the sheep he suffers loss, and may even end in bankruptcy! So God defended His tiny flock from ruthless and mighty foes on many occasions; and it was not until He withdrew His protecting care that the ravening wolves of Assyria descended upon the fold. In this also He was more than justified: the flock denied their allegiance to Him and actually cast out their shepherd!

The shepherd also takes upon himself the duties of the veterinary: he heals the bruises and dresses the wounds of those which belong to him. In all this God was a Good Shepherd to Israel—He healed her many backslidings and bound up the wounds of her repeated idolatry.

Then came the fullness of the time for which God had planned, and the Son came to gather into one fold the "other sheep" which were not of Israel. We Gentiles had no claim on God—He had made no covenant with our forebears by which He was bound to show mercy and kindness to us. But not being a respecter of persons, and desiring that all men everywhere might have access to pardon and life eternal, Jesus came to offer Himself as the Shepherd of all men.

II. Home Work

1. To what did the Lord Jesus liken the Jewish people of His day? (Matt. 9:36; 10:6; 15:24).

2. By whom was the same figure used prior to the coming of Christ? (Ps. 95:8; 100:3; Ezek. 34:30, 31).

3. Following the same figure, what is the spiritual condition of all men according to the Word of God? (Is. 53:6).

4. Still following the figure, what is our condition by the grace of God? (Ps. 100:3; 23:1; I Peter 2:25).

5. What are some distinctive marks of a healthy sheep? (John 10:3, 4, 5, 14, 27).

6. What are the outstanding marks of the thief? (John 10:1, 10).

7. What are the marks of the hireling? (John 10:12, 13).

8. What are the marks of the true Shepherd? (John 10:2-4, 11, 14).

9. What future event is associated with Christ as Shepherd? (I Peter 5:4).

10. How does the Lord as Shepherd deal with His sheep? (Is. 40:11).

11. The lesson comments in our quarterlies deserve careful and prayerful study.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Other Sheep—John 10:16

Pastor Gih of Bethel Mission, Shanghai, China, was evangelizing in bitter cold weather. He began preaching in a dead Christian church. He was told he need not have come all the way from Shanghai to preach on sin, and as he was leaving the hall a giant of a man told him he would beat him up if he preached on sin again.

For three nights Pastor Gih spoke on the subject with ever-increasing crowds. He was still threatened.

The next night Miss Grace Hwang preached. She says, "I went to my knees and asked that the Holy Spirit would give me a message. All I could think of was sin." Many desperate

men were in the crowded church. Suddenly a horrible cry of despair rang out, and the giant, known through the entire province as "Tiger," the bandit leader, fell on his knees in the aisle, crying, "O God, my sin! my sin!" Pastor Gih led him to Christ. He confessed sins of the most terrible character.

The day following was intensely cold, but the converted bandit started at daylight to talk with his old father whom he had at various times tried to kill. The father forgave him, and at the evening meeting the giant was back to give his testimony for Christ.—The Dawn.

A WORTHY CAUSE

Dear Friends:

Sometime ago I wrote a letter to the Baptist telling you about our small church here, Free Union, Tyrrell county. Then I told you we were asking for funds to build class rooms and do other very badly needed repair to the church. People have been kind to us and we do appreciate it so very much—but now we are coming to you again. If there are those anywhere who would help us on this work we will appreciate it so much, and we know the Lord will bless you for it. We have begun the work, and it is going on very nicely. But funds are giving out. We need \$600 very badly now in order to complete the work we have started. The people are giving their labor and all they can financially, but we have so few to do and give. We are very small in number, having only 7 male members to take part. I am sure there are those who are members or friends of our church who would very gladly donate to this cause if he could only see our great need for this work to be done. We aren't trying to do anything fancy or elaborate. We only want a comfortable house of God to worship in and bring our children to worship in.

We also have hopes of having this work complete and having the Albe-marle Union meet with us in June. There are those who feel we should have had the union with us before. But it isn't because we didn't want

the union with us; it is because we had insufficient space in our building. We do want visitors with us, and our pastor, Rev. L. E. Ambrose, joins our church body in bidding you welcome at any time. We have services by our pastor each fourth Sunday and Sunday night. Please send your donation to: C. G. Simmons, Route 3, Columbia, N. C., Treasurer, Free Union Church, Tyrrell County.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Viva Spencer,
Church Clerk,
Columbia, N. C.

WHOSE POSSESSIONS?

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."—Ps. 24:1.

Does man own anything, anyway? What he has in the way of material possessions, Are they really his or are they only loaned to him for a season? The Creator of all good and holy things is the possessor of them all. Man is only privileged to use them for his own good and for the good of others in making life on earth more worthwhile and pleasant. God has intended that man should make proper use of his time, talents and the things which he has under his guidance and influence. The way he uses them helps to determine the way he acts towards his fellow man. If he is selfish and greedy, desiring to pile up and hoard away all that he can get his hands on, then he is counted extremely selfish, narrow and ungrateful toward others who live about him. But if he is willing to take the broad viewpoint, and is willing to share his blessings with others who are standing in need for some of the good things which he has under his control, then he is said to be a liberal-minded man, and a willing neighbor among his friends.

Human life is only a personal loan. What we have is simply loaned to us from the gracious hand of God. The earth is his and the fulness thereof, and we who dwell here on earth are his by creation. We are to live and serve both human beings and the God who made us. We are to glorify his

matchless name by rendering whole-hearted service to him. It is our duty to bear one another's burdens, and to help one another to meet their needs. We are to do our part to help make this world a better place in which to live.

Be it understood that the one who owns "the earth and the fulness thereof" will call us some day to account for the way we have used this life which he gave to us. If we have been good stewards with the things which he has loaned to us, and if we have been rendering faithful service unto him, and to our fellow man, then he will be able to give us a good account of all that we have done for his divine glory. No one can live unto himself, hoard away all that he gets and then please God; any more than he can store away all of his possessions, live selfishly before the world and be a blessing to anyone. Not that. But he is to share his blessings with others and be the type of citizen that God would have him to be unto his fellow men.

Rev. J. H. Dautery

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Robert B. Crawford



The Boys and Girls Story Column

AI SAM FROM SIAM

Ai Sam stood knee deep in water in the flooded rice field with his arms thrown lovingly about his faithful buffalo's neck. The buffalo wore a blanket of black mud, while the little boy wore only his own brown skin, a suit of sunshine which enveloped him like a warm yellow blanket, and two dirty bandages wrapped around his right index finger and the sole of his left foot. A battered coolie hat of straw hid his big black eyes, but if one could have looked into them, he would have seen that Ai Sam was not as happy as many of the other boys who splashed merrily about in the water of the paddy fields and ate their lunch of rice cooked with coconut oil on green banana leaves spread under a big banyan tree. Ai Sam never ran and jumped with them because his foot was always sore and he never ate with them because they always pointed to the bandage about his finger and asked curious questions which he did not want to answer. That was why tears were now rolling down his cheeks and splashing in the muddy water at his feet.

Ai Sam had reason to cry even if he was a boy, because his father whom he loved dearly had just died. He had been a carver of glossy ebony elephants. How the children had loved to stand them up in rows, mothers and babies together, and play marching them through the jungle. He too, wanted to cut animals out of wood, but he could not because of that sore finger that would not get well. He had been helping his mother in the rice field, but they were now so poor they would have to sell their one buffalo, and Ai Sam knew that there was not one person in the village who would give him work to do;

if they knew—but that was his secret. There was one friend of his father's, however, who had been very kind to him, and one day when he had seen him so sad, he had said:

"Ai Sam, you must go to Chiang-mai. It is a long journey, but there is a place for boys like you there."

"What did he mean—'boys like me'," thought Ai Sam. "Has he guessed my secret? No one would want me, for I have no money, no clothes, and no food, and I have to walk so slowly that it would take me weeks to get there, but I can't go home and tell my mother the truth. She has enough troubles already, for my younger brother has the same sickness as I. I will start now. It is my only chance."

Drying his eyes, and giving the buffalo a good-by pat, he waded through the mud and climbed the embankment onto the road that led north. He drank from the forest streams and found wild nuts and berries and occasional fruits by the roadside and each day he begged a little rice for his evening meal and a place to sleep on a straw stack. His thin body became a skeleton and the bandages on his foot had long since worn off. He limped painfully.

With no longer any bandages to hide his secret, the whole world could see he was a leper. No one in all his world wanted a leper, but this might be a different world to which he had come.

A stranger from the foreign country dressed in white, was coming toward him. No one had ever looked upon him so kindly and so understandingly before. He fell on his knees and cried to him, "Friend from the foreign country, won't you please have a heart of pity and take me into your home of healing?"

"What is your name, my son?"

"I am Ai Sam, a leper, and I have come ten weeks' journey to get here."

"Well, Ai Sam, our Home is already filled, but your years are small, and I will make room for you, though it will be a tight squeeze."

How happy Ai Sam was to find a home where he was loved and cared for.

"What makes them do it?" he asked one of the other boys soon after he came.

"It is because they greatly love the Lord Jesus who loved the lepers and who cleansed the lepers when He was on earth," Duang Dee replied.

"But what made this Jesus love the lepers?" persisted Ai Sam. "Nobody that I ever knew before loved them."

"Because," said Duang Dee, reciting slowly the verse he had so recently been taught, "He is the Son of God, and God so loved the world (that means the lepers, too) that He gave His only begotten Son (this Jesus) that whosoever (that means you and me) believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

To Ai Sam this was very strange; wonderful too; and as new life came to him in his body, everlasting life came too, for he learned to love the Lord Jesus and gave Him his whole heart. He became one of the happiest boys in the Home and took his medicine gladly, eager to be healed and go home to help his mother.

One day Ai Sam was missing! No one could find him.

"It seems strange that Ai Sam isn't here," the matron said. "Of all our boys, I thought he would be the last one to run away. I can't understand why he should leave when he was getting along so well."

Week after week passed. One morning as the school roll was being called, two miserable looking little boys limped to the end of the line. Ai Sam's name had long been dropped from the roll, but when the last name was read, he said,

"Ai Sam is here, and I brought my little brother, Chan Tha. Forgive me for running away, but I had to get my brother who has the same evil sickness. He is younger than I and you said so often that it was a pity I had not come sooner. I hope he has come in time to be healed."

How sad the friend from the foreign country was for he knew there was no money with which to feed and care for another boy.

"Ai Sam, I don't know how I can take him," he said. "To-night he can stay; after that, I just don't know. Let us think and pray."

The next day Ai Sam stood before the missionary, with a brave smile on his lips. "My little brother must be healed," he said. "Let me go

away. It doesn't matter so much about me."

"Oh, yes it does," replied the missionary. "It matters so much to the Heavenly Father that last night I got a letter from the foreign country. It tells me that an American boy named Wilbur raised a little pig named 'Pete' and sold him for twenty-five dollars. You don't know how much money that is, do you? Well, it's enough to keep you here for a year, giving you food and clothing and school and medicine. Our Lord Jesus put it into the heart of this boy not to buy a bicycle with his twenty-five dollars, but to send it to you. We are going to send your picture to him and write him all about you, and I know that many will be praying for you and Chan Tha to get strong and well and be able to go home to tell others what the love of the Lord Jesus really means. I am sure that next year others will raise more Petes to send more money to help you and your little brother and other sick boys like you."

"Oh, please thank Wilbur for me," cried Ai Sam, "and all of the others who are helping boys like Chan Tha and me. Tell them **we are even glad we got sick**, for if we had kept well, we would never have come to this good home and learned to know and love the Saviour. Now we know Him, and we are going to tell about Him everywhere."—Julia Lake Kellersberger, The American Mission to Lepers, Inc.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, Inc.
Black Mountain, N. C.

January 30, 1947

Attention: Stockholders of Cragmont Assembly, Incorporated.

At the meeting in Ayden January 7th, much was done in making plans for the growth of the interest in our Assembly.

As you know, I was hired as your Business Manager-Treasurer for the year 1947. I am counting on you to assist me in every way possible and let's make this year a great success. Assuming the responsibilities on January 15th, I beg you to pray for me as I endeavor to be a worthy servant for the Lord and your co-work-

er. Suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

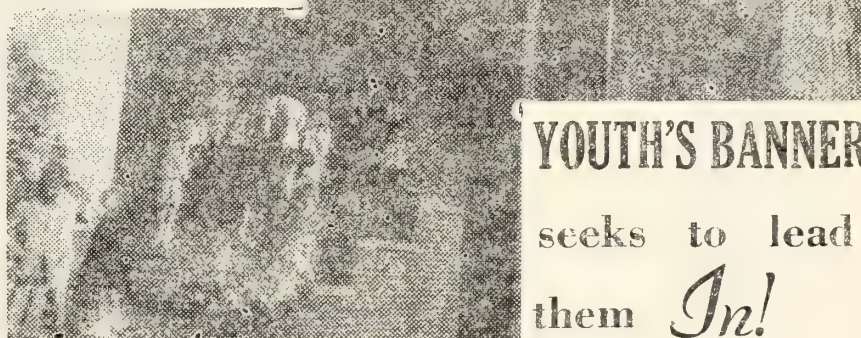
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HEART THROBS

The true Christian is a constant giver of thanks. He is thankful for the sunshine and the rain. He will be thankful for hardships which afterwards teach him lessons of wisdom and understanding. The real Christian will be thankful for the blessings of the day, though they be at times small and insignificant. He will rejoice to see his endeavors come to fruition and worthwhileness. He will discover good in disappointments, worthwhile values in sorrows, and be content with whatever is dropped in his pathway for a clearer understanding of God and righteousness.

The true Christian's joy comes from serving, giving and consoling. He is the great benefactor to mankind. Though at times he is not counted so very much worthwhile in his locality, and yet he is greatly missed when he is gone. While he works calmly and patiently, doing whatever he can for the good of others, yet he is scarcely praised or given very much consideration by the general run of people. However, he is a very great asset to his community and church. He makes sacrifices which are so often overlooked by others, and apparently of very little value to his friends, but he gets joy out of doing what he can to lessen the sorrows of others, and to bring some comfort to their aching hearts.

Who would not envy him of his joy and great satisfaction which he gets from being a real brother to his fellow men? Who would not like to share his heart throbs when he has done some good act for a friend or a neighbor? Who would not like to share his joys in the deep meditations which he gets from Bible reading and study? He has something to look forward to day after day, week after week, as he lives in the center of God's will.

To find a place as the real Christian has is possible for others. To change places with the world and those running with the world means changing attitudes, frame of mind, views of certain things, certain desires, and receiving new vision, new

life-concepts, new joys, etc. It means laying down many of the old things and taking hold of the new in Christ Jesus. It is turning around from the old walk of life and facing the new way of life—the "born again" life. It is putting on the new garment of righteousness with the old wrappings of carnality cast aside. It is looking through the mirror of life to get a new perspective, a new hope and new joy.

And this new life in Christ Jesus is only for the asking. Simply meet Jesus on his pathway, ask to go along with him, and do as he bids. The price is simple: giving up self, yielding to his will, abiding by his commandments, and walking in his light. Simply, living in him; that is all. The joy will come as Christian services are rendered, the life made more and more useful as days, weeks and years go by, and free giving of the heart to God's holy will.—J. D. Reid.

CHURCH OFFICERS AND
EVANGELISM

Minister after minister in our denomination has written and spoken in this fashion: "The spiritual condition both in my church and in the community is deplorable. The church attendance is at an all-time low. The indifference is appalling. The need for a revival is superlative. I proposed to my officers the holding of an evangelistic preaching mission as a remedy, but they voted it down. They said, 'We do not want any revival' and 'We do not believe in evangelism'."—The Presbyterian.

TEN THINGS TO REMEMBER

The value of time
The success of perseverance
The pleasure of working
The dignity of simplicity
The worth of a character
The power of kindness
The influence of example
The obligation of duty
The wisdom of economy
The virtue of patience

—Marshall Field.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

January 31, 1947

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Association of Free Will Baptists for January, 1947.

Receipts

Bal. an hand Jan. 1, 1947 --\$2,481.84
Regular Receipts for Jan. -- 248.70

Total to account for -----\$2,730.54

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated ministers _\$197.00
Operating expense _ 25.00
National Board ---- 55.92

Total paid out -----\$ 278.42

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Friendship (Johnston Co.) _\$ 1.00
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JUVENILE CRIMINALS

Life Magazine in announcement of a story on Juvenile Crime says: Since 1939 arrests of girls under 18 have increased 198%.

Arrests of boys have increased 48%, for homicide, 70%, for rape, 39%, for robbery, 72%. for assault 101%, for drunkenness.

A few days ago FBI Chief Hoover created a special group to combat criminal kids, who committed "the despicable" crimes of 1945.

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More Cause to Sing

Thou whom seraphs joy in praising,
Thou whom heavenly hosts adore,
Can my stammering tongue be silent
When I owe Thee so much more?

Ever have they known Thy beauty,
Ever stood before Thy throne;
But I wandered from Thy presence,
Separated and alone.

All undone by sin and evil,
Child of condemnation, I.
Yet Thou laid aside Thy glory
And for me came down to die.

Heir of heaven Thou hast made me,
Bought me with Thy precious blood;
Took the form of man upon Thee
That I might be a child of God.

So, my song must swell the chorus,
While the angels' praises ring;
I, poor sinner, saved and pardoned,
Have more cause than they to sing.

—Bob Jones, Jr.

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How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! —The Apostle Paul.

The land values in Canaan increase in value, the nearer one gets to the walls of the eternal city.—Rev. Isaac Reid.

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More men fail through lack of purpose than through lack of talent.—W. A. Sunday.

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A Message from India

Laura Belle Barnard

Dear Friends,

Here are a few further notes for praise and prayer. Prayer is certainly the weapon that is mighty towards God in fighting back the spiritual hosts of wickedness and pushing forward the witness of the Gospel in these days. So I am writing this with a very strong urge, trusting we may feel out here the release of the Spirit as a result of your prayers.

Last Sunday morning the Lord gave me a wonderful opportunity with a young Hindu girl for whom I have been burdened a long time. She has been hearing a long time and stoutly rejecting the Lord, rather flaunting her sins, proud of the caste mark in her forehead, and apparently not concerned for her soul. Sunday morning I felt led to go to her house, and found her alone and definitely receptive to the Word. She was sitting outside in the sunshine, apparently meditating. Without any preliminaries I went straight to the point and told her I was burdened for her and had come to ask her again if she would quit her sin and turn to the Lord. When I reminded her of her hopeless condition and of the consequences of her sins even in this life as well as the certain judgment in eternity, she broke down and wept and confessed that she needed Jesus. It was the very first time I have ever seen her humble in the matter. Just at that point a man appeared with a message for a member of her family, and so I directed my further remarks to both of them, as I could no longer talk with the girl privately. Pray for her salvation. I feel that the victory we did witness that morning was due to somebody's prayers back home, though we may never know just whose. I must refrain from telling you how this young woman is in a deplorable way a menace to some of our struggling Christians. Her present life is a definite hindrance, and her conversion would be a victory for our entire work.

The young man proved also to be a vessel prepared for the message. After I had given him Gospel truth for a while and we had discussed it, he asked the direct question, "Then how can I take Christ as my Saviour and be a true Christian?" He seemed dead in earnest. He told me that when a small boy on the plains he had been baptized without knowing what it meant. He had no teaching, and as he was the only member of his family who had got in on the baptizing, he had been brought up as a Hindu and had lived as a Hindu. The baptism hadn't made any difference! He didn't seem very sure why they had baptized him. But he was now in earnest and wanted to make it all real. The next day the Bible woman and I visited his house and explained the way of salvation more clearly. The Bible-woman spoke directly and held up no easy standard for him. She talked of confessing sins, single sins, not simply "Forgive me all my sins." Then she talked of the necessity of restitution, making right any wrong that he had done. "If you've quarrelled with anybody and are now at variance, you must go and make it right. If you have told a lie or said harmful things about anybody, you will have to go and ask forgiveness. If you have stolen, you must restore the goods. Are you ready to do this?" she asked. He said he was willing and ready, for he wanted to be saved. Then we all prayed, and he prayed a very simple prayer, asking the Lord to come into his heart and telling Him he was then and there receiving Him as his Saviour and would live for Him. Only he and God know what it all means. But he needs your prayer for complete deliverance and for establishing in the faith.

On Sunday afternoon we held a meeting on a Tea Estate where two "maistris" (foremen) had asked us to come and tell them how to be saved. As we had not told them when we would come, one of the men was away, but the other one was there, and he listened most eagerly. With

flannelboard and pictures we illustrated to him Gospel truth that would make the way plain. He certainly appears to be a genuine seeker. As he can read, we left him tracts and booklets to further study what we had told him. Pray for this man and our further contacts with him. He had called the people together so that we were able to speak to a much larger group than we usually have at that place. I made some movies which I trust you may see in time. This is one of the places where we conduct a Sunday School.

This week in the Kota village of Aggal we have just celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of their school. The villagers themselves had planned this as a token of their appreciation for what we had done for their children through the school.

As we approached the village about 8:30 A. M., we met a few of the men coming away, and they told us a woman had just died and they were going out on an errand in connection with arrangements for the funeral. We wondered if the celebration would be off, felt quite sure it would. But we found they were still planning to hold it, except that they felt it would not be fitting to present their beautiful dance which they had planned to do in our honor. These dances (as I have written before) are nothing more than graceful drills done in unison, not savoring at all of the unwholesome dances we know in the Occident or the heathen dancing we see so much out here. On these occasions the Kota men and women don their old-fashioned tribal costumes (modest and pretty) and the men blow their strange, long horns and beat their drums, while the women dance in a large circle. But they could not dance like this with a death in the village. The funeral dance is quite a different thing. However, they felt their plan for the anniversary celebration was otherwise solemn and would show no disrespect to the dead. As it was still early in the morning and garlands and other preparations would not be complete for some time, we went to the house of the deceased to comfort the sorrowing women and to grasp any oppor-

tunities for witness that the occasion might offer. We found many.

The woman who had died was one who had been most keen to hear the Word. She had impressed herself upon our hearts about a year ago when, in showing us their newest temple (a Hindu one), she told us she came to this temple daily and prayed to Sivan (Kambatarayan to the Kotas) to give her a child. She was 25 years old and had no child. As a result her husband had taken a second wife who had born two children, one of which this woman was permitted to take care of. But of course this could not satisfy her desire for a child of her own. She was devout in her worship and very receptive to all we told her of the true God. We were touched by her appeal regarding her barrenness, and have discussed her case with medical people in hopes of finding out the reason for the barrenness of so many of these Kota women of whom this one is but an example. About three months ago the woman lost her husband. We visited him and talked with him about the Lord on his sick bed, which proved to be his death-bed. Since that time this widow has been keener than ever to listen. Last week on our visit to Aggal both the Biblewoman and I in turn had a conversation with her after she had listened to the Bible message. I remember distinctly being burdened for her because she had taken in the message hungrily, and I said to her, "Now you must make this message your own and take Jesus as your own Saviour." I explained that mere words, "I believe," would not save her from her sins, and I added, "Today you have the opportunity, next week when we come back you do not know whether you will be here or not." So when we returned this week, sure enough, here lay her cold body whose spirit had flown away. Where? Only God knows what transaction might have taken place between this humble creature and Himself. She seemed to be receiving the Truth as rapidly as it was revealed to her. It does not greatly tax my faith to believe that she is now with Him.

All the women in the village were solemn. Here and there, at the en-

trance of their small houses, we met and talked with groups thus brought face to face with the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and the message had a new significance to them. The deceased had been greatly loved by the villagers, and looked upon as humble and devout, exemplary in life and conduct. Her passing brought more than the usual grief, and the expiring of a life so young and promising, and that suddenly, was as a voice from eternity. I wish I could picture to you that small, dark room whose furnishings were only an improvised bed in the corner, a brass pot here and there on the floor, with grief-stricken villagers sitting around on the floor, their clothes soiled and hair unkempt, the corpse laid out in the middle of the floor just in line with the open door. The body was covered with a once white sheet-like cloth which was now a dull grey with soil and wear. I had my camera, but a picture was impossible, for had I been able to let in enough light to make a picture, the results would not have been true to life. Even with the small, flickering light of the tiny earthen lamp near the corpse, only the outlines of the figures could be discerned until the eye grew accustomed to the darkness. Every physical aspect of the scene depicted the deep gloom that shrouded the hearts of the people. Sitting next to the corpse was one who had felt especially close to her. As the Biblewoman read and talked of Jesus and the Bethany Home, the raising of Lazarus and its teaching of the Christian's hope of the resurrection, she asked pleadingly, "Do you believe this? Will you believe it?" This woman answered, tears streaming down her cheeks, "No, Amma, we have not believed it. We have not known about it, how could we believe it? But when you tell us and explain it to us, we do believe it." Illiterate as they are, darkened as their minds are by their background of superstition and subjugation, even God seems to require time to reveal Truth to them. Won't you pray earnestly that the Spirit will teach them, open their hearts and illumine their minds, that the Word will quickly do its saving work in them?

About 10:30 some men were sent to find us and urge us to hasten to the school for everything was ready to begin. There we found gathered six or seven of the important figures from Kotagiri, all non-Christians, who were invited to honor the occasion. The 'ceremonies' began with garlanding. All invited guests were garlanded. But none of the garlands compared with the beautiful, sweet-scented one which they swung around my own neck! Tiny, white, Narcissus-like flowers were thickly and tediously wound together and touched off with fine tinsel of red, gold and silver gracefully wound around to give the garland a circular-striped effect. Then a Kota man represented his people in relating the chequered history of past attempts at a school in their village, their late grievances against the District Board in this connection, and expressing their great joy and satisfaction in now having a school which they believed would endure. He said, "Our children are taught many useful and interesting subjects. They are taught not only the ordinary school subjects, but also verse and songs of the Bible. We are witnesses to say that our children are improved and more useful in many ways." One of the guests made a speech in which he extolled the achievements of the school, and in which he exhorted the Kota people to rise to the challenge, cooperate in every possible way, and to take greater pains to lift themselves. Others made brief but helpful speeches. My attempt was the only failure. I had forgotten that I had been asked to speak. Only when I was seated and saw my name on the program did I recall my duty! To that moment I had been blissfully unmindful of it. But the dear people are generous and willing to forgive!

We were invited into the small school building (which the Kotas themselves erected for the purpose many years ago), where a long table was spread with table cloths and loaded with cakes and fruit. As a special honor, I was served fruit on a saucer and cakes on another one, while the others were served on banana leaves. My tea came in a cup and saucer, others had an ordinary glass! And the Kotas (who are

regarded as outcaste) had employed a cook of caste status to provide the food, in order not to offend the superior caste of the non-Christian guests.

Now when tea was finished, one of the celebrities, a military and civil potato contractor, rose and asked for a further word. He bespoke his deep appreciation of what he had seen and heard of the good work we had done in that village, and he wanted to have a share in financing it! He thereupon took from his pocket five bonafide Rupee bills and handed them to me, promising that he would continue the amount month by month. This touched my heart and I said, "God bless you!" (And in my heart I added, "May your tribe increase!") It was an entirely new thing in my experience in India, that a Hindu should undertake to help finance a work of Christian missions. You will want to put this man on your prayer list and pray daily for him. Mr. K. B. Ajja Gownder is his name.

Sadly enough, when we had left the village, crossed the valley and ascended the hill on the opposite side, we heard the first strains of the funeral music come up from the village. They had restrained their sorrow, desisted from their customary demonstrations, in order to give thanks for what they held to be a great blessing in their school, and now just as soon as were clear of the village they must give way to grief and sadness. May this be a challenge to prevailing prayer that these dear souls will soon come to know that death has lost its sting and the grave its victory.

There is a further important prayer request which touches both of our schools, the Kota one most immediately. The Government of India is definitely desiring to take all schools under its control. It is, at least in theory, interested in promoting the uplift of the Scheduled Classes, or outcaste groups, and to this end offers inducements to open and conduct schools among them. The Inspector of Schools (under Government) has for a long time shown unusual interest in our Kotagiri school, and now having learned of the Kota school has visited it and asked for an interview

with me regarding it. In short, I am urged to apply for Government recognition for these schools. To do so means listing them as Government schools, eligible for Government grant and also under Government jurisdiction. The situation is a delicate one. The schools have been our most stable means of access to the people. The children are the key to any community. We maintain that literacy in itself is not education but only a means to true education, and we know that to this end we are in position to give the children and the entire community something better and more enduring than what they could possibly get in a school under the Government regime. The Inspector himself is frank to say that it is far better for the people that the schools continue as they are. "We could not possibly get into the village life, influence morals, sanitation, and the whole of community life as you are doing," he has said to me more than once. "Ours is a machinery, yours is the personal touch," he distinguishes. Yet it is his job to enlist all the schools he can. It would be a credit to the list to have two flourishing schools such as ours are. But it has not occurred to them that, at least in the Kotagiri school, the good attendance and good results are due to untiring efforts of our teachers. If the children do not come to school the teachers go and get them. This often adds hours to the day's work, but missionary-minded teachers will do this for Christ's sake. Government employed teachers with only secular aims would not feel called upon to do it. Our teachers are acquainted with each home from which the pupils come, and thus we have a basis for a deeper work than the mere teaching of the "Three R's." Without this personal interest and tedious shepherding, I can but visualize a speedy disintegration of the school under Government management. In the Kota school I think the children would attend regularly in any case, as the number is small and the school is so near their houses. But the other problems would still obtain.

Now there is, from my point of view, only one reason for our aiming

at Government recognition, and that is to facilitate the transfer of our local higher elementary school is when they finish our four standards. To this time the Headmaster of the local higher elementary school is glad to cooperate by admitting our children upon examination. But as this higher elementary school is a Government aided school, it is within the authority of Government to forbid the admission of our children, though we trust this will not come about. As the Kota school is very young, we will not have pupils ready for promotion for another two years, and so in that school do not need to be concerned with this problem of transfer for the moment.

Notwithstanding all, as Christian missionaries with a divine commission, we only want the will of the Lord, undertaking only what in His all-wise judgment is best for all concerned, for the abiding welfare of the depressed classes we serve, and for the greater glory of Him in Whose name we serve. We are living in a changing India, with all aspects of her economy rapidly becoming nationalized. We desire to fit in as far as possible with the changes that are taking place. Often the very point we cling to as essential proves to be in God's sight unessential. He is able to overrule and make even obstacles work out to the furtherance of His Gospel, and the wrath and folly of man to praise Him. Realizing this, I personally am fully committed to His will and wisdom in the matter of our schools, ready to surrender them if He permits this necessity, and to look to Him to open to us an even more ready access to the inner life of our people. This elaboration of the situation is intended to be a very urgent request for prayer for His guidance and overruling grace, so that neither we nor the Government of India will err in our movements to offset His purposes.

Holiness must return. The Church of today is contemptuous of the preaching of holiness, and, naturally, is not much concerned about living it.—Anon.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Mission Offerings

According to the former custom and the program of the State Association of Free Will Baptist churches, March and April is the time designated to make special drives to raise funds for the Foreign and Home missions. Not that we should not make gifts regularly for this worthy cause, but this is done as a "rally" in which mission sermons and educational methods should be presented to increase interest in the work of Missions.

According to resolutions passed, all mission funds raised by the churches and other donors should be sent to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, N. C., who sends the money monthly to Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. This enables the State Treasurer to make reports for the State Association; also he gives the credit to whom it is due in his reports. If you will notice the reports of Rev. Winford Davis, you will see where he credits, North Carolina, by Rev. J. W. Alford for amounts received by the National Treasurer.

The paramount thing in view just now is the raising of needed funds. God is calling, definitely, to the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina to make special, yea I say, sacrificial offerings during the next two months to carry the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to those who "sit in darkness." Brethren and sisters, what will we do about it?

Missionary Review

A new magazine has come forth as a spokesman for the Foreign Missionary work of our National Association of Free Will Baptists. This magazine is named the **Missionary Review**, and is edited by Rev. Winford Davis, Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

The front page of this first issue shows a picture of "Royal Palms on the central highway in Cuba," with the quotation from Psalms 92:12, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree." The contents are very enlightening and also encouraging.

Instead of quoting, so much I am clipping some from the Review as they are self-explanatory. Notice carefully the one by Horace Bushwell, entitled "Mission or Omission." May I say, where do we stand?

Mission or Omission

Horace Bushwell once made an interesting list of all those who may be excused from giving to missions. Here it is:

Those who believe that Jesus Christ made a mistake when He said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Those who believe the Gospel is not the power of God unto salvation, and cannot save the heathen.

Those who wish that missionaries had never come to our ancestors and that we ourselves were still heathen.

Those who believe that it is every man for himself in this world, and who, with Cain asks, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Those who want no share in the final victory.

Those who believe they are not accountable to God for the money entrusted to them.

Those who are prepared to accept the final sentence: "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these, ye did it not unto me."

Do you belong to the mission or the omission band?—Missionary Digest.

An Editorial

The Editor, Rev. Winford Davis, writes an editorial in the **Missionary Review** which states the purpose of the publication, this editorial is titled,

We Select Our Own Title

Two different times during the past year the Foreign Mission Board took over the Free Will Echo, a paper which has been published in Michigan, and made it exclusively a missionary number. Lately the Michigan brethren voted to discontinue the Echo which was done in favor of the Free Will Baptist, published at Ayden, N. C. So it became necessary that we select our own title for our missionary periodical. We

decided to give it the name of FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONARY REVIEW. We hope you will like it. If it does not suit you, blame it on the Editor. He is wholly responsible for the name. We take great pleasure in distributing this issue among our Free Will Baptist connection over the several states. It goes forth with a sincere prayer that much good will be accomplished as a result of your reading its pages. If you like it, tell us about it. If you have constructive criticism we will appreciate that also. We have no desire other than to serve to the greatest good. After you have read your copy pass it on to some one else. Help us render maximum service in the interest of missions. If you have a friend whom you would like for us to have on our mailing list, send us their name and address. Above all else pray, and pray much.

Do You Care?

This great important question asked by Wesley Duewel, and published in "The Free Will Baptist Review" is a heart searching question, and should take complete control of our life with every faculty of our entire being to the extent that we should show how much "WE CARE."

Do You Care?

Wesley Duewel

DO YOU CARE that there are over 600,000 villages and towns in India without a single Christian witness?

DO YOU CARE that in these villages live over 200,000,000 unevangelized people, and many more who have scarcely heard of Christ?

DO YOU CARE that in these villages ninety-five per cent of the people cannot read or write? hence can only hear of the gospel through the lips of some witness.

DO YOU CARE that the average length of life of the women in these villages is twenty-three years, and of the men is twenty-two?

DO YOU CARE that the only god these villagers know is a god of wood or stone which has never answered one of their prayers?

DO YOU CARE that the worship

of these gods is actually demon worship? (I Cor. 10:20).

DO YOU CARE that nearly 400,000,000 souls for whom Christ died are living in India in the darkness of Christless, hopeless religions?

DO YOU CARE that the glory which is rightly due God from these souls is being given to Satan?

DO YOU CARE that Christ's atoning blood was shed in vain as far as these millions receiving any spiritual benefit through its merit?

DO YOU CARE that Christ's great heart of love is still yearning over these millions, and cannot be satisfied until all have had a chance to be saved?

DO YOU CARE that these millions will meet you before the judgment bar of Christ and ask what you did for their salvation?

DO YOU CARE if these millions go into a never-ending eternity, without Christ and without hope?

Before God I ask you,

HOW MUCH DO YOU CARE?

GLENNVILLE HOME-COMING

February the second, 1947, was the forty-eighth anniversary of the Glennville Free Will Baptist Church, Glennville, Georgia. The day was observed by the church observing it with an all-day gathering. "Means of Development" was the theme for the day, and our thoughts were centered upon this theme.

The opening exercises were led by the pastor, after which we were favored with special harmonica music, "Gathering Home," directed by Brother Rogers of the Reidsville Methodist Church. Then more music was offered by the pastors of the Glennville churches.

The home-coming sermon was delivered by the Reverend F. B. Cherry of Blackshear, Georgia. His subject was: "The Master's Missionary Mandate." The noon hour was enjoyed on the yard with an old-fashioned spread of good things to eat.

In the afternoon the congregation was again favored with special music rendered by the pastors of Glennville. The Reverend Stewart, pastor of the Baptist church, the Reverend Ivey,

pastor of the Methodist church, and our own pastor, the Reverend E. C. Morris, and two very able speakers of our little town, Mrs. L'Bertie Rushing, and Judge J. T. Grice, each brought to the assembled people very interesting talks on the theme: "Means of Developing Our Social-Christian Life and Community." Brother Morris spoke on the subject: "Means of Developing Our Church Property." He brought to our minds the possibilities that lie ahead of us in the future, by us making our present building more attractive and comfortable.

The secretaries of the various auxiliaries read reports of the work done each year. These were very encouraging to us. Brother H. N. Baxter gave his report of the "Building Committee." He reported that over six hundred dollars had been raised for this phase of the work. We are planning some day, the Lord willing to brick veneer our church. The offering for the day was around four hundred dollars. Sunday was "Ex-Service Men's Day" and we had fourteen of our returned boys present for this service.

Our pastor, Brother Morris, is conducting a series of Sunday evening pre-Easter services at Glennville and also at Ebenezer. These services are very good and are being attended in a fine way by many people.

We have just received a letter from Miss Laura Belle Barnard, written on January 21, 1947. She was well and very happy over the prospects of the Woolseys getting ready to sail for the India Field of Missions to join her in the work there.

Mrs. E. C. Davidson

The sin of unbelief is equivalent to the sin of omission. Not to believe the teachings of God's Word, when clearly made known to a person, is for that person a sin of non-commitment, or unacceptance of what God means for him to possess. What is needed for such a person is a yielding will to divine truth, and the changing of his fixed or set will from self-sufficiency.—Tom Baxter.

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ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

Report for January, 1947

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Central

Friendship, Greene County	\$ 20.00
Gum Swamp	6.21
Elm Grove	10.26
Winterville	10.50
LaGrange	11.07
4th Union	42.43
Kings Cross Roads	5.56
Aspin Grove	12.00
Rose Hill	7.60
Greenville	25.74
2nd Union Meeting	38.22
Hugo	5.00
Little Creek	5.00
2nd Union S. S. Convention	10.00
St. Delight	39.10
Bethany	4.86
Hull Road	13.59

Total Central \$ 267.14

French Broad

Canton	\$ 11.65
Avery's Creek	3.00
Cedar Hill	10.00
Horney Heights	10.00

Total French Broad \$ 34.65

Cape Fear

Yelverton's Grove	\$ 3.21
Riverside	9.75
Robert's Grove	5.00
Corinth	6.00
Lee's Chapel	7.00
Powhatan	106.00
Daly's Chapel	2.50
Tee's Chapel	13.00
Goldsboro	20.00
Cape Fear Union	60.00

Total Cape Fear Receipts \$ 232.46

Western

Piney Grove	\$ 3.85
Stancil's Chapel	2.61
Black Jack Grove	5.00
Elwood Lane	10.00

(See Report on page Ten)

OUR TRIP TO CUBA

R. W. Allman,
Route 5,
Durham, N. C.

I have always had a warm place in my heart for anyone who was willing to turn back upon friends and loved ones, and go into a foreign field to work for the salvation of souls.

I have always felt that they should have every need supplied. And I am fully convinced since we went to the foreign field and saw for ourselves the great need there. Our missionaries are doing a wonderful peace of work there in Cuba. They could do a much greater work if they had help and means to do with.

We were greatly impressed when we arrived at our school and saw the fine work they were doing there. Never in my life have I met a more intelligent group of young boys and girls, all working and studying preparing themselves for definite service. God has really blessed the work there in a wonderful way.

Bro. Willey and his staff of workers are really doing a good job, training the natives of Cuba. They have thirty-three boys and girls in the school, and all are really consecrated to the Lord, always ready and anxious to give their testimony for their Lord.

My heart was made to rejoice when I read in the Baptist where the mission board had made plans for the construction of a boy's dormitory and other buildings there at the school, these buildings are badly needed now. They have a nice girls' building almost completed, but are badly in need of a boys' dormitory and a chapel. I hope that our people will realize this great need and get busy and do something about it. I feel that if every minister in our denomination could go there and see what they are doing, that they would be ready to get behind this work and see that these needs are supplied.

If we here at home could realize the many sacrifices and denials our missionaries are making, it certainly wouldn't be any trouble to get money and other things that are needed so badly on the field. We are living

here in America, surrounded with luxuries while our missionaries are laboring without sufficient food and clothing, and we are content with just doing a little once a month and some of our churches doing nothing.

These people have left a land of plenty and gone to a land of want, turned their back upon all the privileges of this life, left friends and loved ones behind and gone into a strange land among strange people to work for their Lord. Certainly we ought to back them up with our prayers and also our money. How many of us would be willing to do what they have done? I hope and pray that God will place a special burden upon the hearts of our people for our mission program in Cuba and also in India.

If you could go there and see how anxious these people are to hear the Gospel, and how attentive they are while the Gospel is being preached, I believe you would be more concerned about getting the Gospel to them. We cannot all be missionaries but we can all help with our money and our prayers, and by doing this make the lives of those there more pleasant. Are you willing to do your part?

 REMINISCENCES

(Heb. 13:5)

My child, fear not the darksome trials, lean hard as we travel over the rugged mountains. I am near. Come close my child, grasp my unchanging hand. Why have you let it go? Remember when you set sail, you asked me to go all the way with you—how we stood together on the rail of the ship and talked. You beheld my beauty in the sky and the waters. At night I spoke to you through the stars, and promised you protection of your loved ones, while I assured them, I was protecting you by my angels.

Remember when you consented to go through life with me, you said in your heart that you wanted more than ever before to serve me. Remember the nights you lay sobbing, and when I came along and touched your very heart strings. I felt your sorrow and heartaches, I, too, was

heartbroken while upon earth. Remember, my child, how innocent you were of the whole war. You could not understand why there was so much killing and bloodshed. My child, I spared you from many horrors, as I knew you were young in me and could easily be marred by the flow and stain of human blood. I knew when you were homesick that is when I would speak to you. You remember, child, how my voice would make you buoyant and your joy was full. My words of compassion and love made every dark corner become bright.

My child, I was with your friends when they fell. It is not for you to wonder why I took them. Many boys went out into eternity without knowing me. I shared the grief and heartaches of many mothers, wives and loved ones, assuring them that someday they shall meet.

Do you remember in the Philippines when I sent the natives to you? They had suffered so much I know. You saw then the hope that was in them, even though their families were lost and all their earthly possessions destroyed, they saw my outstretched hand and heard my words, "Lean close my child upon my breast."

Dear child, remember the nights we walked along the shore of the ocean. You recalled that I had once walked another shore, the shore of Galilee. We talked that night, your faith reached out, and I shared your anguish and you trusted me with everything. You met natives who knew me and loved me. I saw those souls when I hung on the cross. Can you now see why I suffered and died? Remember the night when you were bound for Japan, I stood with you on the deck while you sang, "Master, the tempest is raging." The billows were tossing high that night, and I called you to follow me. Do you remember, my child?

Have you forgotten the first glimpse you had of heathenism? I remember how you were burdened for the souls that had never heard of me. I knew how you felt as I have long been burdened for those very souls. Many have long since passed into eternity without once hearing of

my dying for their sins. Many are passing on today in that same condition. Can you lightly turn aside and say you care not for those souls now perishing? Place your hand in my side, remember it was pierced for you, for all who will come unto me.

Come, dear child, I'm still the same today. I have kept you for a work. Come, my child, this way, come and do not shirk. I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

Floyd James Rogers,
F. W. B. Bible College,
Nashville 5, Tennessee

WHAT I BELIEVE

I believe that immersion is the true mode of baptism, which represents Christ's burial and resurrection (Romans 6:4). It is just as necessary for Christians to wash the each others' feet as it is to commune at the Lord's Table, for Christ told his disciples that as he had washed their feet they should also wash one another's feet. It was an example of humble service which he had given to them. They were no greater than their Lord.

The Apostle Paul instructed the church members to support the widows who were in need, and also to lodge strangers, and to be diligent in every good work. He spoke of washing the saints' feet (1 Timothy 5:10). Christ told his disciples in the thirteenth chapter of John's gospel that a New Commandment he had given unto them; that they were to love one another as he had loved them. By that all people would know that they were his disciples. We can prove this love for one another by doing as Christ has said we should do toward our brethren.

I feel that all Christian people who feel worthy to partake of the Lord's Supper should be allowed that privilege, as it is for the purpose of remembering him. All Christians should remember Christ and his teachings, and be willing to do as he has said they should do in carrying out his commandments. The Word of God teaches us to examine ourselves, and so may we eat that bread and drink that cup worthily, and

wash the saints' feet as Christ set the example unto his disciples.

God's Spirit strives, I believe, with and calls all people to Christ, but there are thousands who will not take heed to God's Spirit striving with them, trying to woe them to the blessed Son of God. Moreover, they rebel against the Spirit's calling. Only a few people are listening to his call and are obeying his command. This few will accept God's truth and will follow the Christ, but multitudes of people are paying him no heed at all. They are standing in the darkness of sin and will go down to utter condemnation, unless they repent and turn to the Lord Jesus. They are making their own choice for Satan and against God, and are sealing their doom.

I believe that God is no respecter of persons. The Apostle Peter said, "I perceive of a truth that God is no respecter of persons." How bad would you feel to think that God had left you out, and that it did not matter how hard you tried, you could not be saved. No, dear people, I do not believe that God has created a person, since he created Adam, without giving that person any chance of heaven. While I do believe that some have had better opportunities than have others in some ways, yet he tells us that where there is not much known there is not much required. I do pity people who have heard the gospel preached and who have been called by the Holy Spirit, and who have had all chances needful to repent and accept the gospel way of life, but who have hardened their hearts and have turned away from God's holy word. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come, . . . And whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17a). It is not God's will that any should be lost, but that all should be saved.

Dear people, if many of you are not saved from the wrath to come, here in a country like ours that have churches and Christian people to point the way to God, it is now time for you to turn to Christ and be saved before it shall be too late. The good Lord has made the way easy and plain for everyone to accept his

gospel plan of salvation and be saved. A way-faring man need not err but come to Christ for salvation. Do not blame anyone but yourself if you are eternally lost and condemned to eternal condemnation.

B. E. Coxwell

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Although this the eleventh hour insofar as expressing thanks and gratitude for Christmas and New Year remembrances, we are taking this first opportunity which we have had to do exactly that. We were most grateful for the cards, gifts, and letters which came to us during the past season. You who sent them cannot know just how much they meant to us who received them. The fact that you thus expressed yourselves assures us that we are being remembered by the folk back home and so gives us a greater incentive to give of our best.

The gifts were unusually nice and useful, the foodstuffs which we received were staples which we can use well inasmuch as some articles of foodstuff are scarce here in Cuba at this time of year. Our thanks also go to all of you who remembered our little daughter, Marilyn Ann. She received a number of sweet little gifts and we desire to thank you for her. The beautiful cards will be constant reminders to us of your thoughtfulness and your aim to pray much for us during the days to come.

Thank you all again and again, and please remember that we have a new obligation as servants together in Him to pray more, work harder and strive more earnestly to realize the full will of our Heavenly Father in our lives in these days of opportunities manifold.

Your servants in His Cause,

The Dodds.

Damon, Sylvia and Marilyn Ann

I met a poor soul in the depths of despair,
Who climbed to the heights in answer to prayer.

REPORT

(Continued from page Seven)

Kenly	100.00
Micro	50.00
Union Grove, Durham County ...	10.00
King's Chapel	3.75
Oak Grove	52.68
Hansley's Chapel	67.24
3rd. Union	4.50
Free Union	2.86
Hillsboro	12.50
Tippett's Chapel	10.00
Wilson	2.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00

Total Western Receipts ---\$ 346.99

Eastern

Morehead City	\$ 5.00
Smyrna	22.00
Juniper's Chapel	6.13
Kinston	25.00
Whaley's Chapel	5.75
Dublin Grove	7.12
Gray Branch	5.00
Sarecta	4.37
Verona	3.03
Bethlehem	12.64
5th Eastern Union	75.00
Edwards' Chapel	3.00
Friendship, Jones County	30.00
Davis	7.50
Union Chapel	43.82
Deep Run	1.00
Sandy Plains	9.00
Pilgrim's Rest	6.00
Beulaville	6.00
Sneads' Ferry	3.00
Smith's New Home	2.50
St. John's Chapel	10.76
Christian Chapel	8.00
Core Creek	25.77
St. Mary's	20.59
Warden's Grove	6.60
St. Delight	10.00
Carteret County Union	40.72
Cabin	3.00
Bridgeton	2.00

Total Eastern Receipts ---\$ 410.30

Pee Dee

Beaver Dam	\$ 8.70
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Albemarle

Sidney	\$ 2.43
Albemarle Union	108.16
Free Union Leagues	4.00

Total Albemarle Receipts ---\$ 114.59

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Henry Applewhite	\$ 10.00
Rev. W. M. James	1.00
Refunds	18.04
Farm, dairy and garden cash sales ..	185.47
Mrs. D. H. Tudor	5.00
Flora Peterson	1.00

Young People's Friend Sub.	12.00
Herman Avery	55.00
W. A. Winfield	100.00
Pitt County Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives) ..	10.00
Chap. and Mrs. C. H. Pelt	10.00
By: Tom West	105.00
Selma Furlough	10.00
Furnie Page (Parent)	15.00
P. S. Snead	5.00
J. P. Barrow and family	25.00
Salt Creek, Paducah, Texas	3.00
Greene County Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives) ..	30.00
Alarka	5.70
Highland Pines	24.90
Truck Hire	198.80
James T. Duncan (Parent)	30.00

Total Miscellaneous Receipts \$ 859.91

CHAPEL FUND

Central

King's Cross Roads	\$ 11.00
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Western

Edgemont	\$ 50.00
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Eastern

5th Eastern Union	\$ 50.00
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Total General Receipts -----\$2,274.74

Total Chapel Receipts -----111.00

Grand Total Receipts -----\$2,385.74

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Donated Commodities for
the Year 1946

Due to the paper shortage we haven't been listing the Donated Commodities by the month as they came in. Now that the shortage is about over we are going to put the report in the paper month by month.

Below is the Donated Commodities Report as they came in for the year 1946 and January, 1947.

January

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Teasley, clothing	\$ 7.50
Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, clothing	7.50
Black Jack, household supplies ..	60.00
Marsh Swamp Church, food	7.00

Total January -----\$ 82.00

February

Greenville W. A., household linens \$	50.00
Cabin Ladies Aux., household sup- plies	7.00
V. Davenport, household supplies ..	12.00
Friendship Church, household supplies	16.88
St. Paul W. A., household supplies ..	10.00
Johnston Union L. A. S., household supplies	10.00

Dawson Grove Aux., household supplies	6.49
Goshen Grove Aux., household supplies	12.00
Mrs. C. A. Denton, household supplies	8.00
Pleasant Grove Aux., household supplies	10.00
Mrs. J. A. Branch, household supplies	3.98
Miss Vudia Davenport, household supplies60
Mrs. James Taylor, household supplies50
Mrs. Cleatus Sullivan, household supplies	13.75
New Bern L. A. S., household supplies	12.50
Bethel Woman's Aux., household supplies	41.49
Sweet Gum Grove, clothing and window shades	10.00
Smith's New Home L. A. S., house- hold supplies	8.50
Powhatan L. A. S., food and house- hold supplies	46.60

February Total -----\$ 254.29

March

Mrs. Sally Taylor, food	\$ 5.25
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vincent, food ..	19.50
Elm Grove	5.00
Mrs. W. F. Thigpen, household supplies	10.85
Mrs. J. W. Stilley, household supplies	7.00
Mrs. C. L. Patrick, household supplies	3.98
Mrs. W. S. Brown, Sweet Gum Grove, household supplies	19.60
Swannanoa Church, blankets	63.52
Friendship, Western, household supplies	4.50
Rev. J. H. Worley, shoes	2.50

March Total -----\$ 141.70

April

Stoney Creek L. A. S., household supplies	\$ 10.00
W. M. Society of Beaufort Com- munity, household supplies	6.20
Mrs. J. C. Moye, clothing	10.00
Mt. Zion, Nash County, household supplies	5.38
New Sandy Hill Aux., clothing	21.03
Mrs. D. E. Wilder and Mrs. Vester Temple, household supplies	5.90
Hopewell Church, household sup- plies	3.44
Mrs. Mary L. Bright, clothing	44.77

April Total -----\$ 106.72

May

Mrs. Lina Davenport, household supplies	\$ 10.00
Mrs. Lena Hicks, farm supplies ..	1.63
Mrs. Estelle Moore, farm supplies ..	2.00

T. H. Willey, Adult League,	
Durham, food -----	28.00
O. C. Holland, food -----	18.90
Mrs. J. T. Nelson Estate, food -----	16.25
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Woodard,	
farm supplies -----	3.37
Federal through State Hospital,	
food -----	44.00
Winterville Aux., clothing -----	3.00
Sweet Gum Grove, household sup-	
plies -----	25.00
Acme Candy Company, food -----	37.80
Total May -----	\$ 189.95

June

Mt. Tabor, household supplies ---\$	6.60
Mrs. Beulah Hunsucker, household	
supplies -----	1.35
Shady Grove, L. A. S., household	
supplies -----	8.00
Holly Springs D. V. B. S., house-	
hold supplies -----	4.00
Micro L. A. S., household supplies	14.00
W. S. Carawan, food -----	33.00
Malachi's Chapel S. S., food -----	100.00
Little Rock L. A. S., household	
supplies -----	9.90
Mrs. N. E. Strickland, food -----	2.00
Total June -----	\$ 178.85

July

Mrs. Wheeler, clothing -----	\$ 12.50
Miss Louise Ferretine, linen -----	10.00
Casey's Chapel L. A. S., food -----	24.50
Casey's Chapel L. A. S., household	
supplies -----	7.00
Goldsboro Church, household sup-	
plies -----	40.50
Int. Girls, W. Hillsboro Bible	
School, household supplies -----	2.00
Winterville, household supplies -----	2.00
Total July -----	\$ 96.50

August

Marsh Swamp Aux., food -----	\$ 26.40
Marsh Swamp Aux., household sup-	
plies -----	11.20
Micro L. A. S., household supplies	3.50
Total August -----	\$ 41.10

September

Ayden L. Aux., linen -----	\$ 29.34
Mrs. E. C. Jomp, clothing -----	12.00
Mrs. C. H. Denton, household sup-	
plies -----	3.22
Mrs. C. A. Shine, clothing -----	35.00
Mrs. W. S. Hudnall, clothing -----	15.00
Total September -----	\$ 94.56

October

Green Mountain Church, Food ---\$	118.50
North Bend Church, food -----	56.50
Price's Creek, food -----	97.05
Terry's Fork, food -----	22.50
Higgins Chapel, food -----	33.95

Young's Chapel, Shoal Creek, food	96.30
Young's Chapel Church, food ----	143.00
Bowditch, food -----	146.20
Pensacola, food -----	120.35
Big Creek, food -----	17.10
Bald Mountain Church, food -----	22.20
Mrs. W. A. Willoughby, household	
supplies -----	5.00
Mrs. Johnson, clothing -----	3.00
Sweet Gum Grove L. A. S., clothing	64.00
Mrs. J. C. Moye, food -----	6.25
Cabin Aux., household supplies --	6.50
Elm Grove L. A. S., household	
supplies -----	6.00
Hugo L. A. S., household supplies	6.00
Friendship L. A. S., Jones County,	
household supplies -----	65.00
Daniel's Chapel L. A. S., house-	
hold supplies -----	12.00
Curtis Creek, food -----	42.50
Peterson's Chapel, food -----	40.00
Elk Mountain, food -----	21.45
Fair View, food -----	14.00
Little Elk, food -----	33.00
Vale, food -----	17.50
Beuladean, food -----	25.00
Hull Road L. A. S., household	
supplies -----	7.95
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture, food --	35.00
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture, food --	25.00
Total October -----	\$1,309.10

November

N. C. Dept. of Agriculture, food --\$	40.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ball, Asheville, N.	
C., food -----	1.20
Rev. Vaughn, Asheville, N. C., food	3.60
Rev. R. C. Munpower, Black Moun-	
tain, N. C., food -----	4.00
Mrs. J. C. Brock, clothing -----	6.00
Swannanoa Church, food -----	159.15
Reedy Branch, Young W. A., house-	
hold supplies -----	15.00
Archie Willoughby, food -----	3.60
New Bridge Church, food -----	23.40
New Sandy Hill L. A. S., clothing --	37.72
Mt. Zion L. A. S., Nash County,	
household supplies -----	90.74
Union Grove, Food -----	55.35
Grimsley L. A. S., food -----	6.47
Moseley Creek, clothing -----	12.50
Friendship, food -----	37.30
New Sandy Hill, L. A. S., food --	12.33
Hopewell, clothing and household	
supplies -----	20.00
Hopewell, L. A. S., furnishing	
room -----	50.60
Shiloh, clothing -----	6.50
Reedy Branch, household supplies --	11.50
St. Mary's, New Bern, linen, food	81.45
Mt. Zion L. A. S., Pamlico County,	
household supplies -----	28.93
Pleasant Plains Church, food ----	113.55
Romie Mitchell, clothing -----	10.00
Goldsboro, food -----	28.65
Goldsboro Church, food -----	10.81
Lee's Chapel L. A. S., household	
supplies -----	50.00
Holly Springs, food -----	33.05
Elm Grove, food -----	11.10

Mrs. Charlie Malpass, food -----	7.20
Union Grove, food -----	.50
St. Mary's, Western, household	
supplies -----	5.20
People's Chapel Aux., food -----	32.40
Friendship, Western, food -----	37.30
Piney Grove, Johnston County,	
clothing -----	41.82
Total November -----	\$1,188.82

December

Flood's Chapel, food -----	\$ 20.30
Bryan Rock & Sand Co., material	4.25
Mrs. V. C. Pounds, food -----	56.06
Miss Novella Propst, Linen -----	13.36
Wintergreen Church, food -----	25.00
Total December -----	\$ 118.97
Grand Total for year 1946 -----	\$3,802.56

January, 1947

Marsh Swamp, food -----	\$ 15.00
North Circle, New Bern, L. A. S.,	
household supplies -----	11.68
Mrs. C. L. Davenport, household --	.69
Mrs. Stella Waters, household ----	3.00
Edgemont Miss. Soc., clothing ----	4.00
Doris Faye Hinnant, clothing -----	10.00
Pleasant Grove L. A. S., household	
supplies -----	25.00
State Hospital, food -----	51.00
Total January -----	\$120.37

GOD'S BEST

God has His best things for the few
That dare to stand the test;
God has His second choice for those
Who will not have His best.

It is not always open ill
That risks the Promised Rest;
The better, often, is the foe
That keeps us from the best.

Some seek the highest choice,
But, when by trials pressed
They shrink, they yield, they shun
the cross
And so they lose the best.

Give me, O Lord, Thy highest choice
Help me to pass Thy test;
Earth's glories have no charm for me,
I want Thy very best.

I want, in this short life of mine,
As much as can be pressed
Of service true for God and man:
Make me to be Thy best.

—Adapted.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

JESUS SUMS UP HIS CLAIMS

(Lesson for March 2)

Lesson: John 12:12-16, 20-32.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me"
(John 12:32).

Our lesson is centered upon the verse that reads: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." And the next verse must be read with it: "This He said, signifying what death He should die." The Christ who is promised to draw all men to Him is a crucified Christ, a resurrected Christ, a glorified Christ. It is the Christ which the New Testament presents: the Divine Son of God who became man and who died on the Cross a sacrificial, substitutionary death for the sin of the world (John 1:29; 3:16; Rom. 3:25; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; I Peter 1:18, 19). We cannot emphasize this point too strongly. There always were some who sought to deny or hide the Cross of our Lord. They would pay lip homage to Him as a great teacher, a great Leader, a great Sufferer, but they would leave out His Cross and its evangelical meaning. Even in Apostolic times there were those whom Paul called "enemies of the Cross of Christ" (Phil. 3:18). And Jude pronounces woe upon those who "have gone in the way of Cain." Cain was the first worshipper who left out the blood (Heb. 11:4). He is the father of a mighty progeny. And the Cainites were never more numerous and assertive than now. They do not see Jesus as He demanded they should. And they cannot present a saving Christ to people. They are self-deceived and deceiving. This is all the more reason why evangelical Christians should redouble their efforts to proclaim far and wide the Christ of the New Tes-

tament, the Christ of the Cross, the Christ who died as a Substitute for sinners. Although we will meet with opposition from the world, we will have the power of the Spirit with us and the blessing of the Lord upon us.

II. Home Work

Our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies have valuable comments on this really important lesson. After studying them thoroughly, please look up the Bible answers to the following questions:

1. On what occasions did Jesus have contact with Gentiles when He was on earth? (Matt. 2:1; 8:5; 15:22; 27:13; John 12:20).

2. What important service did Philip render to Jesus? (John 1:45; 6:1; 12:21; 14:8).

3. In which incidents did Andrew figure prominently? (John 1:41; 6:8, 9; 12:21, 22).

4. When and under what conditions was it said of Jesus that His hour was not yet come? (John 2:4; 7:30; 8:20).

5. When and under what conditions was it said that His hour had come? (John 12:23, 27; 13:1).

6. How many prayers of Jesus are recorded in the Gospel of John, and what are they? (John 11:41, 42; 12:27; 17:1-26).

7. What are some of the ways in which the Son of God is glorified? (John 11:4; 13:31, 32; 14:13; 15:8; 17:4).

8. How often and on what occasions was a Voice from Heaven heard during the earthly life of Jesus? (Mark 1:11; 9:7; John 12:28).

9. For which great cause did Jesus Christ come into the world? (John 12:27; Gal. 4:4, 5; John 18:37).

10. How was Christ lifted up from the earth? (John 12:32-34; 3:15; 8:28).

11. Had the raising of Lazarus from the dead increased, or lessened, the interest of the Jews and their rulers regarding Jesus? Give scripture to prove your answer.

III. The Lesson Illustrated**"Waste" Products**

Go to the old burying ground of Northampton, Mass., and look upon the early grave of David Brainerd, beside that of the fair Jerusha Edwards, whom he loved but did not live to wed. What hopes, what expectations for Christ's cause went down to the grave with the wasted form of that young missionary of whose work nothing now remained but the dear memory, and a few score of swarthy Indian converts! But that majestic old Puritan saint, Jonathan Edwards, who had hoped to call him his son, gathered up the memorials of his life in a little book, and the little book took wings and flew beyond the sea, and alighted on the table of a Cambridge student, Henry Martyn. Poor Martyn! Why should he throw himself away, with all his scholarship, his genius, his opportunities! What had he accomplished when he turned homeward from "India's coral strand," broken in health, and dragged himself northward as far as that dreary khan at Tocat by the Black Sea, where he crouched under the piled-up saddles, to cool his burning fever against the earth, and there died alone? To what purpose was this waste? Out of that early grave of Brainerd, and the lonely grave of Martyn far away by the splashing of the Euxine Sea, has sprung the noble army of modern missionaries.—Leonard W. Bacon, in *Streams in the Desert*.

NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

The woman's auxiliary of the New Home Baptist Church has on roll 13 members, and they meet one day a week. They have devotional services in the morning and do work in the afternoon for those who are standing in need of help.

We have our program one day in each month, and Bible study one day. We are having a wondrous time in this work for the glory of the Lord.

Mrs. L. A. Wooldridge,
Tulsa, Oklahoma,
Route 9, Box 558

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN
MISSION TREASURER

Receipts during the month of January, 1947

Flood's Chapel S. S., of N. C. ---\$--	10.00
Mr. O. J. Pied of N. C. -----	1.00
Mrs. W. Staley Hudnell, Royal, North Carolina -----	1.00
Shady Grove S. S. of N. C. -----	10.00
Moore's Chapel Church, Elizabeth- ton, Tennessee -----	3.00
Rev. J. P. Barrow, Nashville, Tenn.	25.00
Beatrice A. Skanse, Minneapolis, Minn. (for organ in Cuba) ----	125.00
Ina F. W. B. Church of Illinois --	17.12
Ina F. W. B. League of Illinois --	20.00
J. R. Hodgson, Thompsonville, Ill.	23.00
Claudia Oliver, Plymouth, N. C. --	2.00
Oak Grove Auxiliary of Illinois --	20.00
Wolverine Asso., of Michigan ---	86.62
State of Oklahoma by D. B. Hellard	15.00
Women's Aux., Bristow, Okla. --	4.50
Gertrude Bowe, Nashville, Tenn. --	1.00
Rev. George Waggoner, Mt. Vernon, Ill. -----	10.00
W. S. Gardner, Springer, Okla. --	10.00
Jr. S. S. Class of Cordova, Ala. --	1.75
Horney Heights Church of N. C. --	10.00
Jack McCoury, Johnson City, Tenn.	1.00
Theodore Norred, Florence, Ala. --	5.00
Central F. W. B. Church, Johnson City, Tennessee -----	5.00
Union Meeting of S. C. Conf. ----	50.00
Madaline Burch, Detroit, Mich. --	5.00
Tulsa Church of Tulsa, Okla. ---	10.00
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Okla. --	10.00
First F. W. B. Church of Ft. Worth, Texas -----	20.50
Pine Level Church of Georgia ---	11.00
East Tupelo Church, Tupelo, Miss.	32.61
West Nashville Church -----	10.00
First F. W. B. Church, Elizabeth- ton, Tennessee -----	20.19
Union F. W. B. Church of Ill. ----	8.00
Union F. W. B. League of Ill. ----	10.00
National Women's Auxiliary Con- vention, by Fannie Polston ----	39.18
Mrs. J. E. Thigpen, Lake City, South Carolina -----	2.00
Robert Little, Oakman, Ala. -----	2.00
Eastern Conference of S. C. (This amount raised by S. J. Sawyer)	154.00
Central Texas Quarterly Meeting	52.53
Mrs. Ralph Phillips, Fair Grove, Missouri -----	5.00
Bethel Church of Tenn. -----	12.50
State of Ky., by G. E. Ratliff ----	49.00
National Unified Program Fund, by Robert Crawford, Treas. ---	180.00
Mr. F. M. Mesely, Blakely, Ga. ---	5.00
Mrs. Iona Buchanan, Lucasville, O.	5.00
Mrs. H. H. Mallison, Royal, N. C.	5.00
Christmas gift to Miss Yeley from friends in North Carolina ----	14.50
Christmas gift to Miss Barnard from friends in North Carolina--	19.50
William H. Hensley, Roderfield, West Virginia -----	12.00
Number One Church, Huggins, Mo.	1.76
F. W. B. of Shady Grove Church of Tennessee -----	15.00

Clarence J. Hearron, Waco, Texas	2.00
New Hope League of Tennessee--	1.86
Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Lovering, Columbus, Georgia -----	10.00
Murry Funderburg, Monticello, Arkansas -----	24.82
White Oak Church and S. S. of North Carolina -----	5.40
John Moody, Anderson, Texas --	25.00
Cumberland Association of Tenn., by J. E. Frazier -----	48.18
West Fork Quarterly Meeting of Texas -----	11.40
Cordova League, Cordova, Ala. --	5.00
Clayton, Texas, Church -----	4.40
Squire F. W. B. S. S. of W. Va. --	3.51
Moore's Chapel Church of Tenn.--	3.00
Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala. --	10.00
Bethlehem Church of Tennessee --	5.75
Katherine Woodson, Detroit, Mich.	2.00
Missouri State Association, by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer -----	274.97
Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Edge, Texas	5.00
Mrs. Goldia York, Ft. Worth, Tex.	1.00
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treasurer -----	417.27
Total to General Treasury -----	\$2,066.82

The Following was Given during the Month
of January on the Woolsey's
Equipment for India

Reported to Treasurer by Paul Woolsey	
Davis Church, Davis, N. C. -----	\$ 20.00
Monett Church, Monett, Mo. -----	50.00
Quarterly Meeting, Cumberland Association of Tennessee -----	25.00
Dunbar's Chapel of Tennessee ----	11.00
Harris Memorial Church of Tenn. --	230.00
Cedar Creek Church of Tenn. -----	88.50
Liberty Church of Tenn. -----	65.00
Moody Dunbar and wife of Tenn. --	10.00
Midway Church of Tenn. -----	100.00
Ashland City Church of Tenn. --	115.00
Offering at Bible College of Tenn.	72.06
New Harmony Church of Tenn. --	16.16
Post Oak Shade Church of Tenn.--	5.00
Greenville Church of Tenn. -----	25.00
Forest Grove Church and League of Tennessee -----	26.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Britton of Tennessee -----	10.00
Wood Dale Church of Tenn. -----	50.00
Coffers Chapel of Nashville, Tenn.	100.00
Given by a friend of Tennessee --	200.00
Joel Bible Church of Tenn. -----	20.00
Rev. Walter Blankenship of Tenn.	5.00
Swannanoa Church of N. C. -----	29.69
Piney Grove Church of Tenn. ---	4.50
Bethlehem Church of Tenn. -----	8.04
Auxiliary of Elizabethton Church of Tennessee -----	11.00
Mrs. J. O. Jacobs of Ohio -----	5.00
McMillian Church of Tenn. -----	15.00
St. Joseph Church of Tenn. -----	11.00
Holston Hills Church of Tenn. --	7.00
Auxiliary of Good Springs Church of Tennessee -----	10.00
Huntsville, Texas, Church, by Rev. J. F. Miller -----	42.00

Mayme Cutshall of Tennessee ----	5.00
Given by friends of Tennessee ---	30.00
Johnson City Central Church of Tennessee -----	33.00
Gregg's Chapel League of Tenn. --	20.00
Stoney Hill Church of Georgia --	4.65
Glennville Church of Georgia ---	22.65
Ebenezer Church of Georgia ----	10.00
High Hill Church of S. C. -----	12.00
Salem Church of S. C. -----	15.36
Katherine Woodson of Mich. ----	5.00
Phipps Bend Church of Tenn. ----	30.00
Rev. Jordon of Arkansas -----	15.00
Surgoinsville Church of Tenn. --	17.00
Jackson Chapel Church of Tenn. -	5.00
Total -----	\$1,611.61

The Following was Given during the Month
of January on the New Buildings at
the Cuban School of Missions

Rev. C. Vandenburg of N. C. ----	\$ 17.00
Leeds Church, Leeds, Alabama ---	86.55
Churches of Alabama -----	178.32
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jenkins, Elizabeth City, N. C. -----	10.00
Rains X Roads Auxiliary of N. C.	11.00
Loyal Chapel Church of Tenn. ----	19.14
Total -----	\$ 322.01

Received during January from the sale of the book titled, "His Name Among All Nations" ---	264.00
	2,066.82
	1,611.61
	322.01

Total Receipts -----\$4,264.44

WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer

"REST IN THE LORD"

Rest in the Lord, my soul;

Commit to Him thy way.

What to thy sight seems dark as
night

To Him is bright as day.

Rest in the Lord, my soul;

He planned for thee thy life,

Brings fruit from rain, brings good
from pain

And peace and joy from strife.

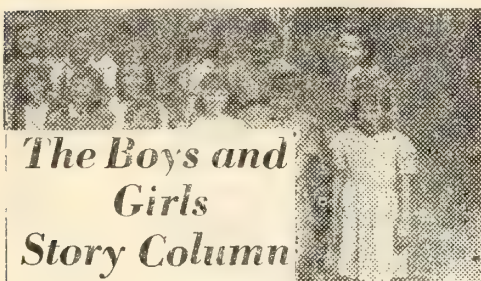
Rest in the Lord, my soul;

This fretting weakens thee,

Why not be still, accept His will?

Thou shalt His glory see.

You cannot climb the ladder of
success if you stop with one achieve-
ment.



*The Boys and
Girls
Story Column*

THE SILVER LINING

Alice M. Barr

"Wake up, Millie," called her twin sister Maud, "and just take a peep at the outside world!"

Millie began to squirm among the pillows at the sound of her sister's voice, sensing something was wrong, and rubbing her sleepy eyes, she turned toward the window. One glance was all she took—but that one was enough to convince her the outing that they had planned to go on that day was over.

"Isn't it a shame!" she muttered soberly, "every time we come down to Aunt Mary's and plan to go on an outing it rains."

"Yes it does," agreed Maud, "and just think of having to spend a whole day in this house!"

When they went downstairs, however, and found their Aunt Mary waiting at the breakfast table for them with the merriest twinkle they ever had seen in her eyes, they both suddenly felt glad that nobody had heard the disagreeable expression they had made against the day. They felt, too, it was wrong to complain.

"Well, girls," said Aunt Mary pleasantly, "the morning looks like a dark cloud, doesn't it?"

"It does that," agreed Millie, "but you look like sunshine, Aunt Mary, all smiling and happy as you are."

"That's one of my rules," answered Aunt Mary, "to always make an effort to smile my brightest on a rainy day because it makes things cheerier inside, and then I always try to remember, too, that every cloud has a silver lining, and the best way to find it is to look for it."

Maud and Millie gave each other a wise little wink, but never said a word, and a few minutes later Aunt Mary was serving to them hot waffles and maple syrup and they were chatting like little magpies.

"Well, girls," said Uncle Jimmy when he arose from the table, "I'm afraid the outing is all spoiled today."

"Don't talk about a spoiled day, dear," said Aunt Mary, "when we are having such a beautiful rain just when our growing things need it so badly—and think how lovely the world will be for an outing to-morrow."

"I wouldn't mind waiting for to-morrow," said Maud softly, "if I knew how to get through this day pleasantly."

"That's the easiest thing in the world," said Aunt Mary. "I already have the day crammed full of things to do. First, we are going to set the house in order, then while I finish up a little garment for the missionary barrel, I want you girls to finish a couple of pictures for the inmates of the crippled children's home—this will take the better part of the morning, and by noon—oh, well, no telling what will happen by noon!"

And sure enough, following Aunt Mary's directions, the morning with the rain pattering against the dusty windowpane did pass so quickly and pleasantly that noontime came before anyone had really given it a serious thought, and with it came a change in the weather and by two o'clock in the afternoon Aunt Mary invited the girls to be her guest for a drive out in the country all washed sweet and clean by the beautiful, silvery rain, and what a good time they did have!

And that night when Maud and her twin crawled into bed they each resolved that henceforth and forever they would live like Aunt Mary, believing that each dark cloud had a silver lining and would make it their business to find it.—The Junior's Friend.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24).

REPORT OF CAPE FEAR UNION MEETING

The Cape Fear Union meeting convened on December 29, 1946, with Tee's Chapel. The morning devotions were conducted by Rev. M. E. Godwin and Mr. Latham Phillips led the music. The moderator made a few remarks concerning the business of the day, after which he called for the roll-call of officers, ministers and churches.

There was a very good attendance of the ministers for the day. The minutes of the last union were read and approved. Rev. Stedman C. Davis was elected to fill the vacancy on the Mission Board, which vacancy was caused by Rev. C. R. Biggs leaving our association. Rev. Herman Wooten and Rev. T. E. Beaman were appointed to serve on the Mission Board for the day. The members of the program committee who were appointed for the day to assist Mrs. M. E. Godwin were as follows: W. J. Lassiter, and Wilson Parker. Rev. Rashie Kennedy served on the education committee.

After a short intermission, the eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Rev. Rashie Kennedy who used for his subject: "Christian Fellowship." He took as his scripture lesson, I John 1. Following the sermon there was an hour for an enjoyable lunch and Christian fellowship.

In the afternoon the devotions were conducted by licentiate Buck Williams, who spoke on the subject: "Separation." At this time all of the committees gave their reports. It was found from the reports that Lee's Chapel Sunday School had earned the banner for the best average attendance for the quarter.

The petitions for the next union meeting were taken up from Shady Grove and St. John. The Union voted to go to St. John's Church for the next time. During a very spiritual testimony meeting, two musical selections were given; one by Armetta Woodall and the other by Rev. G. C. Joyner. Our orphanage representative, Rev. W. H. Lancaster, urged our continued support of the Home. A gift of \$57 was made on the building program at Wooten's Chapel.

The union extended a rising vote of thanks to Tee's Chapel for their kind hospitality shown to this union. Rev. Stedman C. Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

Rev. C. H. Coats, Moderator,
Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Secretary

THE PLUMB LINE

Senator Fulbright tells this story. A certain not-too-trustworthy Negro contractor in the deep South was making some repairs on a church for a colored congregation. A deacon of the church dropped by to inspect the work. He chanced to see a plumb line fastened to a corner of the roof. As his eye followed the line downward, he turned to the contractor, saying, "Look heah, mistah; dat buildin' 'pears to be leanin.' Jes take a look at dat plumb line!"

"Oh no sah," protested the contractor; "dat buildin' okay. Hit's jest an old plumb line what ain't reliable."

After you are through laughing at the Negro contractor's naive ingenuity, consider this serious application of the story: GOD has given all of us a perfect Plumb line—as perfect as the laws of gravitation. It is His infallible, inerrant Word. Let us build by His Line! In Amos 7:7, 8, we read: "Behold, the LORD stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in His hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plubline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel."

As we read the Scripture, let us remember that IT IS THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD; and let us judge our beliefs, and conduct, by that blessed Word. Let us NOT think of the "Plumb line" as being unreliable, as many people today do. When their "building" is crooked, they uphold their building, and say the plumbline (the Bible) is unreliable. How foolish. What a serious mistake. Yet many people today are doing that very thing.

—In Christian Victory

Too many people try to evaluate the lives of others by false comparisons made upon inadequate judgments and reasons. What they need to do is to make their evaluations upon the standards of Bible characters.—James Wilcox.

A man with a guilty conscience is never found in the paths of righteousness.

The power and success of any life is being led wholly by the Spirit.—Selected.

*Are our boys
and girls going
in or out of the
Church?*



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REPORT OF CARTERET UNION

The union meeting met with Sound View Church, Newport, North Carolina, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1946. Rev. W. E. Anderson, the moderator, presided over the meeting, which opened with congregational singing. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams offered the opening prayer. Then Mrs. Howard Lewis welcomed the visitors, and the moderator gave the response. The various committees were then appointed. An offering was taken for the orphanage, which amounted to \$28.72. Mrs. McAdams then introduced the Reverend Clarence Vandenburg of Denver, Colorado, who preached the union sermon. Rev. Roy Miller, pastor of the church, made the usual announcements, and then adjourned the meeting for the lunch hour.

A special dinner was spread during the noon hour on the church grounds, after which the meeting was again called to order by Mr. Elmer Garner, the assistant moderator, for the transaction of the business of the union. After congregational singing and prayer, a short testimony meeting followed. Mr. John T. Taylor acted in the absence of the clerk. Mrs. McAdams gave a splendid report on the subject of temperance, and Mr. J. T. Taylor made a talk on the Sunday School work.

Financial Report

On hand from the last union	\$ 16.62
Offerings from churches	
representing	76.21
Special offering for the	
Orphanage	28.72

Total received \$121.55

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	\$40.72
Christian education	20.00
Missions	12.00
Superannuation	10.00
To aged ministers	7.50
To the clerk	5.00
Miscellaneous	0.90

Total paid out \$96.12
Balance in the treasury \$25.43

After extending thanks to the church and community for the fine

way they cared for the union, the invitation of Holly Springs Church was accepted for the convening of the next union which will be in March, 1947. The meeting then closed with song and prayer.

Rev. W. E. Anderson, Moderator,
Mrs. Weldon Fulcher, Clerk

MY PRAYER

O, God, the stars give happiness to my heart,
The deep blue sky above me helps me so!
And the big pale moon shows me from the start
All around is weary and my heart is full of woe.

O, God, I can see your face so clearly visioned
In the great sky above so very blue;
Your whispering to the stars, O, God, so true,
Oh, Lord, is that really you?

The hand of white beckons me
Far over the great beyond,
To be with you, my Lord,
When my life is on earth done.

Father, do you still remember?
When days long, long ago,
When first I met you in sorrow,
And my heart was full of woe?

Far above in heaven I can see your dear face,
But my heart is full of sadness and
Trouble comes to my aching heart,
When I think of my awful disgrace.

One year ago, dear Lord, I knelt
In a little chapel pew;
Then I became so happy, Lord,
As I was kneeling there with you.
O, God, forgive me now for all the past,
And if I have sinned today,
Wilt Thou come along and help me,
And guide me along life's high way?

—Lillie Mae Ewin

We profit much when we associate with the honest and upright people.

FREE WILL BAPTIST WILL LAUNCH HOME MISSION PROGRAM

The South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists will launch a Home Mission Program by arranging for the Rev. E. P. Kirby to visit our churches, preach missions, and strive to build up a fund sufficient to keep a competent evangelist in the field. Kirby's theme will be: **Salvation based on Missions**, and founded on Genesis 44:34, "How shall I go up to the father, and the lad be not with me?" He will use sub-topics from time to time, such as "Faith without works is dead," or "Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say." And again, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away," or "How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation?"

This program will begin at the Darlington Free Will Baptist Church on the third Sunday in March at eleven o'clock a. m. From there to Liberty Church, near Manning, on the fourth Sunday, and he will be at Bethany Church, Florence County, the fifth Sunday.

Everybody is invited to attend these services, and we are making a special request for as many of our ministers and church leaders who can arrange to do so, to be at one of these first meetings.

By the Committee

A NEW CHURCH AT VERONA, NORTH CAROLINA

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We may look for more kindness when we show more gratitude.

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Against a Thorn

(II Cor. 21:7-9)

Once I heard a song of sweetness,
As it cleft the morning air,
Sounding in its blest completeness,
Like a tender, pleading prayer;
And I thought to find the singer,
Whence the wondrous song was borne;
And I found a bird, sore wounded,
Pinioned by a cruel thorn.

I have seen a soul in sadness,
While its wings with pain were furl'd,
Giving hope, and cheer and gladness
That should bless a weeping world;
And I knew that life of sweetness,
Was of pain and sorrow born,
And a stricken soul was singing,
With its heart against a thorn.

Ye are told of One who loved you,
Of a Saviour crucified,
Ye are told of nails that pinioned,
And a spear that pierced His side;
Ye are told of cruel scourging,
Of a Saviour bearing scorn,
And He died for your salvation,
With His brow against a thorn.

Ye "are not above the Master."
Will you breathe a sweet refrain?
And His grace will be sufficient,
When your heart is pierced with pain.
Will you live to bless His loved ones,
Tho' your life be bruised and torn,
Like the bird that sang so sweetly,
With its heart against a thorn.

—Author Unknown.

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EMPTY PEWS

In any church service empty pews are evidences of disinterested church people. But where are those people who customarily fill those pews? They once were regular church attendants. They used to be on time, and bring with them their friends or children, but now they are elsewhere. But where are they, and what are they doing?

In this day some of them are too busy in secular matters to have the time to fill their places in the church. They want more money, more pleasure, more recreation, less religion. —H. G.

"Tribulation worketh patience; and patience experience; and experience hope; and hope maketh not ashamed."—Romans 5:3-5.

Editorial

THE WORKERS' INSTITUTE

The Christian Workers' Institute, as we have been informed by Reverend Robert B. Crawford, National Executive Secretary, will be held in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, beginning March the third and continuing through March the fourteenth.

The ministers, lay leaders of the churches and other Christian workers of that area are urged to attend this institute for religious instruction. The program of work and the instructors in charge of the teaching schedule will be of such nature and value as to make the class periods quite beneficial to those who register for the work. The class lectures, discussions, study periods and daily devotions will be a source of joy and fine Christian fellowship for everyone who may have a part in the institute.

In view of what the Institute has been in the past to those who attended them in other places and in other states, it is sufficient to say that those who can should avail themselves of the privilege of being a part of this institute. Some sacrifices might have to be made to be able to attend, but the good derived will be, we feel certain, more than commensurate for the time used from other endeavors. Religious truth gained, the splendid Christian fellowship witnessed, and the urge to return to posts of duty for a greater spiritual service to the Church will all be greatly gratifying to those when they have finished the work of the institute.

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MORE HALF-TIME CHURCHES

Just recently we have been informed that there are several country churches in North Carolina that are planning to go on half-time basis, thus giving their congregations more preaching services each month. In cases where one Sunday a month was all they had, now they are planning to give them two, with four to six preaching services to the month.

Certainly, that looks like a forward step in the right direction. Everything else, in the secular world, has moved forward in many ways, and the church is doing the right thing to move forward by calling the people of God to the church more often than once a month. Too much religion! Too much preaching! Too much going to church! No, never. No child of God ever gets too much of the gospel, and good Christian fellowship. Nonsense for anyone to suggest that anyone can get too much of the good spiritual things of God. The more we can make heaven here, the more we shall be able to enjoy the riches in glory when we get to the Holy City.

Then there are some churches, we have been told, that are thinking of building parsonages, and elect full-time pastors for their country communities. What a blessing, when this is done! Think how the light of the church will move the youth and the children onward toward a greater and a deeper knowledge of God. Who would not want to move into these communities, join ranks with the church people and help to make the whole-time church program a great asset in the whole area?

Vision, yes, let them take the vision, and build a greater church for God and the uplift of humanity in those communities. The girls and boys will get more out of life; the parents will rejoice more; the pastors will witness greater blessings from their hard labors; and God will smile upon them with blessings to share. More will be done, in such communities with whole-time religious services every Sunday in the month, and the economic, social and spiritual life of the people will be raised upon a higher standard.



"Taking up one's cross" means simply that you are to go the road you see to be the straight one, carrying whatsoever you find is given you to carry, as well and stoutly as you can, without making faces, or calling people to come and look at you.—Anonymous.

The Bible Class Room

Rev. D. A. Windham

(Salvation)

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved"?—Acts 16:30.

We have before us the greatest question ever asked by men or angels; and because of its greatness, men have gone to the extreme in both directions, and seem to be hopelessly divided. I am asking the stenographer to release this lecture in its entirety.

I have before me the professions of faith accepted by the Free Will Baptist prior to 1812, the same that we had when we registered with the Federal Government and had our denominational identity established. If there is authority for the faith of the Free Will Baptist, and it is not this document, I am frank to confess I do not know what it is. I have been informed by a regular trade mark attorney that it would be the basis of a Federal Court decision in matters of controversy.

In this and the two lectures to follow, God being my help, I shall keep closely to the contents herein.

The answer to the question of the text is given by the Apostle Paul, and it embraces God's matchless Gift and man's whole duty to God. Mortal tongue will never exhaust all that is embodied in that answer and eternity alone will reveal the depths of it.

Here is a soul conscious of the fact that it is banished forever from God, doomed to eternal despair, crying to a man of God for Spiritual Light to illumine his way. God sees to it that such an inquirer has that very information—that Guiding Light that points the lost to Jesus, **The Way**. The answer implies that God has already provided the means and the inquiring soul is told to apply the means provided. By applying the means provided, we become the Sons of God by adoption. Adoption in this respect is much stronger than the term used in the legal process of adopting a child in our own family. A man may adopt a child in his fam-

ily, then that child will share all the privileges of the other children; but to be adopted into the family of God and become heirs and joint heirs with Christ, we share in the divine nature by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in us.

Salvation is that state of being saved which is to be placed beyond the possibility of being lost and that is not reached, absolute, as long as probation lasts and probation will continue through life. Therefore, all that endure to the end will be saved.

It is possible for a child of God to fall away and if he does not repent, be eternally lost.

The Atonement provides the means of salvation and the 51 Psalm and the Parable of the Prodigal Son give a general outline of its application. Stating it plainly, God does what men cannot do; but makes definite and specific requirements of him. Having already discussed the Atonement, we pass now to consider these requirements.

All persons who have reached the age of accountability and have not accepted Christ by faith are regarded in the sight of God as sinners, even though they have lived the strictest moral lives. Our righteousness, if we have not Christ, is but "filthy rags" and by the works of the flesh shall no one be justified. Salvation is not of works, that moral work, but is the Gift of God through Christ and that is only obtained by accepting Him by faith and even faith without works is dead. To be saved, we must be "workers together with God."

There are those who over-emphasize works. To be saved, we must rely on Him as though we could do nothing and work as though we have to purchase salvation. Paul says "work out your salvation with fear and trembling." By this, we must reach up as high as we can and God will reach down the rest of the way. A seeking sinner and a seeking Saviour always find each other, yet the sinner must not leave all the seeking for the Saviour and He will not leave it all for the sinner.

The returning Prodigal did not have to cover the whole distance, but was met a part of the way by a loving father; and Joseph, who was a type of our Lord, met Israel a part of the way, which pre-figures the great pulsing, throbbing heart of God, who will not allow us to come the whole distance, but by an all sufficient atonement has met the returning sinner over half way.

The first essential: the sinner must see himself as a sinner and until he does, he cannot be saved. This is sometimes called conviction and is definitely the work of the Holy Spirit, who may and does use means to convict. Not until conviction is effected will the sinner feel his need of a Saviour.

I was walking out on a narrow pier with one of my children. Below the water was boisterous. The child kept squeezing my hand tighter and tighter. Finally, he said, "Daddy, you take my hand." In precisely the same way, the sinner must come to feel his absolute helplessness. For except men become as little children, they cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

We come now to think on some of the conditions of Salvation; and first of all, we want to consider justification; the great aim of Christ while on earth, was to exhibit to the self-righteous Jew and earthly wise Gentile the only true way to justification with God. The Apostles dwelled much on the subject as much of Romans and Galatians has to do with justification.

Soon after the Apostles, the mass of the church departed from the faith of the Gospel and sought justification by their own works and so continued until the reformation.

Justification is understood by some critics as a low term signifying acquittal or setting free.

In applying it as a scripture term, it implies that the sinner is condemned before God, and on the same ground it released and restored to the Divine Complacency. Men in a state of nature are sinners under condemnation, and that same are delivered from this condemnation and brought into a state of reconciliation with God is one of the most definite teachings of scripture.

In regard to a strict definition of this term, it is not the same as salvation, a term of wider import. It should not be confounded with regeneration, though regeneration does invariably accompany it. Justification is an act of God toward us, while regeneration is a work of the Holy Spirit wrought in us. Justification is a righteous and a merciful transaction, whereby God treats the sinner as though he was righteous.

Justification is not arbitrary on the part of God, He deals righteously with His Children by Creation. Justification is by free grace, but it must be merited by the sinner.

What is the ground of justification? It is evidently the Atonement of Christ. This is plainly taught in the scriptures (Rom. 3:24-46).

Just here from our profession of faith, going back to before 1812, I quote "We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God." We do not understand that Christ's personal righteousness is imputed to the sinner, and that this constitutes his justification. No such doctrine is taught in the Scriptures. God does not impute sin or holiness from one being to another; nor does He punish or reward one for another, but by his righteous obedience in going to the cross and carrying your sins and my sins with him, and making an all-sufficient atonement, is the ground of our justification. We are not to believe that the obedience of Christ was imputed to men, but in consideration of His obedience to God can justly dispense pardon to believers and accept them for Christ's sake. The Scriptures are too numerous to quote teaching that the Atonement is the only ground for the sinners acceptance with God.

Justification is conditioned on the part of the sinners and the Scriptures are clear on this point.

God has not only provided a way of reconciliation through Christ, but employs means to win the sinner to

embrace offers of salvation. The Holy Spirit enlightens and convinces all of their lost condition and of the way of salvation. He convinces all that they should yield to the operations of grace. The sinner decides for himself, either to yield or reject. God forces no one because His servants are all volunteers.

One condition of justification is repentance (Mark 1:4; Luke 24:47; Acts 51:31).

Faith by way of eminence is styled the condition of justification, and is taught in every part of the scriptures. The Epistles to the Romans and Galatians are like exhaustive treatises on this condition. I will only quote the conclusion of one of the Apostle Paul's arguments. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

A very essential condition of salvation which is closely associated with justification is repentance. We have no English word that expresses fully the Greek term and according to the authorities in Hebrew, the same is true of that language. The Greek term implies a change of views, feelings and purposes including regret for the past and amendments for future. We will here consider some things essential to true repentance.

The sinner must reflect on his spiritual condition. The Psalmist says, "I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." When they reflect seriously on their ways, an important step is taken.

Until they do this, there is no hope of salvation. Sin must be viewed as a grievous wrong against God and His Righteous Government. They must see themselves sinners, and their sins must appear exceedingly sinful. They must know the truth respecting their condition before they can apply for the remedy. Like the Prodigal Son and David, they must see sin in its true light; and realize in what lies their one and only hope. This leads to a deep regret and sorrow that he has transgressed the Will of a Loving Father. This does not necessarily mean a transient emotion, but a deep abasement and anguish of heart.

There must be confession of sin. (See Prov. 28:13, Matt. 10:32, Psa. 51:3, 4.) The Prodigal Son made complete confession. (See Luke 15:21.) David further confesses his sin (Psa. 32:3, 5). Such must every sinner do to God and when he has wronged an individual he must confess to him and be reconciled to him (Matt. 5:23, 24).

We come now to an act on which hinges every thing, and that is the forsaking of sins. The Prodigal Son forsook the Citizen, his occupation and the swine. Were it possible to have all the other exercises, they would avail nothing, while sin is retained. So essential is this requisite of turning from sin to the service of God, that it often stands for the work of repentance—being the result and substance of the whole.

The subjects of repentance are sinners. It relates wholly to sin. Men repent of nothing but sin (Matt. 9:13).

Repentance then is turning from sin and accepting Christ as a Personal Saviour.

Repentance is essential to salvation (Luke 13:3). It is definitely commanded in the New Testament. (See Mark 1:15, 6:12, Acts 2:38, 17:30, Rev. 3:19.)

From this scripture and many others, we affirm that repentance is one of the great Bible doctrines.

The evidences of repentance are its fruits, an obedient heart, and a godly life. Repentance is essential as the first step, but to avail finally, it must be followed up by obedience to the end. "Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life."

You'll always find a welcome, and your friends will wish you nigh—if you strive, in conversation, not to overwork the I.

The real purpose of our existence is not to make a living, but to make a life—a worthy, well-rounded, useful life.

Life is not so short but that there is always enough time for courtesy.

—Emerson



THE OWENS FAMILY

The picture which accompanies this article represents five generations of the C. W. Owens' family. Mr. Owens is 86 years old and his wife, Mrs. C. W. Owens, is 76 years of age. They have seven children living, forty-four grandchildren, sixty-three great grandchildren, and nine great great grandchildren living. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have been married 62 years, and they live near Fountain, North Carolina.

From left to right, the back row, are the following: Mary Everett, Nellie Ford, William Ford; front row are Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Owens and Billie Reason.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens have been members of Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist church for sixty years. They have been true and faithful members to their church all these years. They were great Sunday School workers as long as they were able to attend the Sunday School. They have been a very great help in the church and community for the cause of righteousness and the uplift of the people in the community. They are very feeble now, but they still attend the church services most every fourth Sunday when they have preaching service at the church.

They are a kind and loving Mother and Father to everyone. Mrs. Owens has been taking the Baptist paper for about 35 years, and she says that she has received great benefit from read-

ing it all these years. It has been a source of great comfort to her. We feel that it will do her and others good to see this picture in the Baptist paper, and to let the church people know about their long life service in Otter's Creek church and community. May their faithfulness to the cause of Christ, and great loyalty to the church that they have loved so long be of inspiration to others to do their best for the cause of righteousness in their church and community.

Mrs. Mary Everett,
Fountain, North Carolina,
Route One

NOTES AND QUOTES

Wrecking Crews

"We could wreck the Pyramids," said a spokesman for a Wrecking Crew. But he was asked, "Can you build a Pyramid?" Certainly not. It does not take a genius to wreck a thing. A small boy, with a hatchet in hand, can demolish or mar the form and beauty of a mansion that it took skilled workmen years to build.

Wrecking crews have been doing their bit throughout all time. This wreckage began when the devil, Satan, that old deceiver, entered the Garden of Eden, and "beguiled" mother Eve. The Devil has wrecking crews in every land. Wherever man

is found, Satan's wrecking crews are found. The Devil has sent out great missionaries to do wrecking. These crews have been very successful in their undertakings. They have played their damnable hand in the political, the social, financial and religious institutions of the whole earth. The devil is no respecter of persons; his work is to tempt all mankind. By his tactics of temptation he wrecks homes and fills the courts with divorce suits. Every divorce is caused by the devil, in one party or the other and sometimes in both parties.

Every dispute that comes in a Sunday School or church meeting is created and promulgated by Satan.

Every Christian institution, which goes under or fails to accomplish that which gives glory to God and benefits man, is undermined by Satan.

Satan works through men to accomplish his desires. Sometimes he does it through our ignorance. Sometimes through our wilful acts as we are devil inspired. The various weaknesses of man are sifted out by Satan and he takes advantage of the weak spot. The devil has worked his plans to wreck and destroy the Free Will Baptist church, from its beginning, but he has not succeeded.

The late Rev. S. H. Styron said, "I am sure that the Free Will Baptist church is God's Institution, because the devil has tried his best to destroy it from the beginning.

Here to Stay

A fellow who at one time was a Free Will Baptist but for prestige sake left for a "bigger church." He said to me, "I don't think that there will be any Free Will Baptist church in another fifty years. My reply was, "Brother, some of these brethren will be here when Jesus Christ comes again, and will be doing business in the name of the Lord Jesus. This conversation took place years ago. At that time our college at Ayden had burned down, and a great stew was going on about moving the Orphanage from Middlesex, and little children were going hungry for a lack of cooperation and support of the institution. Well the devil had one of his most powerful "wrecking

crews" out with all possible machinery.

Now Get Another Picture

The devil even though he accomplished his purpose in the destruction of the college at Ayden, but he failed to destroy the heart and soul of those who stood for CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is not simply great buildings with great teachers. It is a principle born in the heart and mind of spirit-filled believers in the Lord Jesus. You may curb it in one place and it will break out some where else. So the principle — CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—bobbed up here and there, as it spoke out from the hearts of honest souls. Finally, it settled in a building program in Nashville, Tenn., and going out from this Bible College are young men and women who are Spirit-filled. Yes, filled with the Holy Ghost, and they are moving things for the glory of God. We have seen some of their work. God is blessing in a great measure. Yes, Mr. Critic, we are going places for Jesus.

Then the Orphanage that had such a hard hit is going; and the receipts for this institution last year tells the story. When North Carolina Free Will Baptist people give 75 thousand dollars in a year for the on-going of an institution, it means that we are here to stay.

Our Foreign Mission work was wrecked in the North by consolidation with others. But one hundred years brought a resurrection of the work. In 1835 the first Free Will Baptist went to India. As we said this work went to others. In 1935 Miss Laura Belle Barnard went to India. She has been used wonderfully by the Lord Jesus. Now others are planning to join her in the great work of saving the lost of India.

Back forty years ago we had but very little literature; so little that we are ashamed to say what we did have. As late as 1913 we had nothing but a pile of ashes left at Ayden when a fire swept what was there to prepare literature. Now we have a good weekly magazine printed by The Free Will Baptist denomination—by a part of the denomination—but

in reality, according to the Charter, it belongs to Free Will Baptist, and is chartered as "NON PROFIT-SHARING INSTITUTION, with stipulations that all surplus beyond actual needs for enlargement and sustenance, shall be allocated to religious work in the denomination. We do not have all the literature that we need, but the day will come when there will be more and better, because this is the idea of the leaders of the denomination. A new paper, "The Youth's Banner" is being published now and is taking with some.

Then there is the MISSIONARY REVIEW that we mentioned in a former issue of NOTES AND QUOTES, published by the Foreign Mission Board. This periodical is a great effort toward the work of consolidating the work of the Lord in printed periodicals.

Who would wreck any of these institutions? Certainly the Devil would but who can afford to help him?

Then there is another great work in the Free Will Baptist ranks, namely, SUPERANNUATION. This work is growing. We might go on in every phase of our church work. We are going and growing. Who would dare wreck any of these institutions? Well a lack of proper support, a state of complacency, or a state of jealousy, or a state of selfishness, or a confusion could cripple in a great measure any and all of these institutions. But I believe that with vision which we have as a denomination, the devil will have a hard time wrecking these institutions.

The Whole Program

As a denomination we have a program in our various states and in the National Association. We should certainly support the whole program. As pastors and evangelist, we should get behind every move and push with our prayers, with our words and with our money which the Lord has placed within our hands. Every preacher should attend, if possible, the National Association, and help to make it a better and a more far-reaching organization. Every delegate appointed or elected from each state should go and fill his place

as a regular spokesman for his district association. If there are defects in the Association, and certainly there are, for none of us are perfect, but let us help to correct them. We, upon whom the responsibility rests should attend the Association and help to make it better. Not only is this true with the National Association, but it is true with our district and state bodies. If I stay at home and do not support these organizations, and things are not what I want them to be, then I am to blame for not helping to correct them.

If Free Will Baptists want better things than that which we have, we ought to have the will to sacrifice time, talent, and money, to bring about better conditions.

Come on, one and all, and let us go over the top for Jesus, as a denomination. The next National Association goes to Highland Park F. W. B. Church, Detroit, Mich. Every State Association affiliated with the National should strive to get every representative there for the whole time. Every preacher who is in good standing with his home folks—his respective association or conference—has a voice if there. We should use this privilege to speak for Jesus and His church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADOPTED CONVENTIONAL PLAY OF SUPPORTING DENOMINA- TIONAL ENTERPRISES

On the first Sunday in February, we, the Sunday School at Rocky Mount, voted to adopt the plan given by the North Carolina Sunday School Convention Institute for supporting the denominational enterprises, as announced through the Baptist by the Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Director of Institute.

This plan was not announced in time to begin the first Sunday in January, but we did send the money collected on those past Sundays according to plan.

Our Sunday School is making progress under the leadership of our superintendent, Bro. James Taylor.

—A. L. R.

USE OF MONEY IN THE CHURCH

Colonel Pendleton
Nashville 10, Tennessee

As I have heard many people express their views on this very important subject, I thought that I would like to write how I stand on it. Some church members say, "I don't believe in giving the preacher anything." To which I am always bold to answer, "Neither do I." But then I am quick to say, "But I do believe in paying my pastor wages that he can live on; and not have to beg the worldly people for something to live on. For proof I quote the exact words of Paul, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." Then Paul gives proof, for what he says by quoting Deut. 25:4, which reads, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." Then he gives some good advice as to how God wants His preachers treated. That we all would do well to read, and practice. Here it is: "Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Then that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality" (1 Tim. 5:17-21).

We find that there is an innate desire in all mankind to seek after something higher, or more holy than themselves. As we all know, man was created in the image of God; and, having found himself depraved, it becomes natural that he seek after noble things. Then looking about him, he sees a vast expanse of land, water, sun, moon, stars, clouds, and skies, which leads him to believe that there is something beyond the natural. And in his quest after this **Unseen**, this something that will satisfy his longing for the Supernatural, he will worship as Jesus told the woman, "Ye worship ye know not what," such as wood, stone, the sun, moon, and the other heavenly planets. Paul said to the Athenians, as written in Acts 17:22-23, "Then Paul stood in

the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious (or religious). For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." Does it not seem clear from the above experience, that God looks down on such with love and tender compassion, and according to His plan of redemption establishes the means whereby man may return to God and enjoy the fellowship which his first parents enjoyed in their Eden home?

Now, let us realize that this fellowship with God is made possible through the ministry of the **WORD** carried by messengers who are called for the purpose.

So it pleased God to save man by sending preachers to tell them of the love of God for them; and, as preachers are men "of like passion" as all other men, they have to eat, sleep, wear clothes, and have a house to live in. All these things cost—money—but as—"It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables," God has "... ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). Therefore, setting His preachers free from the table service, they can be as the twelve: "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word" (Ac. 6:4). The ministry during the time of ancient Israel was what we might call systematically provided for. We learn that God gave Israel the land of Canaan as an inheritance which was divided to them by lot. I give the following to show how God regarded the ministers as an essential part of His economy, and how there was to be no lack of their support. We find in the 18th chapter of the book of Numbers how God chose Aaron and his sons for the priestly office to minister before Him and to bear the iniquity of the congregation, and how the tribe of Levi, of which he was a part, was to be associated with him in that sacred service all the days of their life.

Then, in verses 20-25 we read, "And the Lord spake unto Aaron,

Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel. And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die. But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance. But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel, they shall have no inheritance."

These instructions were some times carried out by Israel, but at other times they failed as is seen from Neh. 13:10-12, which reads: "And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. Then brought all Judah the tithes of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries." We see that the record of this is very brief. It may be conceded that this apostasy did not take place in a day. The first step to withholding the Lord's tithe (or the tenth part of thine increase) is covetousness. This sin gradually, but insidiously undermines and weakens the desire to see God's work carried on efficiently, until finally the work is paralyzed by the withholding of the tithes and offerings. We see that such was the condition in the days of Nehemiah. So pronounced was this withholding (or as an other prophet said "Robbing") of the Lord's tithes that the ministers, and singers were forced to seek their own livelihood in the field of agriculture.

In the Church that Jesus Christ builded we find that Paul has not minimized the importance of the ministry of the gospel. As to Paul's estimation of the importance of the ministry, let us read Romans 10:13-15, which says, "For whosoever shall call on the NAME OF THE LORD shall be saved. How then shall they call on him whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

Let us notice that the saving is dependent on the calling on the name of the Lord; that calling on the name of the Lord is dependent on believing; believing on Him is dependent on hearing of Him; hearing of Him is dependent on preaching; the preachers' going to preach are dependent on their being sent by someone. Now, the question naturally arises. Who is to send the preachers? How do we, that is, the Church, send the preachers?

The Lord calls the preacher by putting the desire in his heart. We read in 1 Tim. 3:1, "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." It means to leave his natural vocation to go out into the world to seek lost men, women, boys, and girls for the kingdom. How must he and his family be cared for? Who is to supply the means to care for him and his family? Do we have anything authentic about this in the New Testament Scriptures, or are we left to speculate or theorize on so important a matter? For proof let us listen to what Paul has to say on this most important subject: "Have I no right to claim food and drink? Have I no right to take a believing wife with me on my journey, as the rest of the apostles and the Lord's brothers and Peter do? Are we the only ones, Barnabas and I, who have no right to give up manual labor? What soldier ever serves at his own expense? What farmer ever plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? What shepherd

tends his flock and does not taste the milk? Am I saying this on human authority only, or does not the law also say the same? Yea, in the Law of Moses it is written, Thou shalt not muzzle an ox while he is treading out the grain. Is it the oxen that God is thinking about, or is it really said for our sakes? It was written for us; because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher to thresh in hope of getting a share of the crop. If I have sown for you the seeds of spiritual good, is it a great thing if I reap from you temporal goods? If others share this authority over you, do not I far more? Yet I have not availed myself of it, but am patiently enduring; so that I may not in any way hinder the progress of Christ's gospel. You know, do you not, that those who minister in the temple, and those who serve at the altar, get their portion of the sacrifice? Even so the LORD ORDAINED THAT THOSE WHO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL SHOULD GET THEIR LIVING BY THE GOSPEL." (1 Cor. 9:4-14). — Montgomery's Translation.

The above Scripture is both lucid and comprehensive in emphasizing the importance of having a well supported ministry. And, I might also say, that we need a well trained, well educated ministry, too. Yes, I want our young people so well trained that they will be welcomed anywhere they may go with the good news of a salvation by grace. We want our preachers well educated so that they can teach in an intelligent way the great truths with which God has entrusted the founders of the Free Will Baptist churches; which stand for FREE WILL — FREE GRACE — FREE SALVATION.

But there is another angle from which we can look at this subject; an other aspect under which we should view this great subject. Paul said, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" Now, from our own experience, we conclude that those who have been made partakers of the "spiritual things," the gospel—and have the great joy of a full, and free salvation by grace are always willing and anxious to con-

tribute to the support of the ministry in order that others may have the same privilege of hearing the same good news which has given them the great joy they now experience in their lives. This willingness is especially pronounced in the newly converted, for the new convert is willing to give as the widow, even the last mite. But, this condition of willingness to give does not always remain in some converted people. I am sorry to have to say this. Many are like the person in the parable our Lord spake in Matt. 13: which reads, "He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful." Yea, as time goes on the once zealous child of God loses his first love and becomes lukewarm. Then, little by little, he ceases to manifest his love for the lost souls and withholds the tithes and offerings from the Lord's storehouse.

We find another class who fail to give because the preacher reproves sin. Whatever may be the cause, withholding the tithes and offerings is a sure sign of a falling away. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor. If we love our fellow-creatures, we will send them the gospel of salvation through a well paid ministry. Our prayers should be, "Oh! God, please raise up more prophets who, like Nehemiah, who said, "Then contended I with the rulers, and said Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their places. Then brought all Judah the tithes of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasures." In these days of extreme covetousness we need to restore the means whereby our ministers may stay in the mission fields. We read in Matt. 9:36-38, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but THE LABORERS ARE FEW; Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into his harvest." So great is the sav-

ing of souls that Jesus said, "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance" (Luke 15:7).

WARNINGS REJECTED AND DEATH OF THE SOUL

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In John 8:21 we read, "Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: Whether I go, ye cannot come."

There are three solemn warnings given by Jesus to Jewish sinners, and also meant for Gentile sinners, in the above passage of Scripture. Also, there is one admonition on another opportunity. There is also one last judgment pronounced, which settles the destiny of all sinners forever, in the above passage. I hope to be able to show in this article, that "Warnings Rejected Lead to Soul Death." There is no provided love, mercy, salvation, or heaven for this class of undesirables with God. The fact that one allows the practice of sinning to cause the person to reject God, and all He offers, is proof within itself, that the sinner is courting soul death.

Let us look together now at the outline, and prove the points in no mistaking manner, informing all readers in an easy understanding language. Here on the outline we begin:

1. With all there is one admonition on another opportunity. Here it is. "Then said Jesus again unto them." It was Jesus' plan all through His life work and teachings to give all another chance, until the person decides there is no end to the opportunities, so he leaves, and begins to reject the love and mercy of God. Then He will soon withdraw from that person His Spirit, and leave the sinner to continue his practice of sinning to the end of life, and let him die with, and in his own sins. Rejecting the offered opportunity of God means the individual invites soul death at any cost.

2. We will now consider the first of

the three solemn warnings, "I go my way." In a small pamphlet I read several years ago, the short story read about this way: A mother of two daughters, one six and one four years old, said to her husband and daughters one day just after the noon meal, "I am going away and will never come back." It grieved the husband and broke the heart of the daughters. All the persuasion and pressure of husband and daughters did not affect the mother one particle, for she did go. The husband cried, and the daughters kept begging her to come back after she started, and they cried, "Mamma come back," but she went on and never did return. Jesus here makes it plain, "I go my way," but there is not one word that He will ever come back to a sinning soul who rejected Him as Saviour.

3. We will now consider the second of the three solemn warnings, "And ye shall seek me." Did you ever assist in seeking a person or child which had gone somewhere unknown to all seekers? Darkness may have overtaken you in the hunt, and may have hindered and obscured the plan, but the object of the hunt, the lost child, urged you to keep on. Now the difference in a measure between this story and what Jesus meant is: The fact that other children lost in time had been found, was encouragement to keep hunting; but what Jesus meant was, you will seek me, and keep on seeking Me, but the fact that you had your opportunity and rejected Me, until I withdrew, forever settles the fact that you will never find Me. Don't cross the dead line. These people who reject Jesus until He leaves them, and later seek Him remind me of one of old, of whom it is written in the Song of Solomon, chapter 3:2, "I sought Him, but I found Him not." It is a delusion on the part of any seeker to play with their lost soul, and expect to find God at their leisure.

4. Let us now consider the third solemn warning, "And shall die in your sins." The writer was once called upon to stand by the bed, while a mother of nine children died. She was sixty-two years of age. The mother was reared on a farm by good, religious parents. During the last

one and a half years of her life she cried, "the Devil is right there, help me." Alas! she died in her sins. On this point, in John 8:24 Jesus said, "I said therefore unto you (sinners) that you shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not in Me, ye shall die in your sins." I wish readers to understand that Jesus here forever settles a point, that if people reject Him all through life, it will be hard for them to believe on Him while they are dying. Remember, sinners, that Hell is filling up with people as good as you, and with as good intentions as you have, and if you fail to believe on Jesus Christ as the Saviour, you may be the next sinner to go there.

5. Consider with me the last judgment pronounced, which settles the destiny of all sinners forever. All they who insist on living with their sins, invite and compell God to keep His word, and pronounce the last judgment upon them, from which there is no appeal. It is still true, "The way of the transgressor is hard" (Prov. 13:15). The loudest warning God gives sinners is: "Sin lieth at your door" (Gen. 4:7). The wisest warning God gives sinners is: "Prepare to meet thy God." "They shall perish, because they receive not the truth in love, that they may be saved. Think sinners of the warning against Spiritual Blindness: "The god of this World (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (2 Cor. 4:4). Dear sinners and careless church members please read with me the end of your false expectations, "When a sinner dieth, his expectation shall perish; and the hope of the ungodly person is gone" (Prov. 11:7). Be advised, all careless rejectors, of the duty and service you owe God. "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (Jas. 1:15). Here ye my last warning, "For he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" (Heb. 12:17).

The final doom of all rejectors of God: "The fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: Which is

the second death" (Rev. 21:8). The second death is the death of the soul.

REPORT OF SECOND UNION MEETING

The second union meeting of the Western Conference of North Carolina convened with Milbournie Church in Wilson County on December 28, 1946. The devotions were conducted by Rev. J. F. Parrish, and following the devotions the various committees were appointed by the moderator as follows: Devotional, Sunday School, Temperance, Finance, Missions, and the Orphanage was standing committee.

The minutes of the last union meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called and the following were present: J. B. Ferrell, J. F. Parrish, D. Bissette, J. C. Varnell, L. H. Boykin, Tilden Renfrow and Burkette Raper. Then the moderator asked that we be dismissed one hour for dinner, and the church served a nice lunch which was enjoyed by everyone present.

The afternoon session began at one o'clock, and the devotions were conducted by Rev. Tilden Renfrow. The list of churches was called and the representation was good. The committees made their reports which were accepted. The financial report from the churches was \$38.00. A special offering for the orphanage was taken and it amounted to \$20.29. The treasurer reported \$58.29, and the total paid out was \$58.29, and the balance on hand is \$12.10.

The petitions for the next union were received, and by vote we will meet the next time with Barnes Hill Church in Nash County, near Sandy Cross in March. The officers were elected for another year, and a motion was made and carried to re-elect the same officers for the year 1947. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Milbournie Church for their kindness shown this union. The meeting closed with song and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Moderator,
Rev. J. F. Parrish, Sec.-Treas.

GOOD IN OTHERS

There is an old saying that runs like this: "There is some good in the worst of people, and why not try to find it?"

Well, the trouble with many of them is they hold back the good and broadcast their bad principles, or at least they live the bad and reserve the good. But they are not to be discarded from the crowd. It is the Christian's business to try to touch the spark of good in them, and arouse their feelings for noble living. It is a bad tide that never turns, and a terrible wind that never changes. True with some people: they can be changed by right influences being brought to bear upon them; right relationships manifested toward them; and good deeds requested of them. Old habits can be changed for new, bad conduct can be given up for better living, and a different view of life can be acquired by the good people taking hold of the bad people and helping to lift them up, and lead them to see new light in life and living.

Seek to change their environment, and they will be modified by the new relations of life. Give them new things to think about, and they will take on new ways of thinking. Praise them for their new steps in life, and they will seek to do more and to live happier.—In The Telescope.

OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE

The time is near for you to go to the Christian Workers' Institute for the Christians of the entire State. You are to go to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, which is located at 2300 Southwest, 30th Street.

The Institute begins on March 3rd, and will close on March 14th. You pastors are expected to attend. You should help all your officials and Christian works to be present for the entire session of the Institute. This is the second Institute in the four series.

If you have not registered, please do so at once. If you don't register before March 3rd, come on anyway.

Rev. B. T. Kirby is the pastor of the church, and he lives at 2212 Southwest 31st Street. We will see you in Oklahoma City on March 3rd. Purpose and plan to be present.

Rev. Robert B. Crawford

BIBLE CONFERENCE WHERE? FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA MARCH 10th—14th

We are looking for you preachers, deacons, Sunday School superintendents, laymen in general, one and all. This is an opportunity of a life time to enjoy this refreshing from Heaven.

Two messages per day on "Evangelism," by Rev. L. C. Johnson, Tupelo, Mississippi, first President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Two messages per day on "Doctrine," by Rev. E. C. Morris, Glennville, Georgia, Pastor of Glennville, and Ebenezer Churches.

Two messages per day, "Pastoral Responsibilities," by Rev. George D. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tennessee, a school teacher for 19 years, now a preacher.

Bring a pillow case, blankets, tooth brush, towel, etc.

Cost will be seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) to cover board; no registration is charged.

Eldridge is on U. S. Highway 78 from Birmingham, Alabama, to Memphis, Tennessee, about 65 miles out of Birmingham. Greyhound buses are through there every few hours. The Frisco train from Birmingham goes through there.

We are looking for 100 people who will give \$100.00 each to open the Orphanage. If we can get this, we will open the Home before the fall.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Chairman of Trustees and
Chairman of Conference
Committee.

Rev. H. A. Pitts,
Brilliant, Alabama,
Treasurer of Bible
Conference

P. S.—Orphanage Board meeting on March 13th at the home; all-day meeting.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

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JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET

Lesson for March 9)

Lesson: John 13:3-15, 34, 35.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34).

Many casual readers have puzzled over these words of Jesus, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another," because of the fact that there was nothing new in the idea or the edict! They remembered that in Old Testament times God expressed His love for Israel in every possible way, and enjoined love for one another, upon His people. We have such records as the love of David and Jonathan for each other, and the sacrifices they made in behalf of their deep companionship. Even the heathen had their remembered sagas of such cases as Damon and Pythias, and there is nothing new in the mutual interests and strong attraction each for the other.

All this is quite so, but the idea of novelty is not in the commandment to love, but in the manner of that love, as expressed in the words, **"As I have loved you."** The love which Jesus had for His disciples and which He still lavishes upon all who trust and follow Him was a unique love, one which the world had not before known. It is this sort of love which Christians are commanded to manifest toward one another.

David was a charming, attractive person, Jonathan could not help but be drawn to him. The personality of Jonathan coupled to his comely appearance made it easy for anyone to love him. But the love of Jesus was poured out upon the repulsive, the ugly, the vile, the sinful and the de-

generate! Any average person can love his friends, Jesus lavished His affection upon His enemies. Jonathan saved David's life, therefore it was natural for David to love his friend and preserver. Jesus spent His love upon His murderers! Such a love was unique indeed, and it is after this fashion that Jesus commanded all Christians to love one another.

—Selected

II. Home Work

1. What woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears? (Luke 7:36-50).

2. What service was very important among the early Christians? (I Timothy 5:10).

3. Was Judas ever a true believer? (John 6:70, 71).

4. Why did no one suspect Judas when Jesus announced that one of them should betray Him? (John 13:29).

5. What was the sad fate of Judas? (Acts 1:16-20).

6. How great was the love of Christ for His own? (John 15:13).

7. How long did the love of Christ for His own continue? (John 13:1).

8. What is Christ's great commandment to us? (John 13:34, 35).

9. How great should be our love for one another? (John 15:12).

10. How can we prove our love for the brethren? (I John 3:16, 17).

11. How much time elapsed between the event recorded in Luke 7:36-50, and that recorded in John 12:1-3?

III. Thoughts on the Lesson

Christ's Example:

Know ye not what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither

he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them, verses 12b-17. Christ here plainly states that he had set an example for his disciples to follow. As he had done this act of humble service to them, so they should practice it themselves among one another. "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." That is, ye should be ready, after my example, to condescend to all the weakness of your brethren; to be willing to do the meanest offices for them, and to prefer the least of them in honor to yourselves."—Dr. Adam Clarke. "The servant is not greater than his lord"; that is, our Lord has ennobled the acts of humility by practicing them himself. The true greatness of a Christian consists in being humble and serviceable unto his fellow Christians as was the Lord Jesus. There is nothing to be ashamed of in humbling oneself in washing the saints' feet at communion service, but rather it is a time of deep devotion and sweet fellowship which children of God should have one with another.

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." True happiness of believers consists in knowing the will of God, and then in obeying his holy will. Christians are to take part in washing the saints' feet, and thereby receive a blessing from God by the performance of the act. Certainly, obedience to God's holy will brings satisfaction to the hearts of believers in Christ Jesus. Yes, we firmly believe, washing the saints' feet is a spiritual act which should be practiced by Christ's followers.

—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

"To do Thy will is more than praise,
As words are less than deeds;
The simplest trust can find Thy ways,
We miss with charts of creeds!"

The soul shines out brightest through a crucified flesh.—Dr. Daniel Steele.

God moves on a track; it is a track of perfect holiness.—Dr. A. T. Pier-son.

ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST

"And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" Gen. 4:9. (Read Gen. 4:8-10.)

The first human tragedy was an outburst of strife between brothers. Cain, angry and jealous that Abel's offering had proved acceptable unto the Lord, turned upon his brother and slew him. Since that day, anger and envy and jealousy have torn brothers apart.

In times like these when international tensions, class antagonisms, and racial disturbances are opposing world brotherhood, we need to re-study our own attitudes and prejudices.

We need to recognize with a new warmth of personal meaning that regardless of nationality, class, or race, all men are brothers and all stand on a common footing as children of the same Heavenly Father.

We need to realize that we are not our brother's keepers, but we are our brothers' brothers. As such, our attitude toward men of other races should be characterized by mercy, justice, appreciation, and love.

Prayer

Our Father, impress us, we pray, with the practical, everyday significance of our kinship to all Thy children everywhere, and guide us that we may live in harmony with the principles of brotherhood. In the name of our Elder Brother we pray. Amen.

Thought for the Day

"O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother."

—Boyd M. McKeown (Tenn.)

—Clipped from "The Upper Room," by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark.

The Reverend J. A. Hucks, assisted by Reverend Malcolm Harrelson and family, will be on the air at WLAT Broadcasting Station at Conway, South Carolina, every Thursday at 1:30 to 2:00 P. M. Rev. Hucks will do the preaching.

CHECKING TIME

There comes a time in most every church when an inventory of how things are going should be made. The church needs to take self-examination to see what is needed, how things can be improved, and just what advances can be made for the cause of righteousness in the community. Church leaders and the general laity of the church should be sincere and

anxious about this matter. They are to hold counsel meetings, discuss the past year's failures and achievements, and see what might be done for improvements for the new year. Progress is built upon desires for better church services, better church support, better church attendance.—The Voice.

The Bible standard is purity of heart and life.—Rev. D. B. Strouse.

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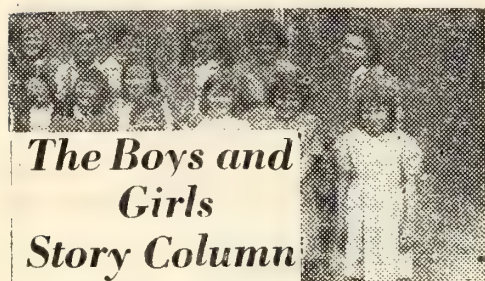
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The Boys and Girls Story Column

EATING ICE CREAM

Harriet C. Gaerthe

What is more refreshin' on a warm summer's day than to come in from play and have a nice dish of ice cream placed before you? Ah, it seems Everett is happy! His face is all aglow His eyes twinkle with delight.

Ice cream consists of food values such as cream, milk, eggs and sugar.

These all are good for us. Of course we get these very same foods in other things we eat, but to have them all in ice cream, has a two-fold enjoyment and value. It is so refreshing on warm days. Water does not always quench the thirst, or satisfy. Ice cream is so cooling! There is a verse of Scripture which says, "The meek shall eat and be satisfied" (Ps. 22:26).

By Everett's expression on his face he seems like a gentle and patient boy, one who is easy to get along with. That is what is meant by being meek. Our verse is, "He shall eat and be satisfied." This is a promise for even a little lad like Everett.

There is One we learn to know and love through reading the Bible, and He is the Lord Jesus, who was meek and lowly in heart. For Jesus said,

"Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart." As we learn more and more about Jesus we never are quite satisfied until we have a desire to read the Word of God, the Bible. The more we read it the more we love it, and grow. The Word of God is food to us. We enjoy it, even more than a dish of ice cream. The Lord Jesus satisfies you with food from the Word of God. Our verse is, "He shall eat and be satisfied." We never will be led astray into sin when we feast on the Word.

We truly can say, "He (Jesus) satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness" (Ps. 107:9). Yes, it is true, the Lord Jesus sends and gives us just what we need. And He fills us so completely that we lose all appetite for things apart from Him.

—Selected

TREASURER'S REPORT TO NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Semi-Annual—July 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946

Balance brought forward from June 30, 1946—\$3,159.59

8-5-46— Receipts

M. L. C. U.	\$ 16.32
M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board ----	4.10
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9-9-46—

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10-4-46—

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R. B. Crawford, Unified Program ----	80.00
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11-13-46—

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Mrs. Rex Weatherman, Oklahoma ----	18.00

1-16-47—

Rashie Kennedy	13.90
M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board ----	392.40
R. B. Pyles, Ga. State Board ----	52.32
Mrs. Fannie Polston, W. N. A. C.	16.75
M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board ----	205.67
M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board ----	53.78

Albert Halbrook, Premium on Policy - 10.51

Total Receipts, 1-15-47 ----- \$1,472.80

Total Credit 1-15-47 ----- \$4,632.39

Disbursements

7-5-46—

Secretarial Service ----- \$ 10.00

7-23-46—

M. L. C. U. Premium on one policy ----- 44.61

8-1-46—

Henry P. Jenkins, Refund on Application
Refused ----- 8.16

8-14-46—

M. L. C. U. Premium on Policy ----- 65.23

8-14-46—

Secretarial Service ----- 10.00

9-7-46—

Secretarial Service ----- 10.00

10-4-46—

Cash for Supplies ----- 5.00

10-5-46—

Secretarial Service ----- 10.00

10-15-46—

W. C. Holmes Insurance Company ----- 5.00

11-8-46—

Secretarial Service ----- 10.00

11-13-46—

M. L. C. U. Premium on two Policies --- 59.91

1-14-47—

M. L. C. U. Premium on Policy ----- 21.01

1-14-47—

Secretarial Service ----- 15.00

Total Disbursements 1-15-47 ----- \$273.92

Receipts plus Balance, July 1, 1946 to

January 15, 1947 ----- \$4,632.39

Less Disbursements, July 1, 1946, to

January 15, 1947 ----- 273.92

Balance on hand, January 15, 1947 ----- \$4,358.47

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Alice E. Lupton, Editor

**LONG RIDGE AUXILIARY
REPORT**

The woman's auxiliary of Long Ridge F. W. B. Church was organized and began its meetings on October 13, 1945. Since that time we have met regularly twice each month, except for the summer months, when we met only once each month.

We have on roll 18 members, with an average attendance of 12 present at our meetings. Mrs. Thelma Sutton, our president, has been in charge of each of our meetings. The following is a list of our activities:

Have read Bible chapters	6,185
Have made sick visits	177
Flowers taken to the sick	6
Trays taken to the sick	4
Funeral designs for the deceased	1
Have distributed gospel tracts	250
Have mailed convalescent cards	2
Given sunshine basket to the sick	1
Quarts of milk given to the poor and needy	562
Collected for dues and offerings	\$149.02
Have paid out	\$124.02
Now have in the treasury	\$253.61

This is to be used in building Sunday School rooms.

Received from sponsoring food booth at Warsaw on November 11, 1946, \$29.22 which is to be added to our general fund.

Miss Julia Kornegay, Secretary

**ANNUAL AUXILIARY REPORT
DUBLIN GROVE CHURCH**

Balance on hand from last year	\$ 17.69
Dues collected	49.85
Birthday dues	9.44
Donations	33.00
Cards sold	8.25
A refund	0.20
Sales of fancy work	19.15
Foreign mission fund	14.72

Total for the year \$150.30

Disbursements

Postage and money orders	\$ 1.01
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Pulpit Chair Fund	19.00
Convention fees	2.00
Infantile Paralysis Fund	5.00
To the orphan child	60.00
To the Red Cross	5.00
To Five Point Program	3.00
For cards	3.50
To foreign missions	14.72
For a pot plant	2.00
To the orphanage	5.00
Chapel Hill Crippled Fund	2.00

Total paid out \$122.23

Activities

Chapters read in the Bible	2,191
Sick visits made	275
Trays given to the sick	46
Flowers given	39
Floral designs	9
Religious services held	41
Get-well cards sent	88
Sympathy cards sent	51
Gallons of milk given to the needy	5
Orphan adopted	1
Coupons sent to the orphanage	826

Mrs. H. W. Hudnell, Secretary

**ANNUAL REPORT OF LITTLE ROCK
AUXILIARY**

Report of the Ladies Aid Society of the Little Rock Church, Lucama, North Carolina, for the year 1946.

Balance on hand January 1, 1946	\$203.66
Dues collected	\$ 36.75
Collected from brooms	62.00
Collected from furniture polish	62.00
Collected from skiddoo	4.25
Birthday dues	7.73
Collected from cards	9.50
Collected from Puro Products	6.10
Donations	10.75
One quilt sold	10.00
Turkey Supper	136.20
Christmas cards	226.20

Total collections \$521.48

Total \$725.14

Disbursements

Home Missions	\$ 36.40
Church	20.00
Donations	27.50
Flowers for sick and funerals	23.73
Orphanage	80.63
Foreign Missions	5.00
Donation to Cragmont	12.50
Donation to Church Baptistry	35.00
Superannuation	5.00

Other expenses	133.40
Total	\$379.16

Balance on hand, January 1, 1947 \$345.98

There was reported for the year 918 chapters read in the Bible, 597 sick visits, 86 flowers sent to sick and funerals, 34 trays, 83½ gallons of milk given away and 205 cards sent.

Imettie Raper, President,
Ruby Ferrell, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

Reverend D. A. Windham, of Greenville, North Carolina, has some screen pictures of the Easter season, and will be glad to show these Bible pictures of the Crucifixion in churches in the vicinity of Greenville, the week following Easter. Churches that have electric lighting system will do well to make engagements with Brother Windham to see these Easter pictures and to hear his lecture which will be given along with the pictures. The whole service will last about an hour, opening with song service, scripture reading and prayer, and then the pictures will be given. There will be no charge, but a free-will offering may be taken to defray expenses. Brother Windham states that these Bible pictures can be given only the week following Easter. Those interested may address him at Greenville, N. C.—Ed.

JUST A LITTLE THING

Just a little thing—a very little thing—
Will sometimes cause the heart to sing:
A friendly word, a simple gift,
And the soul is given a mighty lift.

Sometimes we weep when we can't send
A costly gift to a cherished friend,
When perhaps his only real need
Is a friendly word, or a kindly deed.

So, with-hold not the little thing,
It might be the very thing to bring
To someone about to fail in the strife,
The courage to win eternal life.

"Hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."—1 Peter 1:13.

"He that would undermine the foundations of our hope for eternity, seeks to beat down the column which supports the feebleness of humanity."—Nevins.

THE CIGARETTE SPEAKS

To a young girl over a period of years
I'm just a friendly cigarette—
Don't be afraid of me!
Why all the advertisers say
I'm harmless as can be!
They tell that I'm your "best friend,"
(I like that cunning lie!)
And say you'll walk a mile for me,
Because I "satisfy."

So come on, girlie, be a sport!
Why longer hesitate?
With me between your pretty lips,
You'll be quite up to date!
You may not like me right at first,
But very soon I'll bet,
You'll find you just can't get along
Without a cigarette!

You've smoked one package, so I
know
I've nothing now to fear;
When once I get a grip on girls,
They're mine for life, my dear!
Your freedom you began to lose,
The very day we met,
When I convinced you it was smart
To smoke a cigarette!

The color's fading from your cheeks;
Your finger-tips are stained;
And now you'd like to give me up,
But, sister, you are chained!—
You even took a drink last night!—
I thought you would ere long,
For those whom I enslave soon lose
Their sense of right and wrong.

And should you e'er a mother be,
According to God's will
Your offspring, poisoned with nicotine,
An early grave may fill,
Or following in your footsteps
Will add more poison to
The blood stream defiled already,
And thwart God's plan for you.

Year after year I've fettered you,
And led you blindly on
Till now you are just a bunch of
nerves.
With looks and health both gone.
You're pale and thin, and have a
cough—
The doctor says "T. B."
He says you can't expect to live

Much longer, thanks to me!

But it's too late to worry now;
When you became my slave,
You should have known the chances
were
You'd fill an early grace.
And now that I have done my best
To send your soul to hell,
I'll leave you with my partner,
DEATH—
He's come for you! FAREWELL!
—Elizabeth Hassell.

Jesus is your only hope and way of
escape. He said, "I am THE WAY,
THE TRUTH and THE LIFE." Je-
sus can save your soul from SIN and
from the POWER of the DEVIL. Je-
sus said, "All power is given unto me
in Heaven and in Earth." Matt. 27:
18.

Fully trust Him NOW, and you are
saved.

Pilgrim Tract Society,
Randleman, N. C.

REPORT OF FOURTH UNION MEETING

The fourth union meeting of the
Central Conference of North Carolina
convened with Dilda's Grove Church
on December 28, 1946. Rev. J. D.
Vernelson delivered the welcome ad-
dress, and then the devotions were
conducted by Rev. Dan Beaman. The
list of churches was called and six-
teen represented with delegates. The
name of Rev. T. P. Ellis was added
to the list of ministers, and the fol-
lowing committees were appointed:
Finance, Education, Sunday School,
Temperance, Program and the Devo-
tional.

The union sermon was delivered
by Rev. L. B. Manning at the eleven
o'clock hour. The clerk was asked to
write a letter to Brother Dewey Ty-
son, and the said letter to be signed
by the moderator and clerk of the
union. Brother J. C. Cobb is to still
remain on the committee to visit
Brother Tyson, and to report back to
the next union.

Rev. Hamilton made a talk con-
cerning the orphanage at Middlesex,

and an offering was taken to the
amount of \$27.43.

Financial Report

Received at this union -----\$100.70

Paid Out

To clerk and the Press -----	\$ 6.00
Orphanage -----	25.00
Foreign missions -----	15.00
Home missions -----	15.00
Christian education -----	10.00
Dilda's Grove Church -----	29.70

Total -----\$100.70

The next union meeting will con-
vene with Aspin Grove Church on
March 29, 1947.

J. D. Vernelson, Moderator,
John E. Edmundson, Clerk

THE RIGHT USE OF TIME

A. R. Flowers

If time be the most precious of
God's gifts, then the wasting of time
must be the greatest of all prodigal-
ity. Lost time is never found, and
the old saying, "time enough yet,"
has been beset with many a regret.
Then, be up and doing with a pur-
pose, for doing to no purpose means
no success.

Slothfulness makes all things dif-
ficult but by industry old things are
made more easy. He that starts too
late must hasten on all day, and shall
scarcely overtake his task by night.
Lazy persons go so slowly that pov-
erty soon overtakes them. If it was
necessary for Jesus to be in haste
to be about His Father's business,
how about us who are His followers?

Do not these turbulent times call
for our best?

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that a revival
meeting will begin on the first Sun-
day in March at the Free Will Bap-
tist Church of East Rockingham,
North Carolina. The services will be
conducted each evening at seven
o'clock by the Reverend J. J. Brooks
of Kannapolis, N. C. The public is
cordially invited to attend these re-
vival services.

Rev. Walter Carter.

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Only Love

Lord and Father, great and holy!
Fearing naught, we come to thee;
Fearing naught, though weak and lowly,
For thy love has made us free.
By the blue sky bending o'er us,
By the green earth's flowery zone,
Teach us, Lord, the angel chorus,
"Thou art Love, and Love alone."

Though the worlds in flame should perish,
Suns and stars in ruin fall,
Trust in thee our hearts should cherish,
Thou to us be all in all.
And though heavens thy name are praising
Seraphs hymn no sweeter tone
Than the strains our hearts are raising,
"Thou art Love, and Love alone!"

—Fredric William Farrar

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

The people of Edward's Chapel are working and praying to obtain Sunday School rooms to be added to our church. They are badly needed. Everyone who is familiar with our church knows that we certainly do need the rooms for the Sunday School. We have a good attendance and do feel that we could accomplish much more if we had the rooms. The Sunday School teachers and the children could do better work if they had rooms in which to do their class work.

Bad habits are live a comfortable bed—easy to get into but hard to get out of.—William Shenstone

Those who possibly can, we are

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Editorial

"THE MISSIONARY REVIEW"

The Board of Missions of the National Association is sponsoring the publication and distribution of a new periodical entitled, **The Free Will Baptist Missionary Review**. We received our first copy, for the January-February issue, only a few days ago. We looked it over, and deem it a credit to the missionary cause of our church. Certainly, it has a significant place in the work of missions for the denomination.

Now that it is here, let the church people in the local churches of the different states help to sponsor it, and to boost its work in the field of missions. Those who have been thinking of this type of work and who have given much thought to its appearance are to be thanked for their forward look, and deserve the good wishes and support of the church people as a whole. May it grow, bear fruit in the field of missions, and become a lasting blessing to the mission cause home and abroad. Help it to succeed in the purpose for which it is dedicated for the Church.

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A GOOD PLAN

The North Carolina State Sunday School Board submitted just recently to the Baptist paper for publication a good plan for monthly support of denominational enterprises. The Board has stated that the following method is "Our Conventional Plan of Systematic Offerings":

For the first Sunday in the month, half of the offerings raised by the Sunday School goes to the Orphanage at Middlesex.

For the second Sunday, fourth of the offerings is to go to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., and one fourth of the offerings goes to the Church Finance Association, Inc.

For the third Sunday, half of the offerings is to go to Christian education.

For the fourth Sunday, half of the offerings is to go to Missions.

And for the fifth Sunday, at the close of each quarter of the year, all of the offerings are to go to Superannuation.

From this plan of systematic offerings, as specified for denominational enterprises by the North Carolina State Sunday School Board, one can readily see that one-half of all offerings raised each month in the year for the four Sundays is reserved for local Sunday School use in the purchase of local Sunday School supplies, equipment and for any other purposes necessary for the improvements and advancement of the local church premises. If an average, for example, of an offering of \$5 per Sunday should be raised, for an average Sunday School of 100 average attendance, then this would mean that for each Sunday in the year \$2.50 would go to denominational enterprises, and \$2.50 would be kept for local Sunday School use.

We think the plan is a good one. It is certainly workable. It sets up systematic goals for regular contributions to the leading phases of the denominational work. However, it will, when put in proper use in the Sunday Schools of the denomination, lead to systematic giving by all Sunday School attendants each Sunday in the year. This will tend to build in the hearts of the Sunday School people an incentive, a specific motive, for increasing their offerings to these church enterprises, as well as for the increase of the offerings for their local Sunday School purposes. We see no reason why Sunday Schools should not adopt this plan, unless they have plans which they have set up and like better. This plan is certainly worth trying for at least one year for the purpose of seeing how the offerings compare with those of last year, which were raised by the local Sunday Schools.

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EASTER BOOKLETS

Since it is the custom with most churches and Sunday Schools to give Easter programs during the Easter season, we usually have on hand quite a few Easter Booklets for the purpose of meeting the demands of our churches and Sunday Schools over the country. Some orders have been filled already, and others are coming in from the various sections where our churches are established.

We suggest that others place their orders with us immediately for their Easter materials so that they might receive their supplies and plan to have their Easter program in their churches during the Easter season. The young people of the church and the children of the Sunday School usually take a great delight in giving Easter programs, as well as the older people enjoy the interest and great concern shown in their churches through the use of good Easter material for Easter services. It is hoped that this year more churches will prepare and render splendid Easter programs for the good of their congregations, and for the betterment of the communities as a whole.



Obey the voice of God in the Book, the voice of God in your heart, the voice of God as He speaks through circumstances, and His servants obey.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

More often we go blindly onward, not knowing when we meet or pass the soul to whom we might have ministered.—Constance Control.

Success is not measured by the heights one attains, but by the obstacles one overcomes in its attainment.—Booker T. Washington.

How to Have a Revival

By Rev. Clinton Lupton
Bayboro, N. C.

Men are anxious for a revival in business. There is a revival in prices just now. In all departments of life you will find that men are very anxious for a revival in the things that concern them most. Is it not true then, that every child of God should be desiring and praying for a revival of godliness in the world at this time? Do we not need a revival of down right honesty, of truthfulness, of uprightness and of temperance? Are there not many who have become alienated from the church of God, and from the house of the Lord, who are forming an attachment to the things of the world? Are not mothers and fathers as well as sons and daughters being drawn away by thousands, so that while you often see the churches empty, the road-houses, beer-saloons, dance-halls and theatres are crowded every Sunday evening? I am sure the operators of these businesses rejoice because of the revival in their business. Then surely, every true Christian should desire that men who are in danger of perishing eternally should be saved.

With the need of a revival so imminent; may I suggest a plan for bringing to pass a revival in your church or community.

I. Christians should get thoroughly right with God themselves.

This is the prime essential. It is true that all Christians should be wholly consecrated to God, but it is not absolutely necessary that all shall be in your church to make this plan effective. But it is necessary that a group be thoroughly consecrated to God. This may be attained:

1. Self-examination. Heed the advice of the apostle, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves." (II Cor. 13: 5). It would be greatly beneficial to any Christian to frequently examine themselves to ascertain their position as they travel through this life.

The characters in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," whose names were Hope and Christian, saw a stile in the fence leading from the King's Highway into By-path Meadow. They went over into the meadow and found it very easy for their feet. But all the while it was leading away from the straight and narrow way. It is possible many Christians have stepped into By-path meadow, and with easy going have wandered from God's Way. To be certain, examine yourself.

2. Have God examine you. Say with the Psalmist, "Search me O God and know my heart." God alone is qualified to search your heart, for He looketh upon the heart. Your heart will deceive you, but not God. So implore Him to turn His search light upon you and see if there be any evil way found in you. In the hectic days of the war it was suspicioned that enemy planes were above an American ship one night. There was no definite way of knowing until the powerful sweep of the search light revealed them. The Spirit of God will do this for you. The Spirit will convict the world of sin.

3. Forsake iniquity. The ancient writer said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." And what applied anciently in this respect, is likewise modernistic. You must forsake iniquities and toss them overboard. There sometimes comes a crisis on board the ship when everything must be sacrificed to save the passengers. As was the case in the ship-wreck of the apostle Paul. The cargo is thrown overboard, the rigging thrown away. At last the captain puts the trumpet to his lips and shouts, "Cast away the masts."

Some of you have been tossed and driven in your attempt to hold on the world, you have well nigh lost your souls. Over-board with all sins, anxieties and hindrances. Drop sails of pride and self-righteousness. God will hear your faintest cry for help. You must get thoroughly right with God if you want a successful revival.

II. These Christians should bind themselves together in Prayer.

God's best gifts, like valuable jewels are kept under lock and key, and those who want them, must with fervent faith and importunately ask for them; for God is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. By all means for a successful revival, prayer is essential. Because:

1. It is God's appointed way to receive blessings. It is Jesus Christ's Word, "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:19). Certainly herein is set forth the privilege of united prayer, even of the smallest number that could form an association. The strength of the church lies in prayer, and the strength of prayer lies in the presence of Christ in the prayer. His presence that prompts the believer to add, "Nevertheless, not my will, but Thine be done."

Again Christ encourages us, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." This "Ask, seek, knock," represents an ascending scale. They are each what the believer himself must do. The condition on which alone he gains the blessing. Are we not conscious sometimes of failing to receive what we feel sure is God's will to give us? We may never say that it is on the fault of God, but the fault of ourselves. We expected God to give, but we did not meet His conditions. Conditions which may be summed up briefly: (1) He who asks, makes request. (2) He who seeks presses his request. (3) He who knocks, persists in his request.

2. There is great power in prayer. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). Prayer heals the sick. James prescribes this practice, giving full recognition to the fact, that only God can heal. But he also inserts the fact that God uses human means in effecting the healing. First in exhorting us to prayer. Then directing to anoint with oil, which was perhaps the great symbol of medical

remedies. Prayer opens prison doors. "Peter therefore was kept in prison; But prayer was made without ceasing of the church of God for him . . . and the iron gate that leadeth unto the city opened of its own accord and he came to the house where many were gathered together praying" (Acts 12). Prayer will win battles. While Joshua is down in the valley fighting with Amalek, Moses in the mount must lift up holy hands to God in prayer. And when Moses lifted up his hands, Joshua and Israel prevailed.

So with the church's warfare against her spiritual foes, there must be a continual crying to God day and night if the sin-sick is healed, the prison doors opened to those in bondage and victory over the adversary won.

3. God wants us to expect and ask for great things. All too often we fail to get the best because we do not expect it, nor ask for it. "Ye have not because ye ask not." Is it not true that we often fail to ask for the truly great blessings God has for us, because we feel that would be asking too much?

A certain fellow tells that he was the guest of a friend who had a favorite dog. The animal would come into the room where the family were sitting at the dinner table and would stand looking at his master. If his master tossed him a crumb, the dog would seize it before it touched the floor. But if he offered the dog a nice piece of meat, he would look at it and walk away, as if it were too good for him and he did not expect such. So there are many Christians who are satisfied to live on the crumbs, when God wants to give them the best. Listen, friend, come boldly to the Throne of grace, and get the help you need. There is an abundance for all.

III. Then place themselves at the disposal of God.

In addition to prayer this group of Christians should place themselves unreservedly and unconditionally at the use of God, allowing no other interest to hinder. Do not allow your church revival to become a side line,

but devote your entire interest to it as you would any other important affair. You may do this by:

1. Attendance. Do not permit yourself to be absent from a single service. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together" (Heb. 10:25). (1) It is necessary for the individual's personal need. Just as the body needs the exercise of manual labor or it becomes weak and incapable. Just as the mind must be employed in the acquisition of truth, or its powers called forth in some other way or it, too, will sink into a condition of feebleness and decay. This principal is equally applicable to the religious soul, if its powers are not employed in the worship of God, and in an effort to live useful and holy. These powers will perish. The eyes of the soul will become blind and the ears deaf. (2) For the benefit of fellowman. His heart craves friendship in sorrow and in joy, in labours and rest. A man may be cast down and almost faithless, but his faith is invigorated and his soul encouraged by another who is believing and hopeful. Our Lord recognized this need, "He came to Nazareth where He had been brought up and as His custom was He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." It was also recognized by His apostles who congregated for worship.

2. Soul winning. If it is expected that the evangelist will do all the soul winning while he is in your midst, I fear the results will be disappointing. There must be an ardent effort put forth by the laity of the church in this direction if you are to experience a successful revival. Notice, I said, Soul winning and not soul driving. Do not try to tear down their prejudices before you begin to lead them to the truth. Some people think they have to tear down the scaffolding, before they begin on the building. There are very few favorable results obtained from ridiculing and scolding. The secret is, "Winning."

3. Supporting. You have probably heard the story of the child who was rescued from the fire that was raging in a house up in the fourth story. The child came to the window, and

as the flames were shooting up higher it cried out for help. A fireman started up the ladder of the fire escape to rescue the child from its dangerous position. The wind swept the flames near him, and it was getting so hot that he wavered, and it looked as if he would have to return without the child. Thousands looked on, and their hearts quaked at the thought of the child having to perish in the fire as it must do if the fireman did not reach it. Some one in the crowd cried: "Give him a cheer." Cheer after cheer went up, and as the man heard them he gathered fresh courage. Up he went in the midst of the smoke and fire, and brought down the child in safety.

If you can not go and rescue the perishing yourself, you can at least pray for those who do, and cheer them on. If you do, the Lord will bless the effort. Do not grumble and criticize, it takes neither heart nor brains to do that. But support in every possible way if you want a real revival.

NOTICE

The Sunday School Convention of the Third District of the Eastern Conference will meet at Sarecta Church in Duplin County on Friday, March the twenty-first, at ten o'clock. We are hoping that each Sunday School will be represented at this convention. Blanks will be mailed to each Sunday School soon.

Rev. D. W. Hansley, President,
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

I am using this means to notify my friends and brethren that I am now available for pastoral work. If anyone wishes to correspond with me, please address your mail to Rev. S. Elmo Harper, Grantsboro, North Carolina.

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves"—Ro. 15:1.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Communism at Work

We have written about the work of communists in our country on other occasions, only to find that some, who claim to be real Americans, have let me know that "there is no danger," and some have said, "Russia is not interested in making America communistic." But these ideas are only idle dreams of those who cannot see the "hand-writing" on the wall, or are either "red" sympathizers.

The late Senator Josiah William Bailey, according to news released, was greatly concerned about the Russian attitude, and he said so in writing which he did just a few months before the Lord called him to the great beyond. I quote: "I have been greatly disturbed by the international situation," Senator Bailey said, "so far Russia has made a policy of dissent and obstruction." The Senator, according to the report, said, "Russia does not intend to go along with the United Nation's organization, unless Russia can have her own way. She means to dominate Europe and Asia, and then the whole world. There is evidence that Russia is operating in this country now by way of propaganda and infiltration. Her partisans are everywhere professing on some occasions to be Republicans and on others to be Democrats, but being at heart Communists, loyal to Russia, and not to the United States."

There are other men who know that Russia is at work in this country and has been for many years. Just recently, a Russian agent was brought to the committee selected to handle such criminals, and he would not lift his hand. This man defied the court. His own sister testified against him. She also said, "I have a brother in Hollywood, and he, too, is a communist." Yes, they are operating in pictures and in school rooms, and politics, and the business world.

I am giving verbatim an account of the school situation out in Wisconsin, as published in the Western

Voice, a publication edited by Rev. Harvey H. Springer, a Baptist minister.

The Western Voice Statement

**Photostatic Proof That Red Fronts
Are Furnishing Books to Our
Schools and Pro-Communist
Teachers Are Jamming the
Young Minds with
Stalin's "Ism"!**

All right Mr. and Mrs. America—sit up and take notice! You have been asking for proof that United States is divided into 35 Soviets and is being furnished with 200,000 Red school books for corruption of your children. Well, ladies and gentlemen, here is that evidence, photostatically given so there can be no doubt or controversy. This proof is from the state of Wisconsin which not only permits this type of book in school-rooms but is letting pro-Red teachers viciously and brutally force its evil propaganda upon the young children. For when a child, with its little intelligence insulted, protests against such outrageous teachings the ugly old Stalin-lovers in charge cloud up like a south sea sky and come down with the force of a typhoon, embarrassing and befuddling the young child before its companions. If a child with courage still insists on questioning the truth and authority of such distortions and propaganda, then the teacher gets tougher still and makes it hush under threats of punishment.

The propaganda book pictured herewith is from the public schools of Delavan, Wisconsin, the state that made America the gift of Eugene V. Debs, ancient Marxist, and the Allis Chalmers strike which may soon be in its second year. The principal of the Delavan schools is one Prof. Luther and the teacher forcing this on the little students is one Margaret (the only real pro-Red) McCoy. Students protest that Teacher McCoy will not let them question her about the apparent falseness of the book, and insist that they have to sit there and be crammed with the hogwash whether they like it or not.

The Whole Program

Last July when the ministers were assembled at Cragmont there was an agreement reached that those in attendance would support the whole program of the Church. The ministers in attendance joined hands and formed a ring and marched hand in hand as a token that they were going together. Then a document was drawn up and the ministers signed the agreement. This was all very encouraging. But the question comes to my mind, Have we all done according to our agreement?

I have a picture made of the Cragmont property, the beautiful scenery, the buildings and the springs in operation. But the most beautiful thing seen is the ministers going hand in hand, with pledge to stand back of the "Whole Program." But the beauty about the pledge is the putting the thing into effect. That is "going over the top" with the work.

It will not be many months now before the time will roll around for another gathering of the ministers of the State at the Assembly grounds, therefore, let us pray and work hard that the attendance will far exceed that of last year and the program will far excel that of last year. And the results will be far reaching in the spread of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Get ready, brethren, and let us go up unto the Lord on the mountains of North Carolina. "Where there are two or three gathered together, there am I," said our Master.

None of us should say less, nor do less, than to put his whole soul and body into the service of the Lord for the salvation of the whole world.

WASTE

A lovely deed was in my heart;
I never set it free.
It died from lack of exercise
And made its tomb in me.

The greater the difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests.—Epicurus

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CRAGMONT DATES

Dear Co-Workers:

Here we are ready to announce the opening date of the Cragmont Assembly, Inc., for 1947. How do you like that? I'm sure you have been looking forward to the date and to the time when you can begin planning to come up to Cragmont Assembly for the summer.



REV. J. ALBERT HARRIS
Business Manager-Treasurer

Let this summer be the best yet! Plan big on coming to Cragmont and spending a most pleasant week or vacation, no matter how long your plans may be. We'll try making you feel welcome.

Many changes have been made this year, over the past, and we feel they are changes for the better, and for the growth of our Cragmont Assembly. Heretofore we have been meeting one week for all young people, and then at the place we may find open. Last year we had two weeks for the Sunday school as a whole, one week for League, and one week for the Woman's Auxiliary, and also one week for the Ministers Conference.

This year, we plan to join the Sunday School and Leagues together. No doubt some of you have learned this, or heard that we were contemplating it. It is a true fact. We plan for each age group to meet separately.

It has been learned that each age group will co-operate much more efficiently if they are separated. We can also work with a group separately and help them to learn more and do a greater work. Also, if we separate the groups, then more of the same age can have a chance to attend the Assembly; because if we mix the ages, there will be only a certain number who can attend. We only have ample space for sleeping sixty-five.

At the meeting the following dates were asked for and they have been approved by you Business Manager-Treasurer:

Opening date—June 9-21, Intermediates, Sunday School and League

June 21-27, Junior Sunday School and League.

June 27-July 3, Ministers Conference.

July 3-August 4, Open for tourists and guests.

August 4-15, Seniors, Sunday School and League.

August 15-17, Open for tourists and guests.

August 18-25, Women's Auxiliary.

August 25-31, Officers and Teachers of Sunday School.

Notice: If you have a Sunday School Class and you plan the date open for you is July 3-August 4. Choose your week and apply for it. We are inviting groups from outside the state of North Carolina to participate in this, too.

Now, someone has thought I am sure, "What about the fees there?" Fees for each guest during Assemblies will be \$2.50 per day, and others, less than twenty in the groups, will be \$3.50 per day. This gives you room and board, and you bring your linens with you. Registration fees will be determined by the heads of the Departments.

This is all the information so far about the Assemblies for the summer, 1947, and let's begin planning our visits to Cragmont. You are invited to come with a sunshiny smile to be our guest.

NOTICE

This is to inform those who are interested in this part of the Cragmont News—We are in need of a Registered Nurse, a Dietitian, Cooks, and Dish-washers, Waiters and Waitresses and helpers for the serving and aiding the meeting of the Assemblies this summer. Anyone interested, please send your application to the business manager. If you know of a person who will fit any of the above needs, speak to them and insist on their application, giving the earliest date and the latest date you can work.

All applications are to be made to Cragmont Assembly, Inc.,

J. Albert Harris,
Business Manager-Treasurer,
Black Mountain, N. C., Route 1

PROGRAM

of the

CAPE FEAR UNION

convening with

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

March 29, 1947

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions, Rev. Stedman Davis
- 10:15—Church enrollment and reports
- 11:05—Intermission
- 11:10—Song service
- 11:20—Sermon by Rev. G. C. Joyner

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions, Mr. J. W. Stanley
- 1:30—Sunday School report
- 1:40—Educational report
- 2:00—Mission report followed by reports of Finance and Allocation Committee, Program Committee, and Treasurer
- Petitions for next union
- Miscellaneous business
- 3:30—Closing

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W. O. Lassiter,
Wilson W. Parker,
Committee

The Women's Auxiliary Department

Mrs. Alice
E. Lupton
Editor
612 New St.
New Bern, N. C.

PROGRAM

of the

Eastern Auxiliary Convention

To Convene with

Core Creek Church

Thursday, March 20, 1947

Theme for the Day:

"Exalting the Lord Through Self-Mastery"

Director of Music: Mrs. Gertrude Ballard

Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Devotions: Exalting the Lord through Praise and Prayer - Mrs. Annie Mallard
 9:45—Seating officers and delegates
 —Acceptance of the program
 —Greetings - - - - - Mrs. C. W. Heath
 —Response - - - - - Mrs. Hillary Potter
 —President's message: "Exalting the Lord through Stewardship"
 —Appointment of committees
 10:15—Congregational singing
 —"Exalt Ye the Lord" through our Orphanage and
 Other Benevolences - - - - - Mrs. Jas. A. Evans
 10:40—"Exalting the Lord" through the Youth of our Churches - Rev. W. K. Jordan
 —Special music
 —"Exalt Ye the Lord" through our Assembly at Cragmont - Rev. Jas. A. Evans
 11:00—Reports of First and Second Vice-Presidents
 11:10—"Exalt Ye the Lord," through Self-mastery - - - Mrs. Gertrude Ballard
 —Congregational singing
 11:30—A Temperance program - - - - - By the local church
 12:00—Recess for lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotions: "Exalt Ye the Lord," through Bible Study and
 Christian Education - - - - - Mrs. J. R. Bennett
 1:45—Reports of Third and Fourth Vice-Presidents
 —Report of Plans for the Woman's Conference at
 Cragmont - - - - - Mrs. Gertrude Ballard
 2:00—Reports from Fifth and Sixth Vice-Presidents
 —Open Forum, for general discussion or remarks
 2:30—"Exalt Ye the Lord," with our Time, our Tithes and
 our Offerings - - - - - Mrs. J. C. Griffin
 —Song of Consecration
 —Report of Secretary and Field Worker
 —Report of committees: Resolution, Petition, Nominating and Finance
 —Report of treasurer
 —Election of officers
 —Miscellaneous business
 3:30—Adjournment

MRS. WALTER RHODES, President,
 ALICE E. LUPTON, Secretary

AUXILIARY REPORT

The woman's auxiliary of Pleasant Hill Church held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. L. D. Stanley, which was called to order by the president, Mrs. W. L. Haddock. The devotions and prayer Rev. D. W. Alexander. The yearly activities were as follows:

Chapters read in the Bible	2873
Sick visits made	848
Trays taken to the sick	61
Quarts of milk given away	345
Convalescent cards sent	59
Flowers taken to the sick	72
Funeral designs	13
Daily Bible readers	6

Treasurer's Report

Dues collected	\$23.15
Flavoring sold	30.65
Birthday dues	7.83
Miscellaneous	2.50

Disbursements

For flowers	\$13.25
To the conventions	10.70
To the orphanage	26.06
To the pianist	10.00
For brooms	2.50
Home missions	19.00
Free will offering for the needy	14.30

Mrs. Dan Mayo, Cor.-Secy.

ARE WE TRUSTING GOD?

"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me" (Psalm 71: 1, 2).

Here we find David, the Psalmist, pouring out his heart to God, seeking him when he was in trouble, when his enemies were against him on every hand. In other words, Satan was trying to devour him, but David cried unto the Lord and said, "Deliver me from mine enemies. O my God, deliver me from them that rise against me. Save me, for thou art my rock and my fortress."

Do we always do as David did? Do we call upon God to deliver us from the snares of Satan? He said, "Thou art my rock and my fortress." Is

God our rock and our fortress? Are we trusting God for all things? "Blessed is the Lord who maketh the Lord his trust. Don't all of us at times let our faith in God weaken? Don't we find ourselves failing to trust God? And who is the cause of our faith being shaken? None other than Satan, for he is our greatest enemy in this world. He is like a roaring lion, racing through this world seeking whom he may devour.

David said, "I will cry unto God the most high, and he will deliver me from my enemies." He also said, "I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my going." What faith David shows! It was so strong that God delivered him from his enemies. Not only that, but he brought him up out of the miry clay. He brought him out of sin and doubting, so to speak. He placed him in the way he should go, and David went on his way rejoicing. Why did he rejoice? because he put his trust in God. He delivered him when his steps had well nigh slipped.

Are our steps slipping as David's were. If they are we may do as David did, trust in the Lord. But are we trusting, or are we following Satan. If we are willing to obey Satan, he will carry us down in the miry clay, and until we cry unto the Lord for deliverance, we will still follow Satan and be deceived by him. God says, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you." When we do return unto God, we will find that he will give grace and glory, and no good thing will be withheld from us.

Are we trusting God, or have we at one time trusted but now have been so deceived by Satan, and the things of the world, that we are walking in the road that leads us down to destruction? Are we walking with our steps slipping? If we are, today is the day to retrace these steps, and turn them back toward God. He is always willing to receive us unto himself when we come back to him. When we yield ourselves again unto him and completely trust him, no matter how far we have

been led by Satan and gone in sin, he will take us back. But remember God doesn't make or force anyone to follow him. We have that decision to make for ourselves, whether it be for God or for Satan. But what does Satan have to offer us, when compared to God and all his goodness?

God says, "Today is the day of salvation," so let us this day decide that this is the time to trust God and let us now work for the night cometh when no man can work. Let us run the race with patience, for surely his salvation is nigh unto them that fear him. He will speak peace unto the hearts of his people." For he that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Goldsboro, N. C.

A FEW THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Rev. W. B. Nobles,
Winterville, N. C.

I should like to hint at a few things which people should think about. The cause for so much crime today among the young people is that they get their beginning start in the home with their parents, and fathers in particular, using profanity. Some mothers are guilty of card-playing, dancing, and the like. Then in the schools over the country, God's holy Word is left off, and some of the teachers are not Christians. The moving picture shows are also corrupt, for they show all kinds of robbery and crime for the children to see what is being done and how such evils are carried out. Such things start the young minds traveling in the channels of sin and crime. Then, too, the theaters leave God out and they scatter all over the country their bad influence.

Today our leaders are following in these bad paths of the theaters, and other evils. Until our preachers and other leaders set more Christ-like examples of abstaining from all appearance of evil we cannot hope to

have any better conditions in our country. When we tolerate all that the Devil puts before us, we need not think the conditions will get any better. If we follow in the way the Devil wants us to go, he will lead us into everlasting despair. Please, preachers and laity, wake up and let us try to help make things better in our country.

I do not think we should help the young people to form the habit of attending the picture shows which have caused so much downfall of many a boy and girl. I do not think people should use the shows as some say for the glory of God, for it leaves a scar that cannot be hidden. People should think well before they act on these things. This is written in love to all of God's people.

WHAT DOES SUNDAY MEAN TO YOU?

What does Sunday mean to you?
Is it just another day,
Or is it something special,
And the Lord's command, you obey

Do you use this day for visiting,
And forget its true purpose;
And never assemble with others,
For prayer and Divine Worship?

Do you work on Sunday,
That your family might be fed?
Yet little thought you ever give,
To their need for Spiritual Bread.

Do you use it for business,
Because pomp and wealth you crave;
Forgetting that man's money
Has never gone beyond the grave?

Is it your day for amusements,
And worldly pleasures you seek;
Without showing the least concern
For the lost and the weak?

Some make it a Holy Day,
Thus used by our Master, is true;
And the way you spend Sunday,
Shows what it means to you.

Effie R. Hibbetts,
North Zulch, Texas

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Financial Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College

for December 1946 and January 1947

I trust in coming to you at this time with a financial report of the college to enable you to see the status of the support to the cause by your state in your comparing the records of gifts in the two months included in this report. Seventeen states reported with some degree of support in December, 1946, and eighteen registered some measure of interest in tangible form in January, 1947. Some of the figures in this report impress one as mere jestures, others speak of lack of systematic plans for support

By J. R. Davidson,
Treasurer-Business Manager

while others reveal biblical system. May the report be a means of moving every state to a good biblical system of doing assigned duties and privileges in their relationship to Christ's cause as represented in your college.

It will be worth very little to the cause for anyone to check these figures for the purpose of satisfying himself that the name of his state is

not brought into disreput by having failed to register with any amount of money during either of these months, but if every one who reads this report will apply himself in the use of his influence for stabilizing the support of his state on a systematic basis then we shall hear from many with increased gifts and regular monthly remittances.

Enquiries concerning materials and instructions for their use in systematizing the support of your state to the college may be directed to J. R. Davidson at the college address.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1946

State	Receipts		EXPANSION		Total
	Designated Expansion	Endowment	Undesignated Expansion		
Alabama	\$ 6.77	\$ 22.50			\$ 29.27
Arkansas	29.00				29.00
Florida		4.50			4.50
Georgia	30.00	45.50	178.00		253.50
Illinois		5.00	77.50		82.50
Kansas			125.00		125.00
Kentucky		15.00			15.00
Michigan		15.00	10.00		25.00
Missouri		45.50	60.00		105.50
North Carolina		91.50	815.50		907.00
Ohio		5.00			5.00
Oklahoma	35.00	26.50	99.50		161.00
South Carolina			30.91		30.91
Tennessee		75.50	148.76		224.26
Texas		3.50	36.60		40.10
Virginia		3.00			3.00
West Virginia		2.50	1.00		3.50
Student Registration Fees					51.00
Student Room and Board					525.11
Pictures					48.00
Miscellaneous					26.63
TOTALS	\$100.77	\$360.50	\$1,582.77		\$2,694.78
Disbursements					
Extension Service					\$ 25.00
Room Rent					25.00
Books					99.10
Groceries					528.13
Heat, Lights, Water, Laundry					67.42
Telephone					20.65
Maintenance, Improvements, Equipment					436.27
Salaries					1,072.00
Labor					55.00
Pictures					48.00
Zalene Lloyd, Refund on Deposit with College					300.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, Private Music Fees					132.80
Dr. H. T. Pennell, Student Medical Fees					42.00
Miscellaneous					50.10
Total					\$2,901.47

FINANCIAL REPORT—JANUARY, 1947

State	Receipts		EXPANSION		Total
	Designated Expansion	Endowment	Gifts		
Alabama	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00			\$ 20.00
Arkansas			59.03		59.03
Florida		4.50			4.50
Georgia		46.50			46.50
Illinois		12.50	88.65		101.15
Kansas		4.00			4.00
Kentucky		5.00			5.00
Michigan		22.50	26.62		49.12
Mississippi		5.00	104.48		109.48
Missouri		29.50	97.00		126.50
North Carolina		115.50	353.37		468.87
Ohio			5.00		5.00
Oklahoma		41.00	30.00		71.00
South Carolina		5.00			5.00
Tennessee	138.25	72.11	139.75		350.11
Texas		3.50	129.54		133.04
Virginia		3.00			3.00
West Virginia		2.50			2.50
National Unified Program by R. B. Crawford					240.00
National Women's Auxiliary Convention by Mrs. F. Polston					52.28
Students' Fees					831.10
Students' Room and Board					1,947.86
Books					227.40
Miscellaneous					94.94
TOTALS	\$138.25	\$387.11	\$1,038.44		\$4,957.38
Disbursements					
Maintenance, Improvements, Equipment					\$ 149.62
Labor					32.00
Salary					1,025.70
Traveling Expenses					5.00
School Supplies					52.32
Telephone					12.18
Heat, Lights, Water, Laundry					102.25
Groceries					381.04
Books					271.49
Room Rent					25.00
Withholding Tax					190.90
Miscellaneous					32.50
Total					\$2,280.00

THE EARLY CHURCH AND MISSIONS

Rev. J. L. MacIntosh

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayer, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:2, 3).

For approximately sixteen years the early Christians zealously car-

ried forward the work of the church in Jerusalem. Home missions was the order of the day, according to the Divine Will and Word. Faithfulness characterized their earnestness in that they dealt with those at home. A study of this early church reveals fundamental principles necessary to carry on the work of the Lord today, and are worthy of our consideration.

We notice first of all a faithfulness in discharging present obligations in the task at hand, and a continual ministry to the Lord. New and larger work is dependent upon our faith-

fulness in present duties and responsibilities. No new doors of opportunity will open to us individually, or as a church if unfaithfulness has characterized our past.

Not only was this church faithful to its obligations, but we find it a praying church as well. An individual or group praying earnestly and sincerely, desiring the will of God, will sooner or later discover an open door to greater and larger usefulness for Christ and the church. Prayer not only opens heaven, but it also prepares the one that prays.

TEXAS

Another characteristic found in this early church was their willingness to obligate themselves. They sent Paul and Barnabas. How much they were obligated financially is not stated, yet self-denial and sacrifice is apparent in their action. This same spirit and attribute will enable the church to undertake greater things for God. They were willing for their leading ministers to undertake the task of evangelism.

Again we see them instructed in the revealed truth of God, instruction according to the Word, never contrary. They had diligently observed the truth received and now a vision of the need of others, and their responsibility dawns upon them and immediately they are ready to undertake the task. A deep concern for the work of God enabled them to consider no sacrifice too great, or necessity so large but that they were willing to share the "Good News" with others.

This study reveals that the "sent ones" journeyed to the country Cyprus, the home of Barnabas, where immediately the work of home missions began. Success in reaching those in the home land today is dependent upon us as a church, possessing those same characteristics, namely; praying, doing His will, being interested in the truth, and having a readiness to undertake any task to the place where He may call us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

(continued from page two)

giving them a chance to contribute to this worthy cause, whatever they desire to do for us. We are asking that the Christian people pray for us that God might lead us and add his blessings to our church plans. Pray for those in our community who will not take any interest in church work. They need your prayers. There is much evil in this community, and please offer special prayer for us that we might be able to influence them to turn to the Lord.

Any help on our Sunday School rooms will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Clyde E. Willis, Committee,
Merriman, N. C.

This is to state to the good people that my health has failed now, and I had to give up active ministry, but I am still trying to do things for the Master. I have a goal for the raising of one hundred subscriptions for the Baptist paper for this year.

I am in the oldest association of Free Will Baptists in the State of Texas, and it is still young. The association was organized by the late Reverend A. M. Stewart, who came to Texas from Georgia about seventy years ago. We now have more pastors in this association than we have ever had, and they are doing the greatest work that has ever been done by Free Will Baptists in this State. We are mainly a rural church here in Texas, and some of these rural churches have gone on half-time for the first time.

We still are in need of more pastors, because a few of our churches still have no pastors to hold services for the congregations. This State is a great open field for men who are earnest, sincere, and capable of doing fine work for the Lord.

I preached for forty years, but now it seems that my work is about done. I cannot depend on my health to make dates for holding services, but I am hoping as I pray that our work may progress as never before throughout the nation. It will if we will all get to work in dead earnest. In this section the field is all white and ready for harvest, if we had the workers. Those we have here are doing good, but we just need more such loyal and active men.

Yours in His Name,

Rev. Egbert S. Jameson,
Tatum, Texas

National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention

to convene with

Highland Park, Michigan

22 Victor Avenue

July 14, 1947

The Executive Committee of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention met at Free Will Baptist Bible College, December 4, 1946. Plans were made for the Convention to meet July 14, 1947, at Hazel Park Free Will Baptist Church, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan. Each Sunday School is urged to represent at this

meeting with a delegate and an offering. It is very important that your Sunday School be represented in this meeting. Please begin laying plans now for a representative from your Sunday School with an offering to be present to this meeting.

The following is the program which has been planned:

Theme: Search the Scriptures—John 5:39.

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| 2:00—Devotional | - - - - - | Mr. Eugene Hagley |
| | | Huntington, West Virginia |
| 2:10—Appointment of Committees | | |
| 2:15—Seating of Delegates | | |
| 2:30—President's Message | - - - - - | Rev. Paul J. Kettelman |
| | | "The Bible, the Major Factor in Maintenance of Spiritual and Material Progress in this Convention" |
| 2:45—Special Music | - - - - - | Local Church |
| 2:50—Organization and Education Report | - - - - - | Mrs. L. E. Ballard |
| | | "The Bible, Foundation for Adequate Superstructure" |
| 3:00—Denominational Enterprise Report | - - - - - | Rev. L. C. Johnson |
| | | "The Bible, Guide for the Expansion of our Denominational Program" |
| 3:10—Literature Report | - - - - - | Rev. L. R. Ennis |
| | | "The Bible, the Curriculum for our Sunday Schools" |
| 3:20—Publicity Report | - - - - - | Rev. C. B. Dees |
| | | "The Bible, God's Message for the World" |
| 3:30—Records and Reports | - - - - - | Rev. R. B. Crawford |
| | | "The Bible, Revelation of God's Method of Keeping Records" |
| 3:40—Election of Officers and Other Business | | |
| 4:30—Adjournment | | |

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

INTIMATE WORDS WITH HIS DISCIPLES

(Lesson for March 16)

Lesson: John 14:1-6, 12-18; 15:1-6.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14).

"Friend" is one of the greatest words in human speech. It implies a relation between two persons which is founded upon affection, confidence, esteem and a willingness to sacrifice in each other's behalf. To be known as a friend of Jesus should be considered the highest honor that could be bestowed on any person in this earth. Friends are persons of like mind and mutual interests, and even their amusements are of a common form. Friendship always cost something: it is bought with a price.

Jesus has paid His part in full: the Cross of Calvary is a dramatic pageant which demonstrates to time and eternity that lost and hopeless men had one Friend who laid down His life for them; hence He has made His sacrifice and has earned the right to be known as the sinner's Friend. The sacrifice which He requires of us in our turn is the surrender of our wills to His will and teachings.

The friends of Jesus cannot pick and choose among His utterances for some to obey and some to ignore. The key word in our text for to-day is "whatsoever." That is a word of complete, inclusive, submissive, and willing surrender. The friend of Jesus is the follower who says, "I do not care what the issue is or what it costs me, I will obey the commands of Jesus and live according to His words."

It is quite probable that the average Christian who complacently fancies himself a true friend of the Saviour's might be unpleasantly sur-

prised if he could run himself through a "friendship meter" and accurately measure the amount and validity of his imagined loyalty! This is not as fantastic an idea as it seems at first thought, for such a meter does exist. The device is built by making a careful, accurate and complete list of all the teachings of our Lord, and then checking your conduct against that catalogue. Every precept of Christ which you consistently obey is a point in your favor: every rule which you ignore is a count against you. The balance for or against, is the state of your friendship.—Selected.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. Nothing is as good for a troubled heart as faith in God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. There is a Father's House; it is large and roomy; it is being made ready for its occupants; and we shall move into it when the Lord Jesus takes us home.

3. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people, but it is God who prepares them and not they themselves.

4. Heaven is the place to which our Lord has gone, and we shall go to be with Him there.

5. We are on the way to Heaven if we have Christ, for He is the Way.

6. The only way to serve God or to come near Him is through Christ.

7. The rejection of Christ makes certain separation from the Father and the Father's House.

8. No one can know God without knowing Christ, and no one can know Christ without knowing God.

9. The words, works and workers of Christ show forth His oneness with the Father.

10. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

11. The parable of the Vine speaks of Union with Christ, followed by Communion with Him. These result in fruit-bearing.

12. After reading the lesson com-

ments in our Advanced and Senior Quarterlies, please underscore the truths you think most helpful.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

The Jesus Road Is Best

An old Indian chief was told of the Saviour, but he said, "The Jesus way is good, but I have followed the old Indian road all my life, and I will follow it to the end." A year later he was on the border of death. As he sought a pathway through the darkness, he said to the missionary, "Can I turn to Jesus now? My road stops here. It has no path through the valley!"

Of Jesus the Psalmist said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me" (Ps. 23:4). Jesus has promised, "Lo, I am with you always!"

To-day? To-night?

At night as sainted Horatius Bonar retired to rest, his last act before he laid down to sleep was to draw aside the curtain and, looking up into the starry heavens, say, "Perhaps Jesus will come to-night!" In the morning, as he arose, his first movement was to raise the blind, and looking out upon the gray dawn, remark, "Perhaps Jesus will come to-day!"

When General MacArthur left the Philippines, he said, "I shall return!" No American doubted for a moment that the brave general would, one day, return in triumph to the Philippines, from whence American soldiers were driven out, or captured, or killed.

When the Lord Jesus left this earth to go back to the Father, He said to His disciples, "I will come again" (John 14:3). Oh, how can any child of God doubt the One who never spoke falsely, and who Himself was "the Truth"? As the Lord Jesus ascended into Heaven, it was said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen

Him go into Heaven" (Acts 1:11b). The Apostle Paul said, "For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God" (I Thess. 4:16). Oh, children of God, do not let anyone or anything tear from your hearts the "Blessed Hope" of the Lord's Return as Lord of lords, and King of kings! "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure" (I John 3:3).—Selected.

ADULT LEAGUE REPORT

The Adult League of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church met Saturday evening, February 15, at 7:30 P. M., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown.

Meeting was opened with song. Prayer was offered by Joseph Carney. Business was then in order. A motion was made that the League buy a bulletin board, to be placed in the church, for the purpose of all meeting announcements, so as to prevent meetings running in together. We voted to send cards to prospect members and visitors. Convalescent cards will be sent to our sick members.

Meeting was adjourned after which refreshments were enjoyed by the following members: Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carney, Mrs. Brown, J. G. Teasley, Robert Wallace, Mrs. C. A. Clements, Mrs. W. L. Gibbs, Mrs. Frank Joyner, Jimmie Skipper, Mr. Williford. Visitors attending were: Misses Vesta Brown and Linda Gibbs, and Charles Ashley Gibbs.

Venie M. Carney,
Cor.-Secy.

ONE BAD HABIT

The practice of deceit to fool people is one bad habit which is an abomination before God. It is the sin of deceit. It corrupts and damns the life of those who practice this awful sin. It is plain falsifying to others to deceive them, and it often wrecks the lives of people.

Some practice deceit in the church, pretending to be what they are not.

Others practice deceit in the home, thus rearing their children under falsehoods, and sham pretensions. Some will practice deceit on the streets, to make a show of their position, rank, or wealth. There are others who will hide their real character by pretending to be just, honorable, and worthy of others' friendship and regard. They are two-faced; being one thing within the heart, and something else in outward show before the public. One cannot tell when to trust them, when they are found out. They lack seasoning; need some of the salt Christ spoke of in their hearts.—Time.

Do you like to have your own way? "Even Christ pleased not Himself" (Rom. 15:3). Should we not then seek to please Him who always pleased the Father?—Unknown.

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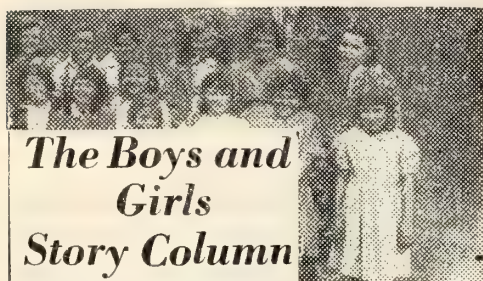
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The Boys and Girls Story Column

THE MULTITUDE WAS FED

Leota L. Knopp

How would you like to prepare and serve lunch to about five thousand men, and maybe a thousand women and a thousand children, besides? That would be a job, would it not? Yet that is just what the Lord Jesus and His disciples did. One time a great crowd of people gathered where Jesus was, to listen to Him talk. In the country where these people lived, it was very hot. They did not have cars to ride in! many did not have mules to ride on. Instead, they walked great distances to where Jesus was so they could hear Him. He talked of such wonderful things, and they were anxious to hear them.

Jesus told the people about God His Father, and about the Kingdom. He healed the sick, He opened the blinded eyes. He did so much for the people. They loved Him and wanted to be with Him as much as they could. On this particular day they stayed long with Jesus. It was going toward evening. The people were tired and hungry. They wanted something to eat. Jesus was filled with pity when He looked at them, for many had walked miles in the hot sun to be with Him.

At evening, the disciples told Jesus it was time the people went home to get something to eat. But Jesus said, "They need not depart; give ye them to eat." But the disciples told Jesus they had nothing but five loaves and two fishes. How far would that go among five thousand or more people? It is interesting to know that their loaves of bread were not so large as the delicious loaves Mother bakes. Their loaves were about the size of our buns. When the Lord Je-

sus heard how little food they had He said, "Bring them hither to Me." Now what do you suppose Jesus did with those five buns and two fishes?

First, He commanded the multitude of people to sit down on the grass. Then He took the loaves and fish and looking up to Heaven where His Father was, He prayed. Then He broke the loaves and fishes into pieces. He gave the pieces to His disciples. The disciples took the bread and the fish and began distributing it to the people. Everybody got some bread and fish. They did not get just a bite, they had enough to eat. They ate and ate until they were filled. Nothing was wasted. Oh, no! We never should waste good food! Every crumb is to be eaten. When all the people had enough, the disciples went and gathered all that remained. They gathered twelve baskets full. Where did all this come from? All we know is that Jesus performed this miracle.

How good this meal must have tasted to the people! Another meal Jesus prepared was for His disciples. After they had been out in the fishing boats all night, they came to shore. They saw Jesus standing there. He called to them, "Come and dine." Jesus had fixed breakfast for them. He had fish cooked on the fire, and with it served good bread. This breakfast surely tasted good to the fishermen.

Boys and girls, Jesus still provides for His own. His Word says, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). If there is anything you really need, and you belong to Jesus, ask Him for it. Do you think God would fail you? Never! He has a heart full of love and pity for all His own. He loves you to-day as He loved the people He fed with the loaves and fishes. Cannot you trust Him to supply all your needs?

If your heart is hungry for the things of God, for His love and His mercy and His Word, He will fill your heart, for He has promised to do so. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6).

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Reverend D. A. Windham, of Greenville, North Carolina, has some screen pictures of the Easter season, and will be glad to show these Bible pictures of the Crucifixion in churches in the vicinity of Greenville, the week following Easter. Churches that have electric lighting system will do well to make engagements with Brother Windham to see these Easter pictures and to hear his lecture which will be given along with the pictures. The whole service will last about an hour, opening with song service, scripture reading and prayer, and then the pictures will be given. There will be no charge, but a free-will offering may be taken to defray expenses. Brother Windham states that these Bible pictures can be given only the week following Easter. Those interested may address him at Greenville, N. C.—Ed.

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Brethren and Sisters, Do we believe it? This is no time for building ecclesiastical walls. To bring in the kingdom of God is our task. God will help us if we will go to Him in faith as a band of Christian brethren.

Professor A. R. Flowers.

MY PRAYER

Dear God, I'm not praying
To you for gold,
But, my Father, I want the greatest
Gift of now and of Old.

This is th precious treasure,
Pray send,
In me pray give to mankind
Its greatest Friend.

Among all men, God make
Me a great man,

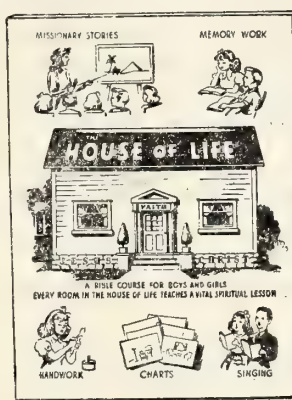
Make me as kind, tender, gentle,
And friendly as you can.

By Eugene Monroe Sutton,
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So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
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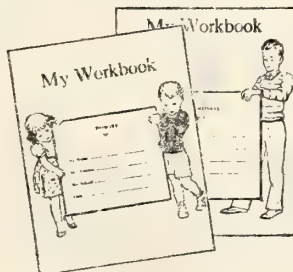
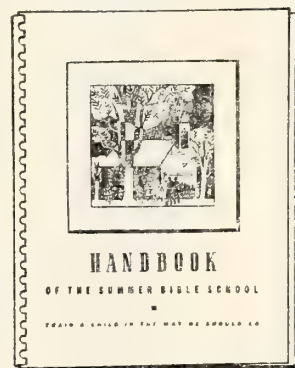
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Since then, several of the members have worked on the inside after supper with the aid of good electric lights, and a good-sized heater to keep us warm. We had it near enough completed on February 23, so that we were able to use it for services. Of course, we will need some extra pews to put on the extra 504 feet of floor space of the new annex.

Sometime during the fall, I think the pastor is planning to have a dedication service. Perhaps, by that time, we may be able to have the paint and all the finishing touches put on. The old part of our church is in a very good state of preservation, not withstanding it was built fifty years ago last fall. Even the original windows are still used.

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—J. E. Ingalls

GOD SAVE THE GOSSIPERS

I know you've heard how people talk
When there's nought to talk about;
They claim to tread a line of chalk,
They even pray and shout.

But you just ought to hear them tell
Of a sister doing right,
They get so mad they ring the bell
And then begins the fight.

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The good old sister tries her best
To be on speaking terms
With her who acts like all the rest
That seem to be so firm.

She rolls her eyes and turns her head
Around the other way,
And—in her heart, the gossip says,
“I've nought to you to say.”

They talk about the preacher, too,
No telling what they tell,
They start from time of birth, on
through,
Then call him infidel.

Or something they can think about
Real quick to tell someone
Who thinks the same, and always
shouts
The news all over town.

I'll tell you folks, they just don't
know
The saving power of God,
They need to go where sinners go

And feel the chastening rod.

*They got so much Religion hid
Down in their wicked heart
They just can't stand to be amid
The little Christian's part.

They need Salvation from above,
To get RELIGION out,
And then their talk will be of love
For Sisters all about.

God help us Christians here to pray
For Peace and Righteousness,
God help us all Thy Will obey,
And . . . “Save the Gossipers.”

—Venie M. Carney

What this country needs more than
anything else is fewer people telling
this country what this country needs
more than anything else.—William
Shenstone

*Friend, just
a minute, if
you please---*



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BY ETTA W. SCHLITER

“JOBS are pretty scarce just now,” said Dale, as he and Dan walked home

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

DURING the Civil War this poem was found in Charleston, S. C., printed on a piece of satin. Neither the name of the owner nor the author is known. In the original, the Lord's Prayer, which, as will be noticed, is scattered through the verses, was brought out in large, showy letters.

Thou to the mercy seat our souls dost
gather,
To do our duty unto Thee

Our Father

To whom all promise, all honor should be
given,
For Thou art the great God

Which art in heaven,

Thou, by Thy wisdom, rul'st the world's
whole frame;
Forever, therefor

Hallowed be Thy name.

Let nevermore delays divide us from
Thy glorious grace, but let

Thy kingdom come.

Let Thy commands opposed be by none;
But Thy good pleasure and

Thy will be done

And let our promptness to obey be even
The very same

in earth, as it is in heaven.

Then for our souls, O Lord, we also pray,
Thou wouldest be pleased to

Give us this day

The food of life, wherewith our souls are
fed,
Sufficient raiment, and

our daily bread.

With every needful thing do Thou relieve
us.

And of Thy mercy pity

And forgive us

All our misdeeds, for Him whom Thou
didst please
To make an offering for

our trespasses,

And for as much, O Lord, as we believe
That Thou wilt pardon us

as we forgive

Let that love teach, wherewith Thou dost
acquaint us,
To pardon all

those who trespass against us.

And though, sometimes, Thou find'st we
have forgot
This love for Thee, yet help

And lead us not

Though soul and body want to desperation,
Nor let earth's gain drive us

into temptation,

Let not the soul of any true believer
Fall in the time of trial

but deliver

Yea, save them from the malice of the
devil,
And in both life and death keep

us from evil:

Thus pray we, Lord, for that of Thee,
from whom

This may be had

For Thine is the kingdom.

This world is of Thy work, its wondrous
story

To Thee belong

the power, and the glory;

And all Thy wondrous works have ended
never

But will remain forever and

for ever.

Thus we poor creatures would confess
again,

And thus would say eternally

Amen.

—Contributed by Maud Sparks, Forest Grove, Ore.

—Submitted by Mrs. Estelle Dail, Winterville, N. C.

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This program is for the Second Union of Central Conference to be held with Little Creek Church, Greene County, March 29, 1947.

10:00—Devotions by local pastor
10:20—Welcome address by local pastor
10:30—Business period
11:00—Song service led by Elma Hines Beddard
11:15—Sermon by Rev. R. B. Spencer
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Reassemble—devotions by Bro. Leo Tripp
1:15—Lecture: Meaning of Lord's Supper, by Rev. J. E. Wooten
1:45—What My Church Means to Me, by Gladys Hines
2:00—Business and adjournment

By Committee

Editorial

SPECIAL NOTICE

We are giving this as special notice to the Baptist readers and subscribers that we will not get out issues of the Baptist paper for the NINETEENTH of March and also for the TENTH of April, as we are, at this particular time, rushed with the getting out of quite a number of church minutes and some other urgent matters that need to be gotten out right away.

We are calling attention, further, that it has been the custom for many years to skip the issues of the Baptist paper for the week of the **Fourth of July** and also for **Christmas Week**, but that in this case we will get out issues this year for the **Fourth of July** week and also for **Christmas Week** to take the place of the weeks which we are now compelled to skip. We are hoping that everyone will understand this present rushed situation which we are in and that no one will be too greatly disappointed by not receiving their copies of the Baptist paper for the week of the 19th of March and also for the week of the 10th of April.

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THE PROHIBITION QUESTION

The liquor question is more and more causing great concern in the minds of more people in this country. In some sections of the country a strong sentiment is growing for a vote to be effected on the liquor traffic. So much crime and immorality over the land now are leading more people to see the grave need of checking the manufacture and distribution of strong drink than ever before.

The church people should take the initiative, as good citizens, to bring about, if at all possible, a change from the present corrupt situation and to seek to bring about better conditions in our nation. The church people should cry out against the intoxicating liquor traffic, and raise their voice in a united effort to see that legislation shall be brought about to do away with the ABC stores over the country, and to check so much crime that is being committed because of the deadly influences of the whiskey traffic.

The money spent for alcoholic beverages is a waste and should be used instead for the uplift of society rather than to tear down morality and wreck homes and human lives. It becomes, when spent for intoxicating liquors, a curse to any nation instead of a blessing, and the means of damaging the lives of a great many people because they will buy whiskey, get drunk and break the laws of the land. Take the intoxicating beverage away so that people cannot buy it for drinking purposes, and they will spend their money for better things. Lives are not made better by much spending for strong drink, nor is a community elevated by so much drunkenness and the breaking of the law.

"SMOOTH SAILING"

The Church does not always have smooth sailing. This is true, more than once, with individual churches, as well as it is with religious denominations. As most individuals, they all have their cloudy days along with their sunshiny days.

Great problems often come unawares upon churches and church organizations. Sometimes the causes are hard to discover, and the remedies are not always easy to apply effectively to the disturbance. But usually, the root of the whole situation is deeply embedded in the darkness of sin. Satan plays upon the weaknesses of human nature, and attacks the vulnerable spot first, then he moves on, ever playing upon human life with his varying degrees of attractions and allurements until he can claim some (once fine characters) as his own fallen subjects. Everyone is not attacked in the same way, nor is everyone allured in the same way by Satan to fall for his attractions and false promises. One church can and usually does have a problem to handle which is far different from the problem of another church. This is often true with respect to different church organizations, and religious enterprises. There is no easy road to the strict religious way of life. Obstacles must be overcome.

Paul said, "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." When things are running apparently smoothly in the work of the Lord, and everyone is happy with the progress being made, then come unawares troublesome obstacles which seem to block the pathway of religious progress. But such must not over disturb the hearts of God's faithful people, for the grace of God is able to guide them onward to days of even greater progress, peace and prosperity in the Master's work. In spite of difficulties, obstacles and shocking occurrences that happen, contrary to the holy will of God, but effected by the hand of Satan, the church must go on with its vision and program of Christian activities, ever seeking more wisdom and understanding of the true and living God.

Paul had a great fight to wage; he fought great battles; and, by firmness in spirit and tenacity of purpose, he won the victory. That is what followers of Christ must do today. And that is what church organizations and church people are to do if the Church of Christ is to win the victory over sin and Satan in this wicked world. No, the sailing is not always smooth, but the grace of God will enable true followers of Christ to win the victory.



Wherever you go, carry a savor of Christ. Let men take in knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus.
—Selected.

A Vision of the Transfiguration

C. B. Bowling

Some time ago a vision came to me concerning the transfiguration of Jesus and his meeting with Elijah and Moses on the Mount. It was given to me in the form of several questions and answers. First, what were the words spoken between Christ, Moses and Elijah?

According to the writers of the four gospels not a word is recorded on this subject. Perhaps it was a friendly talk concerning the weakness of Moses' law and the meaning of the Resurrection and the immortality of the soul. I visioned Christ saying, "Moses, I am the fulfillment of your law. However, you gave it to your people only. The law I will give will be to all nations of the earth. Your law was too weak to give life, but the law that I will give will give spiritual life to all who will accept it. In Galatians 3:21 we read, "Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily, righteousness should have been by the law." Christ continued, "Moses, I am the Prophet whom you prophesied." In Deuteronomy 18 we find, "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren like unto thee and will put my words in his mouth and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Then came the question, for what purpose was this meeting planned? It was planned for Peter's benefit more than for the other disciples present for Peter's spiritual life and experience was not quite full and complete. The Master could work and talk freely and easily with Peter therefore he was able to teach him many things that he should know. Peter was a Jew and at this time he knew nothing about the change that was to take place. He thought that Moses' law would continue to be the dominant law for all time and the Jews alone would forever be God's chosen people. Christ was patient and led Peter step by step into the

light. Peter had two very enlightening experiences. The one on the housetop and later the baptism at Pentecost caused Peter to see that God was no respecter of persons. (Acts 10:34-35, "Then Peter opened his mouth and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him.")

Christ had a specific purpose in calling Moses and Elias to be with them on the Mount of Transfiguration. The three disciples present on the Mount knew nothing of the immortality of the soul, therefore the Master called these immortal spirits back to this world to reveal to the disciples that each individual person is possessed of an immortal soul that will never die.

Why was the countenance of Christ changed? In doing this he put aside his human countenance and showed his divinity. His garment became white and glittering even whiter than snow. This was to show his purity, and sinlessness, a life free from hatred, lust and greed. This change of countenance also revealed how he would appear when he ascended to his Father after having lived in this world for thirty-three years among sinful men.

Why did Peter suggest that they build three tabernacles? Evidently Peter heard words from the Master's lips that he did not like to hear and thought by suggesting this he could deceive the Master and distract his attention from his conversation with Moses and Elias. But Christ could see to the depths of Peter's heart, so instead of answering Peter himself he called on the Father to tell Peter what to do. If Christ had answered Peter it would not have influenced him as much as the Voice they all heard come out of the cloud. There was such power in that Voice that it caused all three of the disciples to fall to the ground. When they arose again and looked about them Moses and Elias were gone back to that Glory world from whence they came.

Then they all started down the mountain side and Christ told them to tell no one of the vision they had seen until the Son of Man was risen from the dead. Christ then probably walked on and the disciples lingered behind him a few steps and began to reason among themselves, which probably was no more than an argument, as to what the rising from the dead should mean.

What results did this request bring? Mark 9:10, "And they kept that saying with themselves questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean." The request saved the lives of these three disciples. If they had gone down to Jerusalem and told that they had seen Moses and Elias up on the mount the antagonistic Jews would have taken them and put them to death. After Christ arose from the dead they were at liberty to tell what they had seen and heard.

Why did Christ not take all twelve of his disciples with him up on the Mount? Christ had said once on another occasion that in the mouths of two or three witnesses every word might be established. Therefore he believed that three would be enough to prove anything that might happen. He reasoned, too, that all twelve may have created undue argument and excitement.

Why did James and John not write anything concerning their experience on the Mount? It was no doubt Christ's request that they tell no man until after he was arisen from the dead that caused them never to write of it.

What was the final significance of Moses' and Elias' appearance? Moses had died and God buried him. Deuteronomy 34:5-6, "So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day." Moses' immortal spirit was called back to this world to testify to these disciples that all men are possessed with that immortal spirit that will never die. He represents all mankind, both good and bad, who have died or will die from Adam down to

the second coming of Christ. Since Elijah did not die but was taken up into heaven he represents the people on the earth who will be living at the time of the second coming. Then the separation of the righteous from the wicked will take place and all mankind will be judged according to the lives they have lived.

THE GOSPEL WAY OF LIFE

"Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."—Isaiah 43:1b.

"The gospel bears my spirit up;
A faithful and unchanging God
Lays the foundation of my hope
In oaths and promises and blood."

Isaiah, God's great prophet to the Hebrew people, is here exhorting his people to be steadfast, fear not, and rest assured that God was their God, and that He would secure them from their enemies round about if they would place their faith and trust in Him. "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee." God had delivered them out of the wicked hand of the Egyptian bondage. He had delivered them into a land that He had declared would be their own. Now, they were to have faith in their God and to trust Him for peace, for rest, and for security. But Isaiah knew that the Hebrew people were an erring people. He knew that they were weak and prone to lust after other things which God had forbid them to participate in, thus he was sent to warn them, through the words of the great heavenly Father, against their propensities to fall into the evil ways of the heathen nations surrounding them.

It is an age-old truth that individuals, as well as nations of individuals, are to be ever careful and watchful in regard to their deeds and actions, for most people are prone to deviate from right paths and to fall into the bad ways of life. It is very easy for anyone to be allured from right relationships and led by the evil One to follow into the wrong ways of life. The history of mankind so often has proved this truth. Christ's follow-

ers had a very hard time defending the gospel and living the way in which our Lord taught them to live. Even today the church people find it hard not to fall in the ways of some of the evil things thrown about them. It requires Christian fortitude, righteous zeal and a love for Christ and righteousness for most children of God to be able to shun the alluring temptations of Satan when they are cast upon them on every hand week after week and year after year.

As Isaiah exhorted the Israelites to fear not but to place their faith and trust in God, so are we today to look to Jesus, who is the Author and finisher of our faith, and who will lead us aright if we will ever cling to Him. God sent his prophets of old to inform his people as to the right way to walk, so Christ came to point out the way to lost mankind, and to ever lead them in the paths of righteousness. It is the gospel that bears up one's spirit and assures him that by the shed blood of Christ on the cross are people saved.

Rev. Ted Irving

REPORT OF NEW LEAGUE

We are sending in a report on the King's Cross Roads' League. Our League was organized in June, 1946. To begin with we had only a few members, but we have gradually increased in number. We have approximately thirty-five members now. The average attendance for the Intermediate Class each Sunday night is twelve. We have attendance of ten or twelve in the Senior Class. Several nights we had a number of the older folks to join us in our meetings. We are always glad to have them with us.

In attempt to get more new members we have had a few social gatherings. We were glad to have Mr. Rivenbark and his daughter with us at our last social.

The officers of our League are as follows: President, David Wooten; Secretary, Pete Owens; Treasurer, George Britt. We have a Bible quiz each Sunday night. Susie Pollard is the leader of our quiz. In this quiz

we are asked questions about the Bible and then give the reference as to where it can be found. Then we see who can find the answer first. By doing this we are able to locate the books in the Bible more easily. It also helps us to learn the books in the Bible.

We are proud of the little folks' interest in the League. They have added much to their knowledge of their Saviour.

The members of the League are sponsoring the Easter services at King's Cross Roads on the first Sunday in April. We are going to furnish our own music and singing. A few members of the League will help sing at the Sunday School Convention at Little Creek the last Sunday in March.

We are sorry to announce that one member of our League, Edna Corbett, is in the hospital. All are hoping she will soon be back with us. We would like to say again that all new members and visitors are received with great joy.

Sincerely,

Jean Dilda,
Garland Pollard

REVIVAL AT TRINITY

Our Spring Revival will begin April 6, and continue until April 20. Reverend Raymond Riggs of Highland Park, Michigan, will be the evangelist. Brother Riggs is pastor of the Highland Park Church and is well known as a gospel preacher. He is active in Radio ministry, Mission work, and is past editor of the Free Will Echo.

The SULLIVAN Family will provide special music and singing each evening. This family is known in most of the surrounding territory as the South's Best Gospel Singers and musicians.

We invite all that can to attend these services, but if you cannot come pray that God will stir our church and awake this wicked city. Our church is located at 210 Foster Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

Homer E. Willis, Pastor

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Sin and Death

"For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). No way to get by this declaration of Almighty God. God said to Adam, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17). I find people who think that because Adam lived 930 years (Gen. 5:5), that he did not die "the day that he eat the forbidden fruit." But Adam died the very minute that he sinned against God. He died spiritually and brought upon himself, and upon the human family physical and spiritual death. Adam was afraid of God after he sinned. He "hid himself." This is an evidence that he was spiritually dead. He was afraid to meet God.

Paul says, "You hath he quickened who were dead in trespass and sins" (Eph. 2:1). All men are dead spiritually who have not been quickened through regeneration or the NEW BIRTH. Just as dead to the fellowship of God as a corpse is to the fellowship of living men. God can have no fellowship with a sinner.

"Whosoever committeeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning" (I John 3:6).

If there is sin abounding in our life, that sin will crop out. You may hide it for a while, but "Be sure your sins will find you out" (Num. 32:23).

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished bringeth forth death" (James 1:15, 16).

Life from the Dead

The latter part of the 23rd verse of the sixth chapter of Romans says, "But the gift of God is eternal life." Even though a man is dead in trespasses and sins, God hath a remedy for this death of sin.

"If we confess our sins God is faithful to forgive us our sins" (I John 1:9). Jesus Christ is "The propitiation for our sins: and not for

ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:2).

God knows all about the sins of every life. We may be able to hide them from man, even our closest friends, but God sees them in all their blackness. Every sin is open to the eye of God. Every thought of our mind is known to God, for there is no fooling of Him. The only way to get from under the condemnation of God, because of our sins, is to confess them and come clean with God and man. "There is therefore now, no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1). We cannot get into Christ with our sins. Neither can we remain in Christ when we give away to the lusts of the flesh and commit wilful sins. God will forgive our sins and take us in. But our sins must be confessed to God, because God only can forgive. No priest, no pope, nor any living man nor any dead saint, not even Mary the mother of Jesus, can clear us of our sins. Only the Lord Jesus Christ can bear our sins. We can only be healed by his stripes (Isa. 53:4-7). Get your Bible and read the whole 53rd chapter of Isaiah right now.

Reader, are you dead in sins? Do you want eternal life? Here it is: "He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). Sinner you are dead. There is no way for you to live, except by Christ. Accept Him now.

A STAND FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

"Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8a). The Apostle James was speaking to the dispersed Christian Jews in his Epistle, encouraging them to ever remain steadfast unto the Lord. They had suffered great persecutions at the hands of Christ's opponents, and were caused to flee from Jerusalem, a great many of them, to the outlying districts and even to other lands. But they had not given up hope in Christ. They were confident that

they were right and that what they were doing was for the glory of God.

Many of them lost their lives in the conflict for righteousness, but they died in the faith. James knew that they were undergoing severe trials and hardships wherever they were stationed, therefore, he was led by the power and the Spirit of God to write his Epistle to them as a means of an encouragement. As a consequence, his letter was a source of great encouragement to them, and caused them to remain steadfast, abounding in the work of the Gospel of Christ. The Gospel way has certainly been a hard way for a great many Christians since the days of the early disciples and apostles, but many of them have won the victory for the Lord in many lands.

Even today, followers of Christ are having it hard to keep the Gospel of Christ going and impressing its weight and power upon people who never knew the Christian way of life. The soldiers of the Cross of Calvary will continue to have it hard and trying on every hand, because the world is deeply beset with evils on every hand and people are going after the gods of this world. They are seeking wealth, pleasure and prestige; trying to outdo one another in business, in politics, in learning, and in prominence in different positions in life. It is a world of mad rush for the sensual things of this life. A great many people take no time for worship and to pay reverence to God. They want money, lands, riches, a good time, earthly pleasures and to follow after the lustful things of this generation.

But it does behoove all Christian people to draw nigh to God, to put on the whole armor of God, and then to go forth battling against Satan and all of his subjects of wickedness and lustful pleasures. It is a fight between the good and the cause of Christ on the one hand, and the forces of evil and sin on the other hand. There is the conflict; it is inescapable; and the only way out is for the forces of righteousness to arise and battle against the evil in the land with the might of the Almighty. Satan will rule the land un-

less God's servants arise and take the stand firmly against him and drive back his onrushing forces of evil in the country.—The Examiner.

WATCH AND PRAY

"The presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom" (Daniel 6:4a). When Daniel knew that the king's decree was signed, he went into his house, and his windows were opened in his chamber toward Jerusalem. He knelt upon his knees three times daily and prayed, and gave thanks unto God.

Dear lovers of the Word of God, they are seeking to find accusations today against you. Watch and pray to Daniel's God, and He will deliver you. Daniel's God is the one that I want to trust, for Jesus said, "Offences must need come, but woe unto them by whom they come." Then, we are to watch and pray that we may not enter into temptation. If we pray "lead us not into temptation," and then go where we know that we will be tempted, we then are going against our prayers. Remember, the scriptures tell us that God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret think, whether it be good or whether it be evil. If we love God we then hate evil, not the person who does evil but the evil itself.

Christ said, 'Whosoever doeth the will of my Father in heaven the same is my brother.' Dear readers, it means that we are to follow the straight and narrow way, if we are to worship the Father indeed and in truth. If the church people would think more on God's word and stop long enough to realize how good and kind and merciful God really is then I believe they would honor and love him more. If we have not the oil in our lamps when Jesus comes, no one else will have any to spare us when he does come.

Please pray for me that I may keep the faith once delivered unto the saints.

Mrs. Nat Cox,
Blounts Creek, N. C.

PLAN OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCES

The officers and teachers of the Sunday School of White Oak Church, held a meeting to discuss the finances of the Sunday School in connection with the New Church Building program and at the same time contribute to the causes as outlined by the Baptist program. The following is an outline of the financial program effective as of March 1, 1947:

Collections for all Sundays will be divided \$4.00 to the treasurer and the balance to New Building treasurer. Of the \$4.00 paid to regular treasury, \$2.00 will be kept for literature and expenses, and the remaining \$2.00 will be paid as follows:

1st Sunday, Orphanage, \$2.00.

2nd Sunday, Cragmont Assembly, \$1.00.

2nd Sunday, Church Finance Asso., \$1.00.

3rd Sunday, Christian Education, \$2.00.

4th Sunday, Missions, \$2.00.

5th Sunday, Superannuation, \$2.00.

Each Sunday, Expenses, \$2.00.

Balance to New Church Building Treasurer.

We have in the process of erection one of the finest church buildings in Eastern North Carolina and we feel that this building will be a credit to all Free Will Baptist in this State. We hereby extend an invitation to all who will come, to attend our church and see for yourself what we are doing. We also extend to everybody the opportunity to help us finance this building program. Any amount which you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated and rewarded. All donations will be receipted and acknowledged. Address your donations to Mr. Warren G. Hester, Box 396, Bladenboro, N. C.

White Oak F. W. B.

Sunday School

D. E. Hester, Secretary

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WE OUGHT TO BE HAPPY

In the solitude of the night, everything is quiet and still,

Oh! how I long to be with Jesus, my cup with joy He would fill.

In my dark and lonely hours, no earthly help to pull me through, And then a Friendly Hand, upon my shoulder, says, "It is Jesus, I'm with you."

When you experience all this joy, God only can give,

Do you think about our lives, for it is Jesus we do live?

Have we thought there are others, who are sad and lonely, too?

Could we give them just a handshake, and a smile to pull them through?

Oh the joy! we would find, if some kindness we'd show.

We would all be full of joy, and our cup would overflow.

When we forget about our sadness, and meet each other just half way,

We will then would walk and talk with Jesus, for He'll be with us every day.

We see the little birds flying, singing to us their mellow songs,

Then we should be happy, for we know our life on earth is not long.

Just pick a little flower, take it to some lonely heart,

You will see eyes that will shine with gladness,

And a smile when you depart.

All through life there is some joy to be seen

If we will seek it we will find it.

Dear Lord, in all His wisdom, is counting upon our time.

Every day we are spinning a tiny web of life.

Are we going to let Satan tangle us in this web?

And then fill us with endless strife.

While we are on life's pathway, He will give us guidance on the way,

And then we will be rewarded on a glorious happy day.

Mrs. Walter Buck,
Gates, N. C.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.—B. C. Forbes

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STEADFASTNESS IN STEWARDSHIP

It is usually taken for granted that all during the year the special leaders of the church are the ones who do their best in trying to teach and instruct the principles and the duties of Christian Stewardship. But it is one thing to teach a doctrine and quite another to practice it. It's much easier to plan and accept a new standard of life or service than it is to be able to maintain it and live up to it. We have had Stewardship teachings and preaching all these years, well, for quite a while now, but the most important question is still to be maintained, are we, and will we be steadfast?

When the time came for Jesus that he should go and be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem and he sent messengers before his face and went, and entered into a village and made ready for him, and they did not receive Jesus because his face was set to go to Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John heard this they said: "Lord wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and take them?" But the Lord rebuked them saying, "Ye do not know what manner of spirit ye are of. Because the Son of Man has not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they turned and went into another village, and the disciples said, "Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." They were examples of being steadfast in their stewardship.

The sense of self-respect comes from common honesty, uprightness and truthfulness in dealing with God. If you have come to know the meaning of stewardship and have failed to live accordingly to it, you have sinned against God. It is plain sin if we know and yet do not that which God expects of us.

There are sins of neglect or omission as well as sins of doing or commission. One is as bad and black as the other in the sight of God. Either one is just plain sin and if we remain in it we will get the reward which we deserve.

The great need of our Lord's work in every field, at home and into the ends of the earth should be the purpose of every committee, every organization that to secure full compliance with the demands of Christ's commission, to preach the gospel to every creature and teach all nations, and teaching them to observe all things. The Lord will be with you always in your steadfastness. The failure to support liberally and continuously every object means the weakening of our united effort to make Christ known to the world. The soul cry of perishing millions, "Come help us," will compel all of us to be steadfast in our stewardship. If we fail to respond to this highest and noblest appeal to the best in us, there is left no promise or respect of steadfastness in our past. In the word of God the followers of Christ are closely identified with Him in death, the resurrection and glory. May it not be true also that we shall share in the divine satisfaction at the glorious completion of His mission to the world? "Therefore, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the sight of the Lord."

It will not be any hard task to carry out our program of being steadfast in our stewardship if we see ourselves as God sees us and be steadfast to the end. For a worker to be steadfast means to be true to God first, then not to be changeable in everything we try to do. It will take much prayer to carry out this work that is so dear to our hearts. Jesus prayed for his workers as he sent them out, and it will be well for us to take His example to be ours.

Steadfast

"Bound by cords of love to the task
of reaching out for others,
Bound by cords of faith in Christ
We seek them for co-workers
Steadily, loyally, constantly living
A life that tells of Him:
Brightly, firmly, radiantly shedding
A light that will not dim."

Leah Nichols,
Pikeville, N. C.
Route 2

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AUXILIARIES

This is to announce to the auxiliaries of North Carolina that the **Report Blanks** for the North Carolina State Auxiliary work can be had at the F. W. B. Press in Ayden. Those needing blanks please write to the Press for the number you need. Whatever charges there may be for these blanks please refer the bills to the State Auxiliary Treasurer, as I do not have any more copies, and do not know who might want them for the coming convention.

Mrs. J. C. Sasser,
State Secretary

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PROGRAM

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Western Conference to be held with Little Rock Church, Lucama, N. C., Wilson County, Wednesday, April 2, 1947.

Theme: The Pre-eminence of Christ.
Scripture: Colossians 1:18.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Registration
- 9:45—Opening Devotions: The Pre-eminence of Christ in the Individual by Mrs. Bagley Morris, Fremont, N. C.
- 10:00—Address of Welcome, Mrs. Walter Blalock, Lucama, N. C.
- Response, Mrs. S. H. Styron, Pine Level, N. C.
- 10:05—President's remarks
- 10:10—Recognition of ministers and delegates
- 10:15—Reading of minutes
- 10:30—Appointment of committees
- 10:35—Congregational singing
- 10:40—Report of Vice-Presidents and Field Worker
- 11:15—Prayer of consecration
- 11:20—Special music
- 11:25—Convention Message—The Pre-eminence of Christ in the Church—Mrs. Wilbur Worthington, Ayden, N. C.
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions: The Pre-eminence of Christ in the Home—Mrs. E. G. Holland, Kenly, N. C.
 1:15—Orphanage News—Rev. J. A. Evans
 1:30—Cragmont News—Rev. J. Albert Harris
 1:45—Business
 2:15—Forum
 2:30—Installation of officers—Rev. R. N. Hinnant
 3:00—Adjournment

NOTE—If any Auxiliary did not receive Report Blanks, please notify me at once.

One blank is to be filled out and sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. D. O. Wilder, Zebulon, N. C., with your donation, the other blank is to be filled out in its entirety and mailed to the Secretary not later than the last week in March.

The delegates should bring their Achievement Charts with them to the Convention and be placed in the hands of the Reports Committee, when named, to be judged.

We want every auxiliary in the Western Conference to represent, making your donation as large as possible, bearing in mind the fact that the Western District only meets once a year.

Read the first chapter of Colossians and may Christ truly be pre-eminent in our lives, in the Church, in the home and in the Convention; that at the close of the session we can verily say, "It was good for us to have been here."

Mrs. J. D. Corbett, President,
 Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary,
 Micro, North Carolina

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PROGRAM

The Fourth Union District Auxiliary of the Central Conference of North Carolina will convene with Aspin Grove Church on Sunday, March 30, 1947.

Morning Service

- 10:00—Sunday School
 11:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. N. D. Beamon
 —Welcome address by Mr. Julius Killebrew
 —Response by Mrs. Paul Thigpen
 —Orphanage offering
 11:30—Convention sermon by Rev. L. B. Manning
 —Appointment of Committees
 12:15—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Devotions by Rev. Johnnie Vernelson
 —Special music
 1:30—Talk by Mr. Clifton Gardner
 2:00—Business period
 —Program by local church
 3:00—Miscellaneous business and adjournment

Mrs. W. C. Abrams,
 Miss Margaret Aldridge,
 Mr. Hubert Burress
 Committee

PROGRAM

The program for the Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention to be held on March 26, 1947, at Sweet Gum Grove Church in Pitt County.

Theme: "Partnership with Christ."

—Registration

- 10:00—Devotions, Mrs. Phillip Woodard
 —Welcome, Mrs. David Nobles
 —Response, Mrs. Elmer Dail
 —Business period
 —Reports of:
 1st Vice-President
 2nd Vice-President
 5th Vice-President
 —Special music, local choir
 11:30—Message, Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark
 —Appointing of Committees
 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Devotions, Mrs. J. J. Carroll
 —Reports of delegates attending other Conventions
 —Reports of:
 3rd Vice-President
 4th Vice-President
 6th Vice-President
 2:00—Business period
 —Reports of Committees
 —Report of Treasurer
 —Appointment of delegates to other Conventions
 3:00—Adjournment
 Mrs. J. C. Moye, President,
 Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Secretary

CHURCH LIBRARY

It would be too lengthy a list for me to compile all the activities of the Friendship Woman's auxiliary of Johnston County. I do not believe I'm assuming too much when I say I believe this is one of the most active and most consecrated group of women in the auxiliary organization.

The newest project is the most worthy yet attempted. For sometime, a need has been felt in our community for a church library. Our president, Mrs. D. O. Wilder, took the initiative and under her guidance definite steps have been taken to establish a library sufficient for the needs of our entire church. A sum of one hundred dollars was set aside in our auxiliary treasury, and a committee was appointed to purchase the books. These books are a varied collection, ranging from picture Bible story books for the little folks to poetry, Christ and the fine arts, the

Robe, Behold the Man, stewardship books, and program books. Our total number of books to date is 61. These books are to be properly classified and prepared for circulation. This will be done by members of the auxiliary under the supervision of Miss Adelaide Charles of the Baptist Book Store in Raleigh.

Our auxiliary feels that this library is going to fulfill a definite need in our community. The printed page carries more impact than most of us realize. It is our duty to so direct reading habits that the trashy novel and magazines will be discarded and that good religious books will be read in their stead. Parents who do not know what their children are reading should see to it that they read good religious books from the church library. Those parents who are guilty of reading trashy novels and other such literature should discard such reading and use the good religious books that are placed in the church library.

The child's mind is pliable and receptive to all it reads and hears, and a home without good books for the children is like a home without the proper nourishing food for the body. Addison once said, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. As by the one, health is preserved; strengthened and invigorated; by the other virtue (which is the health of the mind) is kept alive, cherished, and confirmed."

Mildred Strickland,
 Friendship Woman's
 Auxiliary

"I" is a very short word, isn't it? But do you know that if we counted the number of times we used that very little word in one day, why I think we'd be surprised at the number of times we use it. Try it sometime. Just before you start to say, "I did this," or "I did that," or "I am," stop, count it. And perhaps you won't even say what you were going to say, because you might find that you are about to brag on yourself. The Bible says, "Boast not," and neither do we want to brag, because bragging is just hateful pride! How careful we should be not to think that we are big "I's"—Unknown.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS THE BLIND

This is to advise the readers and friends of the Baptist paper of a good opportunity to be able to bless a blind woman who is trying to earn her way in life by doing a good piece of work. She makes the following goods for sale to earn her living:

Ladies Hand Bags (assorted colors, 12 x 7 inches) -----	\$5.00
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Miss Lucinda E. O'Quinn,
Council, Virginia

(Note: We are running this announcement that it might be the means of blessing Miss O'Quinn who is blind, and who is trying to earn an honest living for herself. — Editor.)

LEST WE FORGET

That March and April are designated by the North Carolina State Association as MISSION months.

Since the need is urgent, and since it is our Christian responsibility to aid the cause and send the Gospel Message to "all the world," we urge our people to contribute to the cause just as liberally and freely as possible.

The State Association has a Mission Board, of which Rev. L. B. Manning of Fountain, North Carolina, is Chairman, and Rev. J. W. Alford of Columbia, North Carolina, is Treasurer. All mission funds should be sent directly to J. W. Alford. If you send your money as one fund, it will be equally divided between home and foreign missions. If you desire it to be divided differently, please state

definitely just how you wish it to be used.

Pastors, please take the matter up with your churches and urge and advise them as to the necessity of the cause. Let us do our duty and eliminate the necessity of having to send salaried people on the field, and pay their expenses, to solicit and put on programs to raise money that we ought to freely and gladly give. The

command is still, "Go ye into all the world" (Mark 16:15). We cannot all go to foreign fields personally with the message, but we can help with our means to send those who can go. The GOSPEL still needs to be preached to "every creature," that all men everywhere may know the Saviour and be saved.

Rev. L. B. Manning, Chairman

EASTER BOOKLETS FOR 1947

Easter Program Builder

Our newest Easter program book contains recitations, exercises, readings, choruses and songs, all built around special Easter programs. Valuable material. 56 pages.

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Easter Tidings is the only book of its kind published. The object is to supply in one volume, a sufficient collection of Recitations, Dialogues, Songs, Responsive Readings, etc., for those who prefer to prepare their own service. 96 pages.

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ment of the school is taken care of in this program book.

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NOTICE

This is to inform those who are interested in this part of the Cragmont News—We are in need of a Registered Nurse, a Dietitian, Cooks, and Dish-washers, Waiters and Waitresses and helpers for the serving and aiding the meeting of the Assemblies this summer. Anyone interested, please send your application to the business manager. If you know of a person who will fit any of the above needs, speak to them and insist on their application, giving the earliest date and the latest date you can work.

All applications are to be made to Cragmont Assembly, Inc.,

J. Albert Harris,
Business Manager-Treasurer,
Black Mountain, N. C., Route 1

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Be careful not to throw the ball into the street!" I told my little cousin Carl.

And right away he threw it out there! It rolled back 'most to the sidewalk,, though, and after I waited till there weren't any cars coming, I went out for it. And then he threw it out into the street again!

I knew that was wrong. I thought maybe the first time had been an accident; but now I was sure he did it on purpose.

This time a man who was crossing the street tossed the ball to me, and I thanked him. Then I started with it to the house. But I was wondering what to do.

Should I tell Mother Carl had been naughty? Should I put the ball away and get something else for him to play with, without telling on him? Or should I give the ball back to Carl?

What would you do?

TEACHER, DO YOU KNOW YOUR PUPILS?

"Learn me, teacher," a little girl appealed, when she wished help in learning her memory verse. She spoke significantly, if incorrectly. Yes, teacher, you must learn them before you can teach them. They are all different. Each age has its own appeals, interests, understandings, abilities, and ways of expression. Each individual has his own response in time and place to the "come" of Jesus. How carefully we need to "learn them"; lest by our own preconceived wordings, methods, and conditions, we "forbid them" to come.

—Adapted from "The S. S. Teacher Winning Souls." (Anna L. Fellroth, Covenant Weekly.)

OUR FATHER'S PROTECTION

I Will Not Be Afraid

God's children need never be afraid. Once there was a little boy who was afraid of the dark. One night after he had gone to bed his father heard him crying. He went to his little boy, who said, "I am crying because I am afraid of the dark."

Then the father took the little boy in his arms and carried him where he could look out and see the beautiful night. He showed him the stars and told him they were God's star lights, and of the soft darkness God had made so that little children and birds and flowers could rest and sleep, and he must not be afraid again, because God would take care of him, and he taught him a little verse that I am sure he will never forget:

"Father of all, in Heaven above,
We thank Thee for Thy love;
Our food, our homes, and all we wear,
Tell of Thy loving care."

—Unknown.

A Sunday School Teacher

A Sunday school teacher,
I don't know his name.
A wonderful preacher
Who never found fame.
So faithful, so earnest
When I was a boy—
He stuck to his task
Tho' I tried to annoy.
He never was missing,
In cold or in heat,
A smile his face lighted
The moment we'd meet.
He taught by example
As well as by word,
This splendid old teacher
Who honored his Lord.
He helped my young life
More than ever he knew,
Later years I remembered
And tried to be true.
I suppose he has gone now
To join Heaven's ranks,
May it be my good fortune
Some day to say, "Thanks."

*Friend, just
a minute, if
you please---*



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Dale Finds a Job

BY ETTA W. SCHLITER

"JOBS are pretty scarce just now," said Dals, as he and Dan walked home and moved on toward the high way fastly

The Sunday School in the NEWS

The National S. S. Convention is scheduled to hold



RE you a pastor, a Sunday School superintendent, a F. W. B. L. Director, or a class president? If you are, you want to see the organization you lead make progress, the members regular in attendance, and developing spiritually and intellectually. If you are "just a member" you should be just as concerned.

We believe that YOUTH'S BANNER will be worth far more than its cost in helping realize these things in your church, Sunday School, or F. W. B. L. That is why we appeal to you to order a supply for the Second Quarter of 1947 and give it a trial. Just add it onto your order for S. S. literature, or drop us a letter or card saying how many sets you can use. In lots of five or more sets mailed to the same address the price is 15 cents per set (13 weekly numbers.)

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JESUS LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE

(Lesson for March 30)

Lesson: John 18:37-38; 19:10-16, 25-30.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The outstanding point of the text is **not** the love of God. A little clear thinking would lead one to see that if God **did** create the earth and the human kind, He would naturally have some affection for the work He had wrought.

Nor is the chief interest in the text the fact that "God gave"—since giving is the natural result of loving. No person can love and not desire to lavish presents upon the object of his affection, and the depth of the desire to give is a fair measure of the degree of the love thus expressed.

We would also expect the God who is revealed in the Scriptures to even go so far as to give His Son! Since the love of God is an unlimited love, His giving must also know no bounds. So the text up to this point is what a little reflection would show to be in full accord with the nature of God.

The pivot of the text is formed by the two words, "Whosoever believeth." Here is where God intended the emphasis to be placed, and it is here that eternity is decided and the effectiveness of God's love made operative. For no matter how broad and deep the redeeming love of God might be, to become effective there must be co-operation on the part of the object of His grace.

It is thus with all the gifts of God. Water is provided in abundance, but the thirsty must bring themselves to

it and drink, or perish. There is food for all and to spare, but man must gather it, store it, apportion it, and prepare it, or hordes will starve.

Maybe you cannot do much to change the current of modern infidelity and swing the entire nation into harmony with the will of God—but you can make certain that **you personally** shall never perish! Your ultimate responsibility is not for the world, but for **yourself**. If you do not believe on Jesus and accept Him for your own salvation—no one in Heaven or earth can do it for you.

—Selected

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The faultless Christ was crowned with thorns, the fruit of the curse (John 19:5).

2. The falsely-accused Christ was clad in a purple robe, as if a false challenger of the throne (vs. 5).

3. The Divine Christ was charged with being a fraudulent pretender and worthy of death (vss. 6, 7).

4. The fearless and sinless Christ was crucified in the midst as the chief of sinners (vs. 18).

5. The Cross claimed Him who was King of the curse (vss. 5, 16).

6. The Cross conditioned the career of Caesar, although the latter was at that time unaware of it (vs. 15).

7. The Cross is the dividing mark between a world of unsaved men, and the company of those who have been saved (vs. 18).

8. The Cross seemed to signify defeat, and yet it is the greatest victory ever won (vs. 19).

9. "What is in a Name?" Why do parents frequently name their children **John** or **Mary**, but refuse to use **Judas** or **Jezebel**?

10. Christ did not die in defeat, even though He did die in shame.

11. "It is finished", means that whosoever will believe may be saved.

12. Our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies complete the quarter's lessons with some splendid helps. Use them prayerfully.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Christ Crucified

Once, it is said, a Scottish preacher of the modern school closed a sermon with these words, "Virtue is so attractive that, if she were to become incarnate and walk the world in human form, men would fall down and worship her." The pulpit of that church was occupied the same evening by a different type of preacher, a humble, evangelical man, who loved the Gospel of a crucified Redeemer. He preached Christ crucified, and at the close of his discourse reminded the congregation of the statement made in the morning by the senior preacher, and then added, "**I am sorry to say that virtue did once walk the world in human form in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, and men, instead of falling down and worshipping Him, nailed Him to the Cross.**"—Alliance Weekly.

What Can I Do For Jesus?

What can I do for Jesus?

He's done so much for me;
He left His Home in Glory
For the Cross on Calvary;
Not for His sin He suffered:
He paid the debt for me.

What can I do for Jesus?

He gave His life for me;
He battled with temptation,
And won the victory;
Then shame and death He suffered,
To purchase life for me.

What can I do for Jesus?

Just say, "Oh, Lord, take me,
And cleanse me in the Fountain
That flowed from Calvary;
Then let me share Thy likeness,
Each day grow more like Thee."
—Selected

ANNOUNCEMENT

I am using this means to notify my friends and brethren that I am now available for pastoral work. If anyone wishes to correspond with me, please address your mail to Rev. S. Elmo Harper, Grantsboro, North Carolina.

Our Young Folk's

Compiled by L. E. BALLARD
Editor YOUTH'S BANNER

Scrap
Book

Stories, Poems,
Articles, etc.
for our Young
People.

Choose Your Own Reason for Tithing!

You may come to the tithe idea by several ways. It isn't one of those peculiar doctrines that depend on giving a special twist to a single verse of Scripture.

Law

There's the way of law. Some object to traveling that way. But there it is—merely the law of the Old Testament.

Like the law of the "rest-and-worship day," like the law of "one-man-for-one-woman," it is a law which entered the thought of men before there were any Ten Commandments.

It is old; and though there are those who think it has been repealed entirely, nobody ever thought of changing its form. You never hear of a seventh, a twelfth or a twentieth. As a law, it was always the sacred Tenth. If you come by the law road, you arrive at that.

Efficiency

There's the way of Christian efficiency. The tithe really works for the Church, just as we have been told it would.

The testimonies in its favor are on record by multiplied thousands. When a group in a church begins to practice it, or a group of churches, the tithers always carry a large overplus beyond their numerically proportionate share of the load.

A LITTLE WORD WITH A BIG MEANING

That little word is one of the smallest in the world. It has only two letters, if. It is so small that you can write it on a tiny piece of paper; yet it is so large that it could keep a person out of Heaven. But how could a little word like if keep one out of that beautiful place?

Some people say, "I would be a Christian if I did not have to give up my sin." Some boys and girls say, "I would go to Sunday School if my friends did." People have many excuses for not doing right, and they all begin with that little word, if.

Jesus wants all children to be saved while they are young, so they will have their whole lives to live for Him. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Eccl. 12:1). When we say, "I will if," that means we want to put it off. But Je-

Self-Interest

There's the way of self-interest. People who think spirituality means something ethereal are apt to sniff at this linking of tithing with prosperity. But they can't sniff it away. There it is. Other things being equal, the tither is more prosperous than the non-tither, and always will be.

We pray for material blessings. Why be surprised when they come?

Tithing does not make poor land fertile. It does not turn tornadoes aside. It does not make up for the tither's lack of any other Christian virtue, or for the limitations that produce differences of ability.

But it works for prosperity, none the less. It calls for conscience in dealing with what possessions we have.

It develops foresight. It fosters an increasing dislike of waste and needless spending.

Love

And, best of all, there's the way of grateful love. In glad recognition that all we have is of God's giving, we devote a definite proportion of His gift directly to the work we believe He wants done in the world.

This way is the way of liberation. No man can follow it and be unhappy about it. Either it will bring its own happiness or it will not be practiced.

sus does not want us to wait. He wants us to come to Him now.—The S. S. Visitor.

THE ANVIL AND THE HAMMER

"Last eve I paused beside a blacksmith's door,

And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;

Then looking in, I saw upon the floor

Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had,' said I,
'To wear and batter all those hammers so?'

'Just one,' said he, and then, with twinkling eye,

'The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.'

"And so,' I thought, the Anvil of God's Word

For ages skeptic blows have beat upon,
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The Anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."

ANNOUNCEMENT

We, the members of Mt. Zion Church, Washington County, North Carolina, are happy to announce that we will have a revival meeting at our church, beginning on the fourth Sunday night in March. We think that we are very fortunate to have Reverend Charlie Hamilton to conduct the meeting for us.

Brother Hamilton will be assisted by the pastor of the church, Rev. W. H. Ivey. We are requesting all the good people who can to come to the meeting. It does not make any difference as to what church they belong; for we are interested in lost souls, because we know that when Christ comes He will not come after any particular class, creed or color of people, but to draw sinners to repentance. He will seek those who will turn unto the Heavenly Father.

We desire the prayers of every Christian, regardless as to whom they may be, or where they are, simply let us ask God if it be his will to give us a great revival that many souls might be saved. Let us hope that this will be the greatest revival meeting that Mt. Zion Church has ever had.

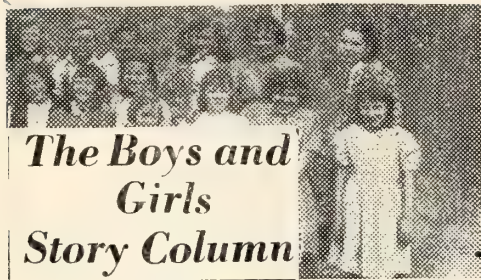
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FOURTH UNION PROGRAM

- 10:00—Devotions by Preston Ellis
- 10:15—Moderator's message
 - Welcome address by pastor
 - Response by R. C. Proctor
- 10:30—Business period
- 11:15—Devotions by E. L. Abrams
- 11:30—Sermon by N. D. Beamon
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Devotions by Clifton Gardner
- 1:15—Business period
- 2:15—Round Table discussion on the good of the Union
- 2:30—Adjourn

P. C. Wiggs,
J. C. Cobb,
W. R. Williams

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The Boys and Girls Story Column

ALL DRESSED UP — —

Dear Young Friends,

How we do like to get all dressed up in our best clothes and go places! Seldom do we meet a girl or a boy either, who likes to be dirty and ragged and generally unkempt. I well remember when I was a little girl, how on the last day of school, we girls used to dress up in our very best dresses and put on our brand new shoes and stockings and "show off!" One time a girl came to school with a beautiful silk dress, and she accidentally tore it on the desk. It was our annual class party and every one was supposed to have a good time. I well remember how bitterly she cried, for she expected to get spanked when she got home. Her whole afternoon was spoiled.

If we belong to the Lord Jesus we are clothed with a different kind of clothing than we wear in the world. He clothes us with goodness and with righteousness and covers us with the feathers of His protecting care. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness" (Is. 61:10). There are none so beautifully dressed as those who have salvation within, for they have the Lord Jesus living within the heart, and how beautiful they are! There was a certain lady who taught school, who was decidedly homely! She had a long hooked nose, and big hands and feet, but a certain young girl found out this teacher was a Christian. And then how beautiful she became! How beautiful her character, and how beautiful her ways! Why? Christ radiated through her life and every action portrayed Him!

Salvation can make the ugliest looking features beautiful, for the work of grace is done in the heart and manifests itself in every detail of the life.

"He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler" (Ps. 91:4). There is a soft warm place in the heart of the Lord for those who trust Him. It is so much nicer to allow Him to cover us with His feathers of comfort, than to try to cover ourselves with the filthy, ragged robes of sinfulness!

Boys and girls, do you want to be all dressed up? Then get rid of the sinful garments you are trying to cover yourself with now. Allow the Lord Jesus to come into your heart and clean you up. You would hardly expect to put on a beautiful suit or dress over a filthy body, would you? No, indeed! Then come to Jesus with your black heart of sin and let Him wash it white in His own Blood. Then you will receive the beautiful robes of salvation and righteousness and the covering of His feathers for comfort and protection.—L. L. K.

PROGRAM

Program for the Sunday School Convention of the Albemarle District to be held with Free Union Church, Beaufort County, March 30, 1947.

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Mr. Henry Webster
- 10:15—President's message
- 10:30—Reading minutes of last convention
—Roll call of Sunday Schools
- 11:00—Business period
- 11:15—Special music by "The Free Union Quartet"
- 11:25—Sermon by Rev. James A. Evans
—Offering taken for Orphanage
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. O. M. Hilburn
- 1:15—Talk: "The Advantages of a graded Sunday School and Workers' Council"
- 1:45—Special music by "The Free Union Quartet"
- 1:55—Business period
- 2:30—Treasurer's report and benediction

Mrs. Alton Reynolds,

Program Committee

PROGRAM

The First Union Meeting of the Pee Dee Association of North Carolina will convene with the Mount Olive Church, Columbus County, Saturday, March 29, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotional service by Rev. Carl B. Hansley
- Welcome address by pastor, Mount Olive Church
- Response by Rev. Wade Jernigan
- Moderator's Message
- Business period
- 11:15—Sermon, Wade Jernigan
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. Everette Bryant
- Report of churches and Sunday Schools
- Business period
- Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee
- 3:00—Miscellaneous business and adjournment

Evening Service

- 7:00—Sermon, Rev. Allen Bryant
- Sunday Morning**
- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Sermon, Rev. H. C. Adcox

J. W. Bowen,

J. R. Batten,

W. D. Brown,

Committee

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists for February, 1947.

Receipts

Balance on hand February 1, 1947 \$2,452.12
Regular receipts for February --- 57.46

Total to account for -----\$2,509.58

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated
Ministers -----\$197.50
Operating expense ----- 25.00
Paid to National Board --- 8.11

Total paid out -----\$ 230.61

Balance on hand March 1, 1947 --\$2,278.97

Receipts Itemized

Core Creek S. S. -----\$ 7.50
Friendship (Johnston Co.) -----\$ 1.00
Washington St. -----\$11.61
Reedy Branch Jr. Aux. -----\$ 5.00
Friendship Aux. (Johnston Co.) ---\$ 5.00
Hull Road Aux. -----\$ 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jenkins -----\$10.00

Flood's Chapel Aux.	\$ 2.00
Core Creek S. S.	\$ 7.00
White Oak Hill Aux.	\$ 4.35
Gum Swamp S. S.	\$ 3.00

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer.

PROGRAM

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle District meets with Shiloh Church, Beaufort County, April 3, 1947.

Theme: Exalting Christ.

10:00—Song

- Welcome address, Miss Leona Wallace
- Response, Mrs. Charlie Smith
- Devotions conducted by Mrs. Delsie Waters
- Remarks by the president, and appointment of committees
- Minutes of last convention read and roll call of Auxiliaries
- Recognition of ministers
- Special music by the local church

—Talk: "Exalting Christ through Sacrifice," Mrs. Alice E. Lupton

12:00—Lunch hour

1:00—Devotions conducted by Mrs. Callie Swain

- Special music
- Talk: "Exalting Christ through Cooperation," by Mrs. H. S. Swain
- Business period
- Orphanage report by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- Election of officers
- Report of committees
- Treasurer's report

3:00—Song and benediction

Mrs. Alton Reynolds,
Program Committee

WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE

You have wanted and have needed such a service as is soon to be rendered to you. From April 21 through May 2, at the Kilsyth Church, near Mt. Hope, West Virginia, this training service will be given by some of

the able leaders of the Free Will Baptist denomination, namely:

Reverend John L. Welch will teach Bible Doctrine; Free Will Baptist Doctrine; and How to Prepare Gospel Messages.

Reverend Robert B. Crawford will teach World-Wide Missions; Personal Soul-winning; and Sunday School Administration.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier will teach Woman's Auxiliary, and Free Will Baptist League.

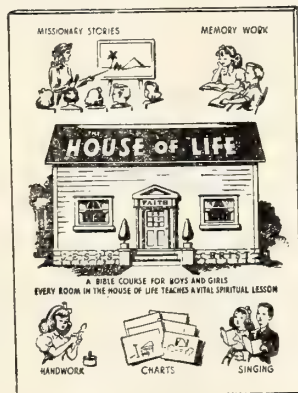
Only one dollar (\$1.00) registra-

tion fee will be charged, besides what you pay for room and board to the local church.

Please plan to attend, for this is a God-given opportunity for you. Write to Rev. Robert Doan, Crab Orchard, at once, and tell him you are planning to attend. Also write Brother Doan for further information needed.

R. B. Crawford

You have not converted a man because you have silenced him.—Elbert Hubbard



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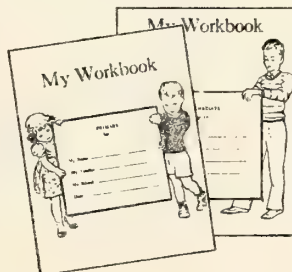
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BAILEY. On October 5, 1946, God saw fit to call to his heavenly reward my loving Father, Reddin R. Bailey who was 73 years old at the time of his death. He had been sick for 22 months. He was humble and patient during all of his sickness, and was always glad for anyone to visit him and pray for him.

He was a member of Spring Branch Church, and was clerk of the church and clerk of the fourth union meeting for many years. I can truly say that he loved the church, and enjoyed serving as long as he was able.

Those surviving are his wife, four sons, two daughters and one brother. The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. D. W. Alexander and Rev. L. B. Manning. The love and esteem with which his friends held him was shown by the beautiful flower designs beneath which he was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

—Written by his daughter,
Mary V. Bailey

WALL. The death angel visited the home of Johnie Lee Wall at Edward, North Carolina, and took from them a loving wife and mother, age 29. She leaves her husband Johnie Lee, 2 small children, Bobby, age 8, and Beatrice, age 3. Her mother, Mrs. Sadie Boyd, 3 brothers, Johnie, Richard, Jr., and Alton Boyd; 3 sisters, Mrs. Olive Buck, Mrs. Bernice Bright, and Mrs. Marjorie Bright.

The funeral services were conducted from the home by the Rev. Clinton Lupton, and the body was laid to rest in a cemetery near the home, beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

We miss her sunny smile and sweet face, but we believe heaven is made brighter by her going, for we know God knows best. He simply called her, and she closed her precious eyes to open them in a world of sunshine, where she is beckoning for her loved ones to come up higher.

She united with Ephesus Free Will Baptist Church when quite a young lady.

I cannot say, I will not say,
That she is dead; she is just away!
With a cherry smile and a wave of the hand,
She has wandered into an unknown land.

—Written by her devoted Aunt,
Mrs. L. H. Alligood

OWENS. After several months of declining health, our Mother, Mrs. C. W. Owens, a faithful and a dependable member of Otter's Creek Church, passed away

to her heavenly inheritance on March 1, 1947, in the 76th year of her age.

She had made due preparation for a change of worlds, and was ready to go on to her heavenly rest. She was a most worthy and kind Mother of 3 girls and 4 boys, upon whom she made definite impressions for good. She lived close to the Bible which she read frequently, and she knew how to pray.

Mother had a living faith in her Lord and Saviour. She looked well to her household, and her many friends always found kindness and hospitality which she dispersed with a bountiful hand. She stated that she received her greatest pleasure while working to make the church a living church.

Her memory will ever be a blessed one to the many friends and loved ones whom she has left behind.

—Written by her daughter-in-law,

Mrs. Roney Owens

PROGRAM

Program of the Third Union meeting to be held at the Edgemont Church in Durham, N. C., on the 29th of March, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotion by Rev. Q. Hansley
- 10:15—Welcome address by pastor
- 10:20—Response by Mrs. C. T. Adams
- 10:25—Moderator's message
- 10:30—Roll call of ministers
- 10:40—Appointment of committees
- 11:00—Intermission
- 11:15—Sermon by Rev. L. S. Joyner
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotion by Rev. T. W. Choplin, Jr.
- 1:15—Report of churches
- 1:30—Report of various committees
- 2:00—Business session
- 2:30—Adjournment

R. W. Allman,
Program Chairman

ALBEMARLE UNION PROGRAM

The Albemarle Union meeting will convene with Free Union Church, Beaufort County, on March 29, 1947.

- 10:00—Devotions to be conducted by J. T. Keech
- 10:15—Moderator's address, by Rev. J. W. Alford
- 10:20—Minutes of the last meeting to be read
- 10:30—Roll of ministers called, and also the roll of churches called
- 11:10—Special music by Randy and Cathey Cox
- 11:15—Union sermon by Rev. R. A. Miller
- 12:00—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions by Rev. Clinton Lupton

1:15—Special music by Randy and Cathey Cox

—Report from the Orphanage and special offering for the same

1:50—Business period

—Treasurer's report

2:00—Apportionment Committee's report

—Miscellaneous committee report

—Petitions for the next union meeting

2:35—Adjournment

(Miss) Alice Webster,
Program Committee

LEAGUE PROGRAM

The Albemarle League Union will convene with Free Union Church, Beaufort County, on Saturday night, March 29, 1947.

7:00—Devotions to be conducted by Oscar Webster

7:10—President's message, and the recognition of ministers present

7:20—Minutes of the last meeting read

7:25—Calling list of leagues

7:40—Business period

7:50—Program by the Free Union Leaguers: "The Challenge of the Cross"

(Miss) Alice Webster,
Program Committee

PROGRAM

This program is for the Second Union meeting for the Western Association of North Carolina which is to be held with Barnes Hill Church, Nash County, on Saturday, March 29, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Opening song by the congregation
- Devotions conducted by Rev. D. Bissette
- Appointment of committees
- Welcome address by J. C. Barnes
- Response by Mrs. Edward Kemp
- Reading of the minutes of the last union
- Roll called of ministers
- 11:00—Union sermon by Rev. Tilden Renfrow
- 12:00—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Song service and devotions by Rev. J. C. Varnell
- Roll called of churches
- Reports of all officers
- Report of all committees
- Petitions for the next union
- 2:30—Miscellaneous business and adjournment

Mrs. Nade E. Strickland,
Committee

It is no use to grumble or complain;
It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice.
When God sorts out the weather and
sends rain—
Why rain's my choice.

—James Whitcomb Riley

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The Love of the Father

It comes to me more and more,
Each day as I pass along,
The love of the Father eternal
Is over us tender and strong.

'Tis not alone in the sunshine
Our lives grow pure and true;
There is growth as well in the shadow,
And pain has a work to do.

A message comes in the heartache,
A whisper of love in the pain;
The pangs we have fought and conquered
Tell the sweet story of gain.

So it comes to me more and more
As I enter upon each new day;
The love of the Father eternal
Is over us all the way.

—Anonymous

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REVIVAL AT JUNIPER CHAPEL

There will be held a revival meeting at Juniper Chapel, beginning on April 13, and continuing on through April 19, 1947. The Reverend Clinton Lupton of Bayboro, North Carolina, will do the preaching. The people in the surrounding community are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and to join in the worship of the Lord in these services.

Brother Lupton is a good preacher of the gospel of Christ, and desires the prayers of the Christian people for the success of the meeting that souls might be saved.

By a Member of the Church

STATISTICS SHOW STANDARDS

Robert B. Crawford

Jeremiah 5:1, 5. Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth;—I will get me unto the great men, and I will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the Lord, and the judgment of their God.

Jeremiah had received God's promise to assist him in his work. There were great tasks to perform by all men who were worthy of being called a man. Men were needed then so men are needed now who will hold up a standard—namely, God's word. Jeremiah cried out against the sins in his day—of insincerity, of worship, adultery, injustice, rebellion, and so forth. We see today the picture similar to Jeremiah's day. God is looking for men who preach in the church with a front street appearance, also men in the broad country side churches who use good judgment, and who seek the truth. If you will be God's man, He will speak to you and show you His ways and thoughts which are always higher than man's.

What kind of men can God use to hold up His standard? So many statistics show in our day how the devil is using men to his interests such as the increase in gambling, prostitution, drunkenness and divorce. God has His men but not near enough who will do things God's way. God used men who have a heroic spirit, those who will be brave when persecuted and tried. God's men have been the bravest the world has ever known. Thank God for men like Luther, Huss, Wycliffe, and take their bravery as an example for us today.

God uses men of vision—Where there is no vision the people perish. You must see beyond your own generation and be willing to make a contribution to the next generation. Hold high the standard of God's word. Keep a good record of your work done during this generation—send this record to your different associations, on to the National Asso-

ciation. Too many of our records perish as to the people, to which they give an account. May we give a free account to the coming generations. If our young men were willing to die to make men free—let us here in the home churches, states, and denomination join Christ in seeking to make men holy. Yes, it will take courage, you will have to be brave to declare in your circles of service that God expects us to do things in decency and in order, that really does pertain to records or statistics of our work done.

God uses good men—the men who will use God's help in their lives. Ability possesses many in prisons today, they are not in prison because of the lack of brains, but because of the lack of goodness. May our goodness be known of men, letting our lights shine that men might be constrained to also be good. If we keep good records, use good judgment, seek the truth, then God has promised to be with us and make us great. It is better to leave a church with a good name rather than silver and gold. I call upon you to be good by the help of God. As churchmen let not God's walls fall down, His causes suffer, his banner drag in the dust, because of your not being true to Him as a worthy working minister.

God is looking for men in the streets, country side, or wherever they may be found who will work faithfully in the home church, being true to the faith of the family folk, no matter how small be the group. We then will have opportunity to serve the larger group later. In being faithful to God's call, we will soon adopt Augustines motto, "A whole Bible for my creed, a whole Christ for my salvation, a whole church for my fellowship, and a whole world for my parish." This motto is sensible, we can afford to say and do no less than what it says. Yes, we need some of God's men, **now** and who **know**. Men who will work **now** and who **know** how to work and keep a record of it and will cooperate in getting the record to the proper hands, even if it is to be found in the World's Almanac.

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Statistician, I have asked a person in each state to fill out some blanks for me. I can depend on the ones I have asked to do the work. I beg, I plead with you to do all you can to get the best record Free Will Baptists have ever had. Seek the truth, use good judgment, God will be with you in holding high the blood stained cross. If you will preach the Christ of the cross God will honor your work. You will have a record here and hereafter that will be blessed to know.

 STILL ACTIVE IN GOD'S SERVICE

This is to let the dear Baptist readers know that I am still active in the service of the Lord. I wish to express greetings to my many friends, and to say that I was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1908. I have continued to pastor churches since 1909, and on April the eighth, should I be living at that time, I will be sixty-eight year old.

I often wonder if many of my fellow comrades and brethren will think of me, and pause to pray for me to have strength and courage to go on all the way with the Master until He shall say "enough, come up higher." God has wonderfully blessed me and mine, and I do feel like going on in the service of the King until He sees fit to call me Home.

It is so refreshing just to know that some do really appreciate you and your efforts in taking the gospel to the lost. The little tokens that one receives from the hands of friends are always greatly appreciated. May our Lord continue His blessings upon us all is our prayer in Jesus Name.

Rev. E. B. Joyner,
Alma, Georgia

 ANNOUNCEMENT

I am taking this method to announce that I shall be available for spring and summer revivals. Any church or churches that may desire my help in revivals will please write to me at Slocumb, Alabama, Route 1. I shall be glad to hold the meetings as they come.

Rev. Rufus Hyman

Instructive Bible Oughts

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"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Heb. 2:1). What things have we heard? the Gospel: we have heard it proclaimed over and over again, from the pulpit, over the radio, the printed page, and we have read it for ourselves: We have read the Master's biddings, and his plan of salvation from His holy word: But do we heed the admonitions we find therein? Or do we "let them slip?" We should heed them. "For if the word spoken by angles was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (vs. 2, 3a). We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that we read in God's Holy Word.

"Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents" (Matt. 25:27, 28). Or we read that unto him that hath shall be given, but him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Here is a wonderful lesson for each one of us: Are we putting to use the talent that the Master has intrusted to us? If we are, are we using it for His glory, or for the devil? We ought to use it for Him, he is the one who blessed us with it. He is the one who bought us with a price, shedding his precious blood, and dying on dark Calvary in our stead; the innocent for the guilty. Can we do less than to use what he has graciously bestowed upon us? He might have given us more than one talent. Or perhaps only one like the unprofitable servant, but we can be a profitable servant even if we do have only one, because however many we have is what he wants us to use for his glory. But little is much when we do it for the Master.

"Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites: for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matt. 23:23). This **ought** as well as some others, goes unnoticed, and disobeyed by most people; for we hear some say "We are not commanded to tithe, that was for those living in the days of the Old Testament." But, here it is plainly written in the New Testament with Jesus himself speaking that we ought to do the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith, and not to leave tithing undone. I wonder if some of us think "We're not supposed to tithe" because we love money more than the Master. Paul tells us "the love of money is the root of all evil: Which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (II Timothy 6:10).

I fear that we sin much in loving money more than we should, by loving it so much that we are not willing to return the tenth, our tithe, to His cause, to say nothing of an offering. I'm sure that all church debts would be paid easily and promptly, and that our Orphanage and other Christian institutions would be amply cared for if each church member would tithe. We ought to tithe willingly and joyfully, for it should be counted a privilege not a burden. He has blessed us with it all; and He is the giver of every good and perfect gift. Any one interested in tithing might enjoy reading R. G. LeTourneau's book, "God Runs My Business."

Another **ought**, and one of the most essential I believe, is found in (Luke 18:1), "That men **ought** always to pray, and not faint. Do we always pray? Or is it spasmodic and only when our way seems so dark and stormy? Or when we're wading in waters so deep that it seems the under current will take us out where we cannot stand and there is no hope?

Do we forget to pray when all is well, and when we see no clouds on the horizon? Surely we shouldn't forget, but what a sad truth it is that so many of us who profess to be Christians do just this; being so filled with the things of the world that we don't even think to pray and thank Him who has so wonderfully blessed us, until we are stranded, and think of no way out, only to turn to Him. How unfair to Him!

We are told also to pray one for another, and I wonder if we do as we should. There are those who ask us to pray for them and we promise we will, but are we true to our promise? Do we really remember them in our prayers? If not we have lied, and a lying tongue is one of the bad things that the Lord hates. How many of us know how wonderful it is to have others to pray for us?

One **ought** that we do not hear much about or much emphasis laid upon, and yet it is very important, is given in (Mark 11:25), "When ye stand praying forgive, if ye have ought against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Verse 26 plainly says, "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." I fear that many times we attempt to pray when we do have something against someone that we have not forgiven. Or that we put our gifts on the altar without being reconciled to our brother whom we know has something against us. We **ought** to forgive one another; even Jesus, dying on the Cross, asked the Father to forgive those that crucified him, "for they know not what they do."

"Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath Loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" (Luke 13:15, 16). These words of the Master were a reply to a ruler of a synagogue who was, it seemed, indignant that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day. This, to me, is a great challenge for us on the Sabbath day, surely we have six days to labor in,

but on the sabbath day we **ought** to honor Him in the things we do: We ought to strengthen our own spiritual bodies by attending services and feasting on His Word, and there are the sick, sorrowing, suffering so many who need help in some way if only we would. Perhaps our Christian brother or sister could be strengthened by us or we by them, for there are many ways of being about our Father's business on the Sabbath, and every day.

Jesus' speaking in (John 13:14, 15) brings us another ought, "If I then, your Lord and Master have washed your feet; ye also **ought** to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." We know that when we are making anything by a pattern or example if we want it to be like it, or as the pattern calls for, we must do exactly as it specifies. Noah built the ark just as he was instructed. Naaman dipped himself seven times in the Jordan river to cleanse his leprosy because that was what he was told to do.

It has been said that the 13th chapter of John, was no good, that it should be removed from the Bible, but, if that chapter is no good none of it is. One **ought** that Jesus spoke is just as important as the others, for Rev. 22:19 tells us, "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

While the apostles were in Jerusalem doing many wonderful things, healing the sick and those that were vexed with unclean spirits, the high priest and those with him put them in prison, but an angel of the Lord delivered them by night and bid them go speak in the Temple, the priest and those with him then reminded the apostles that they had commanded them not to teach in the name of Jesus. Then "Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we **ought** to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). So we **ought** to obey God rather than man. We hear some say I do thus and so, and I believe it is just as good as what some one else does. We are so prone to think things are

all right and do them ourselves because we see the rest of the world doing them. We tell ourselves, that it must be all right to do this or that, because so many other people do them. But unless it is in accord with God's word, we should not do those things. We **ought** to obey God, listen to his word and not men.

Paul spoke some wonderful oughts that we would do well to heed. (Romans 15:1, "We that are strong **ought** to hear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.") Every one who is a Christian has been a babe in Christ; just as we are not born grown at the physical birth, neither are we born grown at the spiritual birth, as the natural babe needs the support of the stronger ones, so the babe in Christ needs the support and help of those who are stronger. So often we see babe's in Christ, it seems, just stay babes on and on. I wonder if it isn't because the stronger ones fail to help them and bear their infirmities. We are so prone to pass the other person, perhaps a fellow Christian by, even when we see them in need, just as the man that met with misfortune on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was passed by by two men, but at last the good Samaritan came by and stopped to help him.

Do we play the part of a good Samaritan? And help others when we can, perhaps when they fall along the way? Or do we help to keep them down, by gossiping and tale-bearing about their failure? While we **ought** to be trying to help them up and on the right way again, we should remember that it could be us next that would stumble and fall and need the help of someone, too. We are to bear one another's burdens, but do we? We are our brother's keepers.

James 3:10 has an ought concerning one thing that is so prevalent today that it must grieve the very heart of the Father when we fail to obey him. "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursing, my brethren, these things ought not so to be." Surely we hear and see this all about us today. How many go to the house of the Lord, take part in the service, sing songs of praise to

His name, express their gratitude for it and then proceed with cursing or some hideous words; sometimes even on the church yard. It is a sad truth indeed, and "**Ought** not so to be." Surely we know that no man can serve two masters, for we're either serving God or Satan, Which? How sad it is to hear the gossip and slanderous talk that some people say about their neighbors! Surely that isn't a blessing for either of them.

"Herein is love, Not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (I John 4:10, 11). We **ought** to love one another, but do we love one another as we should? How many of us have the "I don't care" attitude toward others just as long as we're fine? We read also that "Love is of God" and "he that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." Surely if we **ought** to love one another, that includes our neighbors or anyone. We may say we love our neighbor or one another, and perhaps make them think we do, but how many of us have this feeling toward them in our heart: "I want to stay just a bit ahead of you"? God knows our hearts. He knows if we love others as we **ought**, if we did how much happier would our lives be.

If God loved us, sinful creatures, so much that he gave his only Son to die the awful death on the Cross for our sins, surely we **ought** to love him and one another. We **ought** to be more concerned about the things recorded in His Holy Word for our instructions, for the **oughts** we find there are things that count most.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A revival meeting will begin at Watery Branch Church, beginning on the fifth Sunday in March, at the eleven o'clock hour in the morning. Reverend W. H. Ivey is our pastor and will do the preaching. He is asking all the members to come at the beginning of the meeting. The public is cordially invited to come, and let us have an old-fashioned revival together.

Mrs. J. S. Jones

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Free Will Baptist Bible College

April 1, to 4, 1947

THEME: Christ Building His Church

TEXT: "I Will Build My Church"—Matt. 16:18.

DEVOTIONAL HOUR	PASTOR'S HOUR	FREE WILL BAPTIST HOUR	MISSIONARY HOUR
8 A. M.	9 A. M.	10 A. M.	11 A. M.
Rev. Lewis A. Holliday Manning, S. C.	Rev. John H. West Tulsa, Okla.	Rev. L. C. Johnson East Tupelo, Miss.	Rev. Damon C. Dodd Pinar del Rio, Cuba

We are pleased to announce to Free Will Baptists everywhere the annual Bible Conference as a prospective event of unusual significance. The Conference will open Tuesday morning, April 1, at eight o'clock and close on Friday at twelve noon. The event is to be shorter this year than usual as a means of cooperating with visiting pastors and guests who will desire to return to their churches for special Easter services.

Rev. Lewis A. Holliday, Free Will Baptist pastor of Manning, South Carolina, has been secured as devotional speaker throughout the Conference. Brother Holliday is a minister of deep convictions and unswerving devotion to the cause of Christ, and we are assured that each day will begin with a delightful devotional service.

Rev. John H. West, pastor of a large church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will bring to our conference guests and

student body a series of messages on the pastor in building the church our day demands.

Rev. L. C. Johnson, pastor of East Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi, will deliver a series of messages that propose united Free Will Baptist action. Brother Johnson's past denominational contacts, his wide and unselfish ministry, his scholarship and denominational recognition acclaim him to be a worthy minister to our Bible Conference host.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Free Will Baptist missionary to Cuba, has been secured as speaker on missions for the Bible Conference. Those who attended the Conference last year will thrill to know that Brother Dodd will be with us again this time. In addition to his lectures at eleven o'clock daily will be a series of three missionary messages at the night sessions.

Expenses to Guests

A nominal rate of board and room

will be required of Bible Conference guests. Meals at 50 cents each and room at 50 cents a day is the rate established for guests who board and lodge in the college. Guests who room in private homes arranged with by the college will pay a room fee of \$1 a day. Many conference guests usually lodge with friends in the city according to arrangements made directly with such friends.

Write Us

All guests who desire that the college make arrangements for their entertainment and meals will please write us at once.

The Bible Conference is a permanent fixture of the college program and is an ever-growing attraction to Free Will Baptists at large. May we cordially invite those who are interested in a deeper understanding of God's work and will to the glorious feast that is soon at hand.

L. R. Ennis, President

INTER-SEMESTER TRAINING SCHOOL

By Hazel Cook, Student

The Inter-Semester Training School for Christian Workers, held January 27 to February 15 in the Free Will Baptist Bible College, was an innovation without a precedent in the history of the College. The management of the school was successful

in employing Dr. Clarence H. Benson, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, as the chief faculty member of the Training School. As an authority in the field of Christian Education, Dr. Benson is unexcelled. His text books are used throughout the United States and several foreign countries. It is believed that there is no man better prepared to serve the Sunday

School cause in our day then the esteemed Dr. Benson. We are grateful to the Evangelical Teacher Training Association for lending him to us and to God for his ministry.

The student body was composed of both day and night students. The total enrollment in these classes amounted to eighty. The courses offered to students of day classes afforded college credit to those who

met college entrance requirements and passed satisfactory examinations. The night classes were composed of students taking the Teacher Training Course.

The courses offered during the Training School included the following: Child Study, Church Supervision, Doctrine of Holy Scriptures, Old Testament Survey, Principles of Teaching, Rural Evangelism, Sunday School Administration, and Woman's Auxiliary Administration.

The Training School closed with a Sunday School Teacher's Rally, which was largely attended by the teachers of Nashville and surrounding communities. Dr. Benson delivered the address of the occasion and presented fifty-four certificates to students of the Training School.

The following quotations will make known the appraisal of the Inter-Semester Training School as expressed by several of the students who attended.

"As a result of the Training School, I realize more than ever that through the Sunday School, by means of trained teachers, is our greatest opportunity to evangelize the world. Yea, through the Sunday School can Free Will Baptists shape a new America."
—Noah Tuttle

"After attending this Training School and hearing Dr. Benson's lectures, I think that the first step that we should take in the reformation of our denomination is to train our teachers. The Church that has trained Sunday School teachers will be a successful one. The teaching force of our Sunday Schools means 85 per cent of it success."
—John McLean

"This Training School gave me a greater vision of the need of trained teachers in our churches. After attending these classes, I feel more prepared for the tasks that lie ahead of me."
—Ruby Wood

"The fact that a trained teacher can do more than an evangelist or a minister in perpetuating Christianity was clearly shown to me in this Training School."
—Reford Wilson

"I believe that the success of our denomination lies in the teaching force of our churches. This school has shown me the need of Educational Directors for the teaching and training of our Sunday School Teach-

ers. This will be an entirely new work among our people, but I sincerely believe that it will be the means of revolutionizing our denomination."
—Mrs. Elma Tuttle

"I have been shown during this Training School that the future success of our denomination depends upon trained teachers in our Sunday Schools. I realize that without trained teachers, we cannot have successful Sunday Schools, without Sunday Schools we cannot have efficient churches, and without churches our nation will fail. Our teachers need to be trained!"
—Lee Whaley.

"Dr. Benson's lectures proved to me that an efficient church is dependent upon its teaching force. This school was a great blessing to me."
—Lorene Norris

The entire student body considers Dr. Benson's services during the Inter-Semester School an invaluable blessing and we felt that as a result we can more efficiently carry out our Lord's Great Commission — "Go Teach."

IS THERE ANY THING WRONG WITH THE MOVIES?

Rev. H. E. Willis,
Pastor Trinity Church,
Nashville, Tennessee

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you . . ."
So many of our ministers have compromised on this subject until I realize that it will meet with criticism, but nevertheless God still requires a separated people to serve Him.

Did you know that \$12.50 was spent in the United States last year for every person on movie tickets? At the same time with 1,200,000,000 unsaved people in the world \$1.00 per capita was given to get the gospel to them.

I have never found any time to go to the movies since God saved me, and can truly say I have gone every time I wanted to. (God takes the "want to" out when we surrender our lives to Him.) Eight times more hours are spent in the Movie Houses,

by the people of America than are spent in Sunday Schools.

There are 10,755,000 Movie Magazines sold in America monthly which give us a good insight into the thinking of the American people. In the motion picture division of the New York State Department of Education 1,462 films were examined. Out of this number there were: 23 sacrilegious scenes, 162 indecent scenes, 148 scenes of immorality, 60 inhuman scenes and 9 which would incite crime.

How many pictures of recent date have you seen with the principal stars appearing as Priests and Sisters of the Roman Catholic Church? Do you want your children to be Catholics?

Hollywood does not know what is decent and what is indecent, therefore, can you say that some of the movies are good? Seventy-seven million people attend the movies weekly in the U. S. Is this a good influence on the church?

The movie is the feeder of lust, a school of crime, the betrayer of innocence, it glorifies murder as entertainment, sexual impurity as love and exalts nakedness as beauty. It is destroying our country, robbing our churches, and yet church members see no harm in supporting them. Is there any thing wrong with the movies? You answer that now for your self.

PRAYER

Revive us, O Lord, we need to know,
Thy will to do, and then to show,
To those about us the love to Christ,
Who made for us the sacrifice.

We are thy servants here on earth,
Then give to us to know,
The blessings we shall find, to work
For Jesus here below.

As we be-think to nearer draw,
And find for us a sweeter life,
Help us to be in love with those,
Still far away in sin and strife.

Revive us as we pledge anew,
Our place to find, Thy will to do,
Till earth be past and in thy love,
We find ourselves in heaven above.

Rev. A. L. Reynolds

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Brotherhood of Man

The so-called BROTHERHOOD OF MAN is a farce in its present shape. It is one of Satan's lies to deceive the very elect if possible. But thanks be to God that there are some who will not be fooled by Satan's tactics. This so-called BROTHERHOOD OF MAN takes all into its fold regardless of faith or practice. I know that there are great claims made by those who are deluded into such a snare, but these claims fall flat when we know the truth.

There are two brotherhood classes on earth; one is the BROTHERHOOD OF CHRISTIANS, the other is the BROTHERHOOD OF SATANIC FELLOWS. I have not made these two classes. God and the Devil have made them. God has made those who compose the brotherhood of Christians, and old Satan is at the head of the other brotherhood.

Christ said so many things concerning those who are His that we shall not be able to write it all in these Notes and Quotes. I shall try to show that as long as Satan rules the hearts of men, regardless as to what the ungodly is called, there can be no real brotherhood of man in the truest sense. Let us read;

"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou should take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.

That they all may be one: as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (St. John 17:14-21).

Here we have the brotherhood which is composed of those who have been "born again" (John 3:1-7); made sons of God (Rom. 8:14); received the Spirit of adoption (Rom. 8:15), those who can say "Abba Father." Only those who are in the family of God can say, of a truth, "Our Father who art in Heaven."

The Other Brotherhood

Jesus said to these unbelievers, "I speak that which I have seen with my Father; and ye do that which you have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they unto him. We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God: neither came I myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" (St. John 8:38-44).

Here we have the other BROTHERHOOD as declared by the Lord Jesus. Quite a difference in the two fathers. One is God the Father, the other is god the devil. God the Father rules is family. The devil, that old deceiver, Satan, rules his family.

Now this so-called "brotherhood of man," as advocated by some of our modern Christ rejectors would make you believe, if possible, that both these brotherhoods can weld themselves into one "brotherhood" without "being born again." They claim that without accepting and confessing the Lord Jesus, but it will not work. Christian persecutors, and church destroyers can never mix with the sanctified brotherhood of Christ.

There is no such thing. You can pour water into oil and stir for hours, but when you stop stirring the oil and water will separate.

I declare upon the authority of

God's word, the Holy Bible, that there can be no mixing of real Christians with Communists, and other Christ haters. They will never make a brotherhood with those who are saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus, except they repent and accept Christ. Only fools would argue against God's eternal word.

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself, he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (I John 5:10).

So, to deny the Son is to deny God. It is to throw the lie into the face of God. Millions are calling God a liar every day. Communist, whether he be Jew or Gentile, discounts God's word.

God's Way of Brotherhood

"For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:1-13).

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name" (John 1:11, 12).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Fifth Eastern District Sunday School convention will convene with Wintergreen Church on Sunday, March 30, 1947. Please start making plans now for your Sunday School to be represented at this convention. The president, C. J. Hines, is extending to all Sunday Schools of this union meeting district a cordial welcome.

A new program has been planned, and the convention opens service at 10:00 A. M. with special music. Come early and enjoy a day of Christian fellowship, and don't forget that this convention will be held at Wintergreen Church near Cove City, on March 30, 1947.

C. J. Hines, President,
Earl Hansen, Secretary

MY MOTHER

By H. LeRoy Harris

Ida Proctor Harris, my mother, departed this life early in the morning of October 28, 1946. For more than three years her health had declined until the frail, weakened and wasted body was no longer a fit habitation for her noble soul. She was born April 10, 1870, the youngest daughter of John and Lydia Flake Proctor and the last surviving member of a large family of children. The two other important events in her life occurred in their usual time and order, her profession of faith in Christ and uniting with His church and her marriage to James Samuel Harris. My father still lives and six of the seven children born to them.

A simple service marked by the last sad rites was held for her at Parker's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Pitt County, conducted by her pastor and two assisting ministers. Interment took place in Greenmount Cemetery.

My mother's family was divided in its church allegiance between the Disciples and the Free Will Baptist; she chose the latter. My earliest recollection of what a church service was like is that of a one-room country church filled with neighbors and community folks. That was in another day when people went to church. There were usually two or more preachers in the pulpit for the day of ministerial shortage had not appeared. The old-fashioned reed organ, long since displaced by the piano, was in the center opposite the pulpit. The whole congregation made up the choir. My mother, from my earliest recollection, had her particular place. It was my delight to watch her for she, while never presuming to lead, always sang as if she knew and loved every one of the hymns.

In these latter years I have faced the hard and exacting task of inducing church loyalty in the lives of those committed to my pastoral care. I know something of the readiness with which church members excuse their failures in simple church loyalty. It was not apparent to me at the time, but now I know my mother was regular in keeping her church appointment because she planned and willed it so. With all the multiple duties incident to caring for the household and a large number of children, with little or no help, that she ever got to church at all is surprising indeed. But she did and with all the children. Company or visits, and there were plenty of these too, never caused any variation in this rule. As if this were not enough, she never failed to open her home to the preacher. Truly she made hers the preacher's home. Those monthly visits of the preacher were not the short, abbreviated kind we know today. Usually he came on Saturday and remained until Monday morning. If the revival was on and there were two or more preachers, the duties were multiplied by just that

much more. It is one of the unsolved mysteries how my mother ever accomplished so much. The love motive imparts strength and endurance that mere duty and obligation knows nothing about.

Her passing not only marks the closing of a quiet, unassuming Christian life, it also marks the closing of an era in the country church. In those days before Aycock had done his work, the church was the center of the community life. It may be so now, but in so many instances this center has moved from the church to the school house. On those "meeting days" neighbors not only worshipped but they exchanged views on varied and sundry subjects. Parker's Chapel church, I recall, had two long steps that extended all the way across the front. The use made of them to get in and out of the church was small compared to that other use of just sitting there and talking in good neighborly fashion. Usually they were filled more than an hour before church time. The improvements that have been made in recent years unfortunately include the removal of these long steps. But they were no longer needed. Nobody had time to use them anymore.

There was the gracious hospitality of that other day. The coming of the preacher into the home, the quarterly conference or the yearly meeting were all great events, eagerly anticipated and prepared for. Distant friends and relatives somehow found time to come for a visit. To some of us it is strange that that day antedating the automobile was a greater day in the life of the country church than this present one. Sometime we were on the receiving end of this hospitality game, sometime the other, but always it was the same; big preparation, big crowds and loads of good things to eat. Maybe we were a little over indulgent as well as extravagant but this was more than compensated for in the strengthening of family ties and the fellowship of good friends and neighbors. And some good for the home. The divorce statistics of that day compared with this latter one proves something. I can think of few who played a more unselfish part in that period than my mother. To me, naturally enough, she symbolized the glory of it all.

Something forever sacred is enshrined in that common phrase we hear so often, "the little red school house." It is not the fact that the school house was little or red; it is rather because of what happened there. Somebody with our interest and welfare at heart taught us in terms understandable to our childish minds, the fundamental truths of life. The plan whereby one ascends the altar stairs of knowledge, is hardly more than the continued and enlarged plan of instruction initiated by our mothers. Teachers we have all had and many, but they have done little more than continue what was commenced back yonder at mother's knee. What would we know to-day about love, truth and beauty, the

soul of all knowledge, if we had not seen these abstract qualities gathered up and embodied in a life? Because I have seen and known my mother, I know better than I could have known otherwise the exalted height to which human love can rise. She rebuked selfishness and greed not by word alone but more truly by her acts. Truth is too often something men argue about in the higher realm of knowledge and something the rest of us may use to cover up our ignorance; but the pure soul untouched by vanity creates an atmosphere in which the unreal and the false cannot exist. It was Henry W. Grady, that noble statesman of another day, who from time to time as the need arose in his life made the long journey from the United States Senate in Washington back to the little home in Georgia and the mother that was waiting for him there. For him it was the escape from the unreal to the real. It is easy to understand what Henry W. Grady meant when he asked for the privilege of saying his little "now I lay me down to sleep" again at his mother's knee and have her kiss him goodnight and tuck him into his little trundle bed just as she used to do when he was a child. It must be so, even as Henry Ward Beecher said, "When God thought of mother, He must have laughed with satisfaction, and framed it quickly—so rich, so deep, so divine, so full of soul, power and beauty, was the conception."

 FORTY-THREE RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

On Wednesday night, March 19, forty-three students of the Teacher Training Class, which has been in process for some time at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, will receive certificates of credit, for having completed the courses in Old Testament Law and History, and Sunday School Administration. These courses are offered from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association of Chicago. The manuals are prepared by Dr. Clarence H. Benson, Secretary of the Association.

The classes were taught by the pastor, Rev. H. E. Willis, who holds a Gold Seal Diploma from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, and granted by the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Brother Willis will begin a similar school at Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church with Rev. K. J. Esther in the near future.

—Reporter

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

FEBRUARY REPORT
—1947—

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

St. Mary's, New Bern	\$ 21.52
Warden's Grove	8.30
Juniper's Chapel	5.73
Core Creek	31.67
Dublin Grove	5.36
Davis	7.50
Union Chapel	32.38
Kinston	40.00
Whaley's Chapel	6.00
Beulaville	9.48
Snead's Ferry	2.56
Friendship, Jones County	30.00
Gray Branch	5.00
Sarecta	4.20
Sandy Plains	5.75
St. John's Chapel	7.75
Wintergreen	3.00
Morehead City	5.00
Soundview	12.00
Arapahoe	35.00
Total Eastern general receipts	\$ 278.20

Central

Ayden	\$ 4.09
Hull Road	16.00
LaGrange	11.56
Winterville	12.50
Gum Swamp	2.22
Bethany	5.74
King's Cross Roads	4.35
Rocky Mount	6.32
Greenville	22.25
Aspin Grove	6.00

Total Central general receipts \$ 91.03

French Broad Association

Cedar Hill	\$ 10.00
Avery's Creek	3.82
Canton	8.84

Total French Broad receipts \$ 22.66

Pee Dee Association

Beaver Dam	\$ 8.00
White Oak	6.45

Total Pee Dee receipts \$ 14.45

Western Yearly Association
Mt. Vernon \$ 2.00

Toe River Association

Elk Mountain	\$ 3.00
Cane Creek	18.40

Total Toe River receipts \$ 21.40

Cape Fear Conference

Tee's Chapel	\$ 13.00
St. John's	5.00
Goldsboro	20.00
Powhatan	6.00
Robert's Grove	5.00
Yelverton's Grove	4.23
Corinth	5.00
Lee's Chapel	6.88

Total Cape Fear receipts \$ 65.11

Western Association

Rock Springs	\$ 18.54
First Union	100.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00
White Oak Hill	5.00
Stancil's Chapel	3.00
Spring Hill	6.05

Total Western receipts \$ 142.59

Miscellaneous

W. A. Lucas	\$ 15.08
Refunds	32.35
Farm, dairy, garden, cash sales	465.56
Y. P. Friend	57.00
Selma Furlough	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ange	5.00
Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., coup.	73.08
W. K. Ballentine	20.00
Cabarrus Co. Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives)	13.00
Furnie Page (Parent)	35.00
R. W. Jones, Bailey, N. C.	5.00
R. B. Tapp (through children rel.)	360.00
Pitt Co. Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives)	10.00
Roy Bailey, Jr., Goldsboro, N. C.	50.00

Total Miscellaneous receipts \$1,146.07

CLOTHING RECEIPTS

Eastern

Sandy Plains	\$ 30.00
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Albemarle

Union Chapel	30.00
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CHAPEL RECEIPTS

Central

4th Union Aux. Con.	\$ 38.02
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Miscellaneous

Mrs. W. E. Warren	\$ 5.00
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Total General Receipts \$1,783.51

Total Chapel Receipts 43.02

Total Clothing Receipts 60.00

GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS \$1,886.53

RECEIPTS

Contributions

State Schools	\$ 2,532.70
Organizations, Religious, Sunday School, Leagues, churches, etc.	\$40,630.58
The Duke Endowment	\$2,521.01
Parents and Relatives	\$1,288.87
Friends	\$4,308.28

Productive Enterprise

Ballard & Lloyd Itinerary	\$11,148.55
Farm	\$11,060.41

Capital Account

Annuity Bonds	\$3,000.00
Property sold, land & Equipment	\$3,693.00
Student Loan Bund	\$10.00

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Administration

Salaries	\$4,144.30
Office Supplies	\$762.29
Telephone and Telegraph	\$263.60
Insurance and bonds (indemnity, etc)	\$1,772.26
Conference expenses (dues, etc.)	\$250.72
Financial and publicity	\$2,301.66
Administrative travel	\$263.73

Household

Salaries and Wages	\$4,445.92
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Food

Purchased	\$5,984.29
Donated	\$2,232.08
Produced	\$5,759.84

Clothing

Purchased	\$3,456.10
Donated	\$387.32
Laundry	\$263.47
Household Supplies	\$1,840.06
Recreation and children allowance	\$1,157.65
Transportation	\$262.16

Health

Salaries and fees	\$68.25
Supplies	\$197.71

Education

School Supplies	\$536.36
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Plant Operation and Maintenance

Salaries and wages	\$1,483.55
Fuel, light, power, ice and water	\$3,342.92
Replacement and repair	\$5,147.65
Other items	\$5.46

Extra-Institutional Service

Maintenance, other institutions, hospital care	\$626.10
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Productive Enterprises

(Farm—Itinerary)

Salaries and wages	\$5,590.94
Supplies (fertilizer, feed, etc.)	\$6,100.06
Insurance (farm buildings, etc.)	\$226.01
Replacement and Repair	\$2,077.19
Replacement of livestock	\$2,520.90
Advances	\$305.15

Capital Expenditures

New land and land improvements	\$7,413.75
New buildings and additions to	

old ones	\$19,494.31
New equipment, furniture, fixtures	\$6,620.56
Additional livestock	\$507.50

REPORT OF DONATED COMMODITIES FOR FEBRUARY, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Slocumb, Check Books	\$ 3.50
Eddie Flowers, Apples	4.90
Bryan Rock and Sand Co., Screen- ings for Church	10.00
P. H. Parker, Quilt	5.00
New Sandy Hill L. A. S., Clothing ..	4.49
Sweet Gum Grove L. A. S., Clothing	15.00
Mrs. Charlie Overman, Clothing ..	3.00
Total Value	\$45.89

Annual Report as Prepared For Duke Endowment

January 1, 1946 through December, 31, 1946

Children in Institutions Jan. 1, 1946	73
(Boys 43, Girls 30)	
Admissions during year	25
Children cared for during year	98
Discharges during year	26
Children in Institution Dec. 31, 1946	72
(Boys 44, Girls 28)	
Days of care during year	27,954
Average number of children per day	76.6

Age Distribution of Children Cared For:

3 years and less than 6	4
6 years and less than 12 years	60
12 years and less than 18 years	31
18 years and less than 19 years	3
Total	98

Education of Children

Grade	No. of Children
1	5
2	16
3	17
4	10
5	5
6	6
7	4
8	6
9	1
10	3
11	0
12	0

MONTHLY REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts During the Month of February, 1947

Bertie Rogers, Marion, Illinois	\$ 5.00
Letha Brinson, Coleman, Texas	1.00
W. R. Oller, East Vaughn, New Mexico ..	5.00
Wolverine Association of Michigan, by Raymond Riggs	110.04
Lansing Gospel Tabernacle, Lansing, Mich.	120.00

Mrs. Marie Starr, Creswell, N. C.	1.00
Eld. L. C. Garner, Newport, N. C.	10.00
Union F. W. B. Sunday School of John- son City, Tenn.	5.00
Mrs. Goldie Dunn, Hartville, Mo.	5.00
Mrs. Harley Chandler, Niangua, Mo.	5.00
Young People's Missionary Meeting, Stacy, North Carolina	5.00
Hazel Bowe, Catlettsburg, Ky.	5.00
Mrs. Ollie Fawbrough, Neptune, Tenn.	5.00
First F. W. B. Church, Elizabethton, Tenn.	15.55
Woman's Auxiliary, Bryan, Texas, Church	9.15
Mr. and Mrs. Rutha Hardison, Deep Run, North Carolina	20.00
Mrs. Sarah Bonifay, Florida	15.00
Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, N. C.	1.00
Oak Grove Church of Alabama	3.00
Robert Little, Oakman, Ala.	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Wade, Coffeyville, Kansas	25.00
Mountain Grove Church, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	10.00
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma	10.00
Ebenezer Church, Glennville, Ga.	6.50
Greenwood Church of Ga.	59.17
Everett's Chapel Ladies Aid of N. C.	10.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C.	10.00
Miss Mamie L. Palmer, Castelberry, Ala.	1.77
Pearce's Chapel of Mississippi	26.00
St. Delight Church Auxiliary of N. C.	2.00
Free Will Baptist League of Clinton, N. C. by Evelyn Bearfield	5.00
Miss. State Association, by L. E. Duncan	70.00
Squire Free Will Baptist Church, Squire, West Virginia	25.90
Free Will Baptist Bible College League	9.42
Amory, Mississippi Church	10.00
Huntsville, Texas Church for Picture Poster Set	4.00
White Oak Church and Sunday School, Bladenboro, N. C.	4.19
New Hope League of Tennessee	4.89
Free Will Baptist League of Union Church of Illinois	10.00
W. S. Gardner, Springer, Oklahoma	10.00
Young People's League of Union Grove F. W. B. Church, Durham County, N. C.	10.00
Mr. William Burgess, Louisa, Kentucky ..	1.00
West Nashville Church, Nashville, Tenn.	20.00
Auxiliary of White Oak Hill Church of North Carolina	3.00
Prospect F. W. B. Sunday School of Ala.	10.00
Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Mississippi	50.00
Johnny Sykes, Burdine, Kentucky	50.00
Maury Ladies Aid of North Carolina	5.00
Clayton, Texas Church	4.40
Union F. W. B. Church, Johnson City, Tenn.	5.00
State of N. C., by J. W. Alford, Treasurer	133.06
Missouri State Association, by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer	272.09
Received from sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations"	96.00
Total	\$1,322.13

The following was given during the past month for the purpose of purchasing Miss Laura B. Barnard a bed, springs, and mattress in India:

Leadngton Church of Missouri	\$ 10.00
Williams Hill Church of South Carolina ..	23.00
N. E. Chesnut, Bonifay, Florida	10.00
Auxiliary of Cordova, Alabama	5.00
Little Lamb Church of South Carolina	20.00
Sandy Plains Ladies Aid of North Carolina	10.00
Total	\$ 78.00

The following was given during the past month for the building program at the Cuban School of Missions:

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wallace, Kenly, N. C. ..	\$ 10.00
Laura B. Barnard, Kotagiri, S. India	10.00
Ladies Aux., Union Grove F. W. B. Church, Durham County, North Carolina	5.62
Missouri State Association	3.00
Total	\$ 28.62

The following was given designated as a special gift for the work in India: Huntsville, Texas Church, by Rev. J. F. Miller, Pastor

Grand Total

WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer.

FINE PICTURES WORTH SEEING

By invitation Elder J. C. Griffin came to Sandy Plain on Monday night, March 3, and showed some pictures of Cragmont Assembly, Incorporated; the Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee; the Orphanage at Middlesex; and he showed some pictures of our conference and associational gatherings. All of these were indeed educational to the people who saw them. They should be seen in every church, as far as it is possible for people to see them.

In addition to the denominational pictures, Brother Griffin showed the picture, "Good Tidings," and "The Door to Heaven," which are very inspiring to those who desire to win souls to Christ.

At the close of the showing of the pictures, three persons went to the altar for prayer. They were seeking the Lord Jesus, and His power to deliver from sin. I can say of a truth that this presentation of pictures can be used to educate people, and to inspire believers to want a closer walk with God. May God's richest blessings rest upon the work.

Elder R. C. Kennedy,
Beulaville, N. C.

NOTICE!

The "Week of Prayer Program" on page six of the 1947 Year Book of Programs was prepared by Miss Gertrude Bowe, Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Miss Bowe is a graduate of the F. W. B. Bible College. I'm truly sorry that her name was omitted with the article. It was an oversight on my part. I'm taking this means to inform our women that Miss Bowe is the writer of this program.

Mrs. Myron Hyatt,
First Vice-President
of N. W. A. C.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

Mrs. Alice
E. Lupton
Editor
612 New St.
New Bern, N. C.

CRAGMONT

We are now making plans to have the plaques made for the rooms at Cragmont Assembly for those who have sent in their **Hundred Dollars**, or more. Those who have not completed their rooms, and who desire to do so, should remit the balance due at once, so there will be no delay in preparing and placing the plaques.

We certainly commend our people for their fine spirit of cooperation in the furnishings for Cragmont Assembly, and for every interest manifested throughout. I hope each one will continue their interest and support, and that more of our people will become aroused to the great opportunities lying out ahead of us in making Cragmont second to none in the State.

This may seem impossible, when we think of the work ahead of us, but other churches have succeeded in having and maintaining such institutions, and we can do it, too, if we pray together, work together and trust in the Lord for victory.

We are submitting the names of those who are entitled to plaques on the rooms already completed. Should there be an error, or a desire to make any changes, kindly advise immediately, that there be no hindrance to the completion of the plaques.

We are also making honorable mention of those who have reached the half-way mark, or who have sent in \$50.00 on furnishing a room. It is hoped that these, and others who may have made contribution toward furnishing a room, will continue to work toward the completion. The list follows, showing the record as it now stands.

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. C. Griffin

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, Inc.
Memorial Room Assignments
Furnishings Campaign

FIRST FLOOR

Infirmary—Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
Dining Room—N. C. Woman's Auxiliary Convention and North Carolina Free Will Baptist League Convention.
Kitchen—Western Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Central Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and the Eastern Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
Assembly Room—North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute.
Reception Hall—Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

SECOND FLOOR

Room No.		No. Beds
1.	W. G. Wilson, by Wife and Daughter Ada V. Wilson and Marie Wilson Finney	2
2.	Bridgeton Sunday School and League In Honor of Rev. J. C. Griffin	4
3.	Micro Sunday School	3
4.	(Chief) C. Lupton, by Children, Maud Allen, Leo, Clifford and Cecil Lupton	2
5.	In Honor of Rev. J. R. Bennett By Mosley Creek Church	2
6.	Prospect Sunday School, Harnett County, N. C., and Arapahoe F. W. B. Sunday School	3
7.	Sunday School of Rains Cross Roads Church and Davis F. W. B. Church	3
8.	Oak Grove Sunday School (Sampson County) and Oriental Ladies Aid Society	3
9.	Deep Run F. W. B. Sunday School and First F. W. B. Church Sunday School, Kinston, N. C.	3
10.	Pleasant Plain Sunday School Johnston County	2
11.	Spring Branch Sunday School Central Conference	2

THIRD FLOOR

1.	In Memory of Mrs. Joe Willoughby and Family	1
2.	St. Mary's Church and Auxiliaries (Craven County)	5
3.	Union Grove Church and Auxiliaries (Wayne County)	4
4.	In Memory of Rev. L. H. Wetherington by Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention	2
5.	This room is furnished by Ayden F. W. B. Sunday School in honor of Charles K. Dunn, Sr.	2
6.	Trinity Sunday School (Albemarle Conference) and Union Chapel Sunday School (Beaufort County)	6
7.	Mr. and Mrs. George Webster and Elm Grove Church	6
8.		6
Piano	In memory of Donald N. Pope, by Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Pope, Holly Springs Church, Johnston County.	

HONORABLE MENTION GROUP (\$50. or more contribution)

First F. W. B. Sunday School, Goldsboro, N. C.

Stony Creek Sunday School, Wayne County.
Hopewell Sunday School, Johnston County.
Mt. Bethel Sunday School.
Friendship Sunday School.
Kenly Sunday School.
Marlboro Sunday School.

Total Receipts through January 8, 1947, for
furnishings, \$5,418.63.

MRS. J. C. GRIFFIN.

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ONE HUNDRED BLANKETS NEEDED AT CRAGMONT

Some time ago I contacted Mrs. J. C. Griffin, our State Auxiliary president, regarding the urgent need of blankets at our own Cragmont Assembly. Mrs. Griffin seemed to be very much concerned over the same matter and authorized me to launch a blanket campaign. There are enough pillows already available, but there are sixty-four beds that need at least two blankets each. One hundred will not give this amount, but we think that other methods may be used in securing additional blankets. We would like for North Carolina Auxiliaries to furnish at least one hundred.

As you, no doubt know, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., is scheduled to open June 9, 1947, we would like to make the place as comfortable for our guests as possible. I would suggest that the Auxiliaries consider this appeal in the district meetings and join us in this very important campaign.

If you are an Auxiliary president or District president, and you are in sympathy with this appeal, drop me a line by return mail and this will give us an idea how much support we may expect from the field.

Yours for Cragmont,

Mrs. R. P. Harris,
Kenly, N. C.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to illness, Miss Tommie Franklin has resigned her position as Fifth Vice-President of The Women's National Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. Alvin Halbrook has been named as her successor. Mrs. Halbrook is a graduate of our Bible College at Nashville and comes to this new place of service well qualified to serve. Any questions, reports, etc.,

relative to this office will be sent to her. Her complete address is:

Mrs. Alvin Halbrook,
Box 115,
North Zulch, Texas

We sincerely regret to lose Miss Franklin as an active officer, and pray that she will soon be enjoying real good health again.

Yours to serve,

Mrs. Eunice Edwards,
President of W. N. A. C.

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PROGRAM

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Pee Dee District will meet with Beavertown Church in Columbus County, April 5, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotion led by Mrs. Lizzie Duncan
- Greetings by Mrs. Shirley Nealey
- Response by Mrs. W. L. Jernigan
- 10:30—President's message
- Reading of minutes and roll call of Auxiliaries
- Reports from visiting delegates
- 11:00—Reports from First, Second, and Third Vice-Presidents
- Special music
- Convention messages by Mrs. Lizzie McAdams
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Praise and prayer service led by Rev. Noah Duncan
- Reports from Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Vice-Presidents
- Reports from the Field Workers
- Special music
- Report of Committees
- 2:40—Adjournment

Mrs. H. C. Adcox, President,
Miss Louise Pait, Secretary

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PROGRAM

of the
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
of the
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

convening with
POWHATAN CHURCH
Johnston County
APRIL 9, 1947

Theme: "Exalting Christ"

Morning Session

- 10:00—Registration
- Song

- Devotional by Mrs. Almond Warwick
- Welcome address by Mrs. Glenn Davis
- Response by Mrs. Pernon Jackson
- 10:30—Reading of minutes
- Appointment of Committees
- Roll call of churches
- Recognition of visiting delegates and ministers
- 11:00—Special music
- 11:15—Message by Rev. Bob Woolley, Subject: "The Pre-eminent Christ"
- 12:00—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotional by Mrs. Robie Strickland
- Playlet by Goldsboro Auxiliary
- Business session
- Special music
- Report from the Orphanage by a representative
- 2:30—Hymn
- Benediction

Mrs. J. R. Newton, President,
Mrs. Ernest M. Allen, Secretary

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ATTENTION, AUXILIARY WORKERS!

Dear Co-Worker:

At the last meeting of the State Association held in September of this year, the Association approved a budget for Superannuation of \$7,500.00. Of this amount \$900.00 was allocated to the women of the State.

To me it is a privilege to help take care of our Superannuate ministers. They have blazed the trail down through the years for we younger people and surely it is little enough for us to do, to help raise this amount for their benefit.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Chairman-treasurer of Board of Superannuation of State Association, informs me we need to increase the monthly checks sent to these ministers. All of us feel very keenly the increased cost of living and it applies to them even more so than to us because of their inability to earn. I feel we will be greatly blessed by helping in this cause.

District Sixth Vice-Presidents, can you obtain space on your convention program for a short dramatization of this subject. Get some one to portray the parts of the aged minister

and his wife or family, making known their needs, highlighting the arrival of the monthly check from the Superannuation Board.

The amount to be raised by conference is as follows: Central, \$200; Eastern, \$200; Western, \$150; Pee Dee, \$50; Cape Fear, \$100; French Broad, \$50; Albemarle, \$150.

I do not have as yet the names and addresses of all the Sixth Vice-Presidents in the State but trust I will get them shortly. In the meantime, they may take this notice in the Baptist as the official plan of work for Sixth Vice-Presidents for the ensuing year. If you raise your allotted amount in October you won't have to worry about it anymore. Let us not be slothful about our Lord's work.

Remember always special occasions such as birthdays, Christmas, etc. A list of each minister's birthday, name and address appears in the Baptist occasionally or may be obtained from Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C. Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Send all monies to the Treasurer of State Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C. She in turn will send it to the proper destination. Trusting you will give this matter your prompt attention, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. James A. Evans,
Sixth Vice-President,
State Auxiliary Convention,
P. O. Box 595,
Middlesex, North Carolina

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

All fourth vice-presidents please fill in your reports and send them to Mrs. C. E. Ladd, Box 244, East Durham, North Carolina, before our convention of the Western auxiliary convenes, which will be on April 2, 1947 with Little Rock Church, Lucama, N. C.

Mrs. C. E. Ladd,
Box 244,
East Durham, N. C.

ALBEMARLE CONVENTION TO CONVENE

Are you not rejoicing that we are near another auxiliary convention of the Albemarle district? Are you not pleased that we women can have a convention all by ourselves? Do not misunderstand me! We are always happy to have the ministers and our good friends to be with us in our convention, and to bring us spiritual messages. It does thrill our hearts for us to be able to speak for our Lord, and to be able to transact business in His name. It makes us feel more independent as well as more responsible toward our duties in the service of the Master.

We want every auxiliary in our district to represent at this convention on the first Thursday in April, either by letter or by delegates. We want your auxiliary represented, not to occupy space, but to enjoy the spiritual feast together in the convention. We want you to receive a blessing in this convention which meets only twice a year.

The convention will convene at Shiloh Church, Beaufort County. Being familiar with this church and personally acquainted with some of its members, I can sincerely say that we will not have to take Christ with us in order to have Him present at the convention, for He will meet us there, because some of the most consecrated are members of this church and auxiliary. They will give you a hearty welcome, and you will be glad that you attended this convention. Be sure to meet me at Shiloh Church on April 3.

Mrs. Edwin Roper

ANNOUNCEMENT

Bible-Souvenir Coin
Silver-Dollar Size

Lord's Prayer on Face of It
John 3:16 on back

Samples 25c each; Five for \$1
Literature Free

JOHNNIE BRANHAM

P. O. Box 195-B

Wheelwright, Kentucky

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HUGHES. On September 30, 1946, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hughes met with a fatal accident in an automobile wreck at Heath's Cross Roads. Mrs. Hughes died on the way to Kinston Hospital. Mr. Hughes was taken to a hospital and has regained his health. Mrs. Hughes was a very active member of Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, and it did seem so hard to have to give her up, for she was so young, only 38 years old. She was an inspiration to everyone who knew her, but we know that God knows best and we feel that she is now at rest.

Mrs. Hughes was the treasurer of the Ladies Aid society of her church, and she was always present with a smile and a kind word for everyone. We feel that God took her out of this world of sin to give her a better home in glory.

Mrs. Hughes leaves to mourn their loss her husband, one son, H. T. Hughes, Jr., three daughters, Edna Gray, Virginia Dare, and Sallie. She leaves also many loved ones and friends to mourn her passing.

Reverend L. B. Manning conducted the funeral services. He brought out the fact that Mrs. Hughes was a pal to her children as well as a good mother. She was such a guidance to them that I feel sure they will follow in her way of life, and will be prepared to meet her in the great beyond where there will be no sorrows.

—Written by a Niece,

Mrs. Sam Hobgood

MUNDINE. Our hearts are made sad when we attempt to record the death of Aunt "Bet," as she was known. The soul of Aunt "Bet" returned to God January 10, 1947. She was born at Newport, April 4, 1868. She became a member of the Free Will Baptist church at the age of 51. All was done for her that loving hands and doctors could do, but the Lord knew best and He took her home to rest.

It was very hard to give her up, but we realize God knows best and that He doth all things well.

She was married to Elijah Mundine, who preceded her in death 29 years ago. To this union was born 10 children.

Aunt "Bet" was very faithful to her home and church and was always present at church services when health would permit. She was a very devoted mother. All loved her who knew her.

The funeral services were conducted from the home by our pastor, Rev. J. R. Bennett of Bridgeton, and our former pastor, Rev. J. C. Griffin of New Bern. Her body was laid to rest in the Cannady Cemetery beneath a mound of lovely flowers. May God help us to live so close to Him that we may meet her some sweet day.

She is survived by seven children, four boys and three girls, namely, E. C., O. Q., Clossie and Ray Mundine, Mrs. Bettie Bryan, Mrs. Essie Cannon and Mrs. Ruby Pringle; one half-sister, Mrs. Pearlie Pringle, and a host of relatives and friends.

—Written by request,

Mrs. Roy T. Garner

ELDRIDGE. Reverend J. C. Eldridge died at the age of 79 in the hospital at Marianna, Florida, on January 7, 1947. He was of Cottdale, Florida, and was buried at Lakewood Church. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend J. E. Nichols of Clarksville, Florida, and assisted by several other ministers.

Brother Eldridge had been in the ministry for over fifty years, and in those early years he had served as pastor nearly every Free Will Baptist church in southeast Alabama and Northwest Florida. His great delight was in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditated day and night.

Brother Eldridge is survived by 4 sons and 4 daughters, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. We feel certain that west Florida and southeast Alabama is a better place in which to live since he lived and labored among us.

J. F. Fillingim

JAMESON. The death angel visited the home of Leslie Jameson, Route 2, Lucasville, Ohio, and took from him on February 11, 1947, his devoted wife, Wava Ruth Jameson, to her heavenly reward.

She was a member of the Long Run Free Will Baptist, and formerly taught a Bible School class there. Her place in the church was filled as long as she was able to attend the services. She always had a smile and a cheery word for everyone, and she leaves a wide circle of friends to mourn her departing.

Her funeral was conducted at the church with Reverends Melford Riddleborger and E. T. Carter officiating.

What a friend we have in Jesus,
And in Him we place our trust;
He will guide us o'er life's ocean,
Though the sea be dark and rough.

When life on earth is over,
He will take us safely there;
To rest at home in heaven
With no more pain to bear.

—Written by Mrs. Goldie Burns

ATTENTION! NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST

Perhaps you have been wondering about our SIX-POINT PROGRAM Posters for this year. We regret that in trying to work out a program, whereby we could place a Full Time Field Secretary on the field, we have been delayed in having the posters printed. It seems now that we will not be able to place the Field Secretary on the field before our next State Association, but we are hoping to be able to do so very soon after the Annual Session of the Association.

In as much as we have waited so late in the year, and the supplies for printing the posters are hard to get, we will not have the usual posters printed this year. Therefore, I am taking this means of reminding you of our SIX-POINT PROGRAM for 1947. I also have some mimeographed copies of the Chart for this year. If you wish one to keep for refer-

ence, I shall be glad to mail one, upon request.

The PROGRAM remains unchanged from last year, except the addition of a New Point making it SIX instead of FIVE-POINTS as it was last year. The New Point is STATE PROMOTIONAL SERVICE which was added by the last Association, and the month designated is MAY. It is through this phase of our program that we hope to secure the services of a Full Time Field Secretary, and in general to expand and unify our work in the State. Be sure to make a contribution to this cause in May. Send money for this to Bro. R. W. Mallard, Trenton, N. C.

We are giving in this issue of the Baptist a Chart of the SIX-POINT PROGRAM with the months and addresses for sending in your contributions.

M. L. Johnson,
President, N. C. State
Association of F. W. B.

1947 "SIX-POINT PROGRAM"

of the

North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist

M. L. Johnson, Pres., Lucama, N. C. R. N. Hinnant, Secy., Micro, N. C.
R. W. Mallard, Treas., Trenton, N. C.

Denominational Enterprise Month Designated Send Money To

MARCH — APRIL

MISSIONS - - - - - J. W. Alford, Treas.,
Columbia, N. C.

MAY

STATE PROMOTIONAL SERVICE - - - - - R. W. Mallard, Treas.,
Trenton, N. C.

JUNE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - - - - - Rashie Kennedy, Treas.,
713 Simmons St.,
Goldsboro, N. C.

SEPTEMBER

CHURCH FINANCE ASS'N., Inc. - - - - - M. L. Johnson, Treas.,
Lucama, N. C.

OCTOBER

SUPERANNUATION - - - - - M. L. Johnson, Treas.,
Lucama, N. C.

NOVEMBER — DECEMBER

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M. L. Johnson

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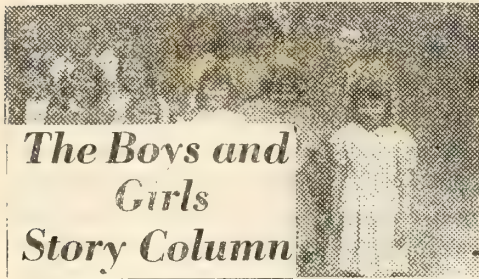
For the First Western Union Meeting of North Carolina to be held at Branch's Chapel, Johnston County, on March 29, 1947.

10:00—Devotions by Rev. Willie Renfrow
—Welcome address by the Pastor
—Response by Rev. W. R. Williams
—Moderator's Message
—Orphanage Report by the Committee
—Business Session
11:15—Sermon by Rev. Kenneth Turner
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Rev. Milton Davis
1:15—Reports of churches
—Petitions for next Union
—Reports of Dollar Committee
—Business Session
—Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee
3:00—Adjournment
Sunday Morning
10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Morning Worship, Rev. R. N. Hinnant

By Committee,
Hugh Boyette,
Fred Fulghum



The Boys and Girls Story Column

WHEN THE BEE STUNG MOTHER

A young boy was once asked how long he had known his Saviour, and if he knew that all his sins were forgiven. "Oh, yes," he replied; "I know that they are all forgiven; I am sure of that." "When did you first come to know and understand that?" asked the minister.

"When the bee stung Mother," said the boy quickly. "When the bee stung Mother? Tell me what you mean, my boy." "Sir," said the boy, "I have a mother who for some years told me what Jesus had done for me; but I never really understood and realized how He had taken my place and died in my stead until one summer afternoon when I was playing at the door of our cottage. Mother was ironing in the kitchen, at the door, with her sleeves turned up upon her arms. Suddenly, while I was playing around the doorstep, a large and much excited bee came buzzing round my head. It no doubt had been hurt and seemed determined to sting. I was frightened and tried once or twice to flap it away with my handkerchief, but round my head it came, closer each time.

At last in despair I ran toward Mother, who had been watching my efforts to free myself from my opponent, and with a cry hid myself under her long white apron. With motherly care she put her arms around me. This was hardly done when the bee stung her deeply. She felt the sting sharply, but a thought struck her which was the means of my salvation. She said, 'You may come out now, Mother has received the sting. It cannot hurt you now. Its sting is in Mother's arm. It has only one sting.' Sorrowful for my mother, I looked at the sting. She well applied

the lesson, explaining to me how it was a picture of what for long she had told me, about Jesus having taken my place and being punished in my stead.

"I had learned and often repeated that very verse, 'With his stripes we are healed,' but I never understood until then, with the bee-sting before me, that it was a picture of what Jesus had permitted to be done to Himself to be punished instead of us, who deserved to be punished; and how, if we claimed the fact that He had taken our place and been punished in stead, we could not be punished.

"The fact that I could do nothing for myself dawned upon me. I told the Lord Jesus that I trusted only Him for salvation. I realized that if I put the whole matter into His nail pierced hands that He would certainly see that I was saved and be allowed to enter heaven." "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

—Selected by Mrs. R. C. Bell

PROGRAM

The Second Union Sunday School Convention of the North Carolina Central Conference will meet with Little Creek Church March 30, 1947.

Theme for the day: "Teaching God's Word More Effectively."

- 10:00—Assembly of Sunday School
- 10:30—Teaching Primaries, demonstrated by Miss Rachel Wooten.
- 10:50—Teaching Intermediate Boys and Girls, demonstrated by Rev. D. A. Windham
 - Special music by King's Cross Roads S. S.
- 11:10—Teaching Adults, demonstrated by Mr. E. D. Griffin
- 11:30—The Sunday School as a Definite Part of the Church, by Mr. Herman Nobles
- 11:50—Business period
 - Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotionals led by King's Cross Roads Sunday School
- 1:15—"The Need of Vacation Bible Schools," presented by Mrs. M. A. Woodard

1:30—"The Pastor's Duty to The Sunday School," Rev. R. B. Spencer

1:50—Business period

- Report of the Growth of the Sunday School Convention by the Secretary
- Report of Committees
- Miscellaneous business and adjournment

By Committee

Note—There has been several changes made in our program this time, but it is for the purpose of carrying out our Theme we are using for this special meeting.

We insist that all teachers will attend this special meeting of our convention as there will be much instructive, and helpful information presented for the progress of our teaching. Please meet us there.

By Secretary,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey

PROGRAM

Western Quarterly Meeting of the Cumberland Association which will convene with Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, McEwen, Tennessee, April 12, 1947.

Theme: Unity Among the Brethren.

- 10:00—Devotions, Rev. W. E. Belford
- 10:15—Reading of minutes of previous meeting
 - Adoption of Constitution and By-Laws
 - Enrollment of delegates and ministers
 - Appointment of committees
 - Welcome Address, Rev. C. R. Pate, (Pastor)
 - Response, Rev. W. H. Stringer
- 11:00—Song Service, Bro. W. H. Stinson
- 11:15—Message, Rev. Wade Jernigan
- 12:00—Lunch for all

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. Clyde Clearman
- 1:15—Reports:
 1. Education, Rev. J. R. Davidson
 2. Missions and Church Extension, Rev. E. A. Craft
 3. Superannuation, Rev. Sydney Henry
 4. Children's Home, Rev. A. B. Bryan
 5. Treasurer's Report, Bro. W. H. Stinson
- 2:00—"Strength of Unity", Rev. Reford Wilson
- 2:20—Report of Committees:
 1. Digest
 2. Resolutions
 3. Petitions and Requests
- 2:45—Miscellaneous Business
 - Adjournment

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Easter Morning

In the silence of this morning,
As we gaze with wondering eye,
We notice in the distance
Our Saviour walking by.

Last night we knew for certain
He was in the silent tomb;
But today He's here beside us,
He has overcome its gloom.

This means that Christ our Saviour,
Is risen as He said;
It means that e'er the dark-sealed tomb
Can never keep its dead.

It means that on some dawning
We, too, shall rise as He;
Jesus Christ, our Lord victorious,
Did this, for you and me.

—Ruth Clymer White

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This above all, to thine own self be true,
And it must follow as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

—Shakespeare

You'll always find a welcome, and your friends will wish you nigh—if you strive, in conversation, not to overwork the I.—Emerson.

The real purpose of our existence is not to make a living, but to make a life—a worthy, well-rounded, useful life.—Emerson.

Editorial

THE GLORY OF THE CROSS

"When they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left."—Luke 23:33.

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers 'round its head sublime."

It is through the Cross of Calvary, Christ's atonement, that mankind is assured of the redemptive plan of salvation. The prophets of old had said, in clear and definite words, the Holy One would be lifted up on the Cross for the sins of His people. Through and by His great wisdom, it was God's divine plan for sinful humanity to know that by the sacrificial death of His only begotten Son on the Cross they have opportunity of redemption from their lost condition. Thus, God sacrificed His Son in this way that all who will might be saved from their sins.

The poet has said, "In the cross of Christ I glory." And the reason is plain to be seen, for Sir John Bowring, the writer of the song, gloried in the Cross because of his salvation wrought through the atonement made on the Cross. Joy comes to the hearts of the saved when the Easter story is so beautifully and wonderfully portrayed in Easter programs during the Easter season. Human hearts are strangely warmed as the lovely Easter songs are sung and the fervent Easter messages are delivered at the Easter tide. God's Holy Spirit fills to overflowing human hearts with rejoicing to know that in the Cross of Christ there is a feeling of unspeakable joy.

And why such joy? because of God's eternal love: "For God so loved the world that he gave . . ." Christ the Redeemer was sent to be the Saviour of all sinful and wayward people everywhere. What wonderful love of the Father to make the supreme sacrifice of His Son on the Cross for the sins of the whole world! But how unworthy and erring is mankind, how disobedient and forgetful of the heavenly Father's love and care! Yet, God so loved the human family that the sacrifice of His Son on the cross was freely made.

Think how we should glory in the cross of Christ! Think what it means; what price was made for us; and how the Saviour suffered the shame and bitter agony for our transgressions. It should make us humble and obedient, and yet very happy; it should make us always faithful and deeply consecrated, ever seeking to live close to the Lord; and it should move us to a deeper sense and a greater realization of our Christian duty toward our fellow man.

"Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots."—Luke 23:34.

"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Peace died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride."

In this modern age, when so much crime, drunkenness, distrust, selfishness, and ill will are being manifested in the world by so many people, the true child of God is still clinging closely to the wondrous Cross of Calvary. However, he is made to wonder deep down in his heart if mankind on the whole is sadly drifting from the sacred story of the Cross. Have the countless multitudes forgotten the meaning of this Cross? Do they no longer consider its wondrous and hallowed meaning for them? Thus, the child of God is made to question whether or not the great multitudes are thinking of the supreme sacrifice which was made for everyone, or of their own personal need of redemption from the curses of this wicked age in which they are living. Or are they merely thinking of the lust of the flesh and of the pride of life?

The poet has expressed his devout feeling, upon thinking of the Cross, in these words: "My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride." Like the Apostle Paul, this poet considered his earthly possessions and personal pride or earthly glory as nothing when compared to the meaning of the Cross of Calvary. He felt his littleness, his unworthiness, and his human weakness when he stood, figuratively speaking, before Christ the Redeemer who had made the supreme sacrifice on that Cross for everyone. Yes, all true children of God are made to feel humble and reverent, and are deeply moved to sacred worship when they view the wondrous Cross at Easter time. They count their earthly blessings as insignificant treasures, when compared to the glory of the Cross; and their selfish pride as bitter contempt, when considered how Christ made the all-embracing atonement on the Cross of Calvary for the sins of the whole world.

Let the countless multitudes consider this **Loving Sacrifice**. May they rightly count the cost of Calvary. And may they not know that they shall have to pay the price for their continuing sinfulness, wilful neglect of God's Holy Word, and their deliberate disobedience to Christ's commandments. Yea, let them consider God's supreme love, and also His eternal judgments.

Jesus said, "It is finished," the suffering over; the sacrifice made; the plan of redemption made complete—"and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."—John 19:30b.

"I must needs go home by the way of the cross,
There's no other way but this;
I shall ne'er get sight of the Gates of Light,
If the way of the cross I miss."

It Is Easter!

Mrs. Eunice Edwards,
President W. N. A. C.,
Desloge, Missouri

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you, as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."—John 20:21.

Someone asked an old fisherman how he knew that Christ had risen from the dead. He replied: "You see the cottages near the cliff? Well, sometimes when I am far out to sea, I know that the sun is risen by the reflection in those windows. How do I know that Christ has risen? Because I see His light reflected from the face of some of my fellows every day, and because I feel that resurrection power in my own soul."

How do you know there is a resurrection? Because God's Word tells us so. Because we see the resurrection power all around us. The long winter is over. The flowers, the leaves, the song birds have awakened. Hopes are renewed, joy succeeds sorrow, victory follows defeat, promises are fulfilled and we hear the salutation of the risen Christ, "Peace be unto you."

We might use this space and our effort in this Easter message trying to comfort those who have lost loved ones or those who are very near to that barrier, to assure them that they will live again, but there is another thought I would have you think with me in this message. I like to think of that resurrection power that quickens these mortal bodies of ours and enables us to live in this world and be a blessing in resurrecting dead lives, to lives of usefulness and power in this world. It is the same power that will some day call us from our graves, that gives us victory in this life.

I am using the verb, is, in the present tense in this message; IT IS EASTER! The time of resurrecting barren and powerless lives to fertile, fruit-bearing lives full of blessed potentialities. The unawakened are everywhere. They are asleep to their possibilities. Equipped for lives of service and a great destiny, they wander aimlessly on. Hedged in by their own faults and limitations they

fail to see the world of opportunity that reaches beyond the stars.

Women, grasp the golden opportunity of this week of prayer to secure reapers for the precious grain. Turn desert lives into rose gardens by enlisting and leading the unenlisted and unawakened in your church to active service for the Master. Resurrect these talents that are so badly needed, take time to feel the tragedy of emptiness in the lives of the people you meet.

May I repeat? The unawakened are everywhere! Look around you in your church as you listen to the Easter message. Boys and girls, men and women with their names on the church book and testifying to an experience with God who are unawakened to the need of their own lives or of those around them. They are asleep to their possibilities and they wander aimlessly on. Not aware of the power of a useful life, the enemy has them hedged in by a wall of carelessness. They do not realize the great opportunities that lie before them.

Young people, if you want to be a success, you must first believe in God and then in yourself enough to try. God cannot do any great thing with your lives unless you are willing to place yourself in His hands and are willing to try. You say, "I cannot do great things," how do you know if you have never tried? Rely on the strength, experience, and prayers of friends, yes, but more than this, rely on the resurrecting power of Christ to awaken you to your possibilities. When the resurrecting power of Christ comes into your life you will thrill to the joy of service and will awaken from your sleep and go forth to do the Master's will.

You say, "I feel the need of dedicating my life to God for service as a missionary, a teacher, a personal soul winner, and I feel the need of preparation but poverty forces me to abandon all hope of more than a High School diploma." Remember the power of the resurrection broke a

stone seal and it will break every barrier that would stand between you and your best service for the Master. Whatever the wall that binds you, the power of the resurrection is sufficient to break it.

Women, inspire and encourage the young people of your church to attend the College at Nashville. Desert minds and barren hearts shall be made to rejoice and blossom as the rose. Bide your time and though it take years of effort and sacrifice, resolve to see the desert lives within your reach and influence become waving fields of grain, gardens of flowers, and untold blessings to mankind.

Another class that needs to be awakened are those who are living in sin. They feel that they are so black and sinful that there is no hope for them. But listen, it is impossible for them to awaken themselves, but it is possible for the blood of Jesus Christ and this resurrection power to take the vilest of men and women and make them whiter than snow. Surely there was never denser hopelessness overshadowing men while the Lord lay in the tomb.

But Easter—that First Easter—changed all that. In a single sunrise hope broke again over the human race, recovery from every disaster, remedy for all sin. IT IS EASTER!

Beautiful springtime has come again, the time when the birds sing, the trees put forth their new leaves, and the earth is covered with a carpet of green. The flowers are peeping forth and showing the marvelous handiwork of God. Last winter they died and now they are coming forth from the grave to live and to bless our lives again. IT IS EASTER! And in the words of our text; "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

"THE RESURRECTION"

By B. Staples

There was special exultation
Mid the radiant hosts on high,
On the resurrection morning—
How the wondrous news did fly!
"Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Yes, He's risen from the dead;
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He's risen, as He said!"

Looking down from heights of glory,
With angelic vision keen,
"Very early in the morning,"
Women, three, by them were seen,

Walking slowly toward the hillside
Where their Lord was laid away,
Oh, their hearts were full of sadness,
But 'twas near the break of day!

"How we loved Him! How we loved Him!
But our hopes lie buried there,
In that rock-hewn tomb with Jesus;
Yet we will our spices bear,
To anoint His precious body—
But who'll roll the stone away?"
Oh, the wondrous joy of awaiting
At the breaking of the day!

Lo, an angel sent from heaven
Swift descended to the tomb,
Rolled the stone and sat upon it—
Glory now, instead of gloom.
When the women, hardly daring
To believe their eyes—or ears—

Saw the angel, heard the message,
Then dispelled were all their fears.

"Be not affrighted, ye seek Jesus;
Come and see where once He lay,
Then go tell that He is risen;
Go and tell He lives today."
And the message of the angel,
Full of wonder, so sublime,
Is for us who now are living
In this Christ-rejecting time.

He lives! He lives! and reigns in glory!
Listens when His children pray.
Oh, it is a wondrous story!
That He's coming back some day;
And will gather all His jewels—
Those who love Him more than life,
All the blood washed, all the holy—
Overcomers in the Strife.

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"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

The most important single statement in the Bible is that "Christ rose from the Dead." This is the thing for which the whole Bible was written. It is the thing that gives meaning to life, apart from which life would mean nothing. It is the basis of our hope of Resurrection and Eternal Life.

"The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the best established fact in all history. The story of it has come down to us through the centuries beautifying and glorifying human life with the halo of immortality; making us to feel sure that because He lived again we too shall live; making our hearts to thrill with the thought that we are immortal; that we have begun an existence that shall never end; that nothing can harm us; that death is merely an incident in passing from one phase of existence to another; that whether here or there we are his, doing the thing He has for us to do; that millions of ages after the sun has grown cold we ourselves shall still be young in the eternities of God.

"The one most exhilarating thing in the whole range of human experience is the thought that we are immortal, that we cannot die, that

whatever may happen to the body, we ourselves shall live on and on. And we have this feeling made sure in our hearts because Jesus rose from the dead."—Halley.



MRS. MYRON E. HYATT

The resurrection of Jesus Christ in dramatic majesty demonstrated the supremacy of goodness. It proved that behind all things and events is a God of righteousness and power. It proves that He not only rules over but overrules the affairs of earth and time. It proved that "godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4:8). The resurrection of our Saviour proved that defeats in the realm of the spiritual are only temporary and momentary, and that nothing is finished until God gets through with it. It proved that the evil against which we struggle cannot be permanently victorious, but that God will ulti-

mately triumph. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

The empty tomb of Jesus Christ speaks a grand and royal word to every perplexed and wearied pilgrim, near and far: "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold I am alive for evermore" (Rev. 1:17, 18).

"He is not here," said the angel. Not here! Well, where is He? Where the motherless need mothering, and the fatherless need fathering—He is there! Where mocking foes beset and mankind is oppressed—He is there! Where the needs of life are wanting and human greed is flaunting—He is there! Where hearts are bowed in grief, seeking somewhere, sweet relief—He is there! Where the despairing sinner cries, "Have mercy, O Lord"—He is there! Thus, the living Christ speaks to every heart: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Is. 41:10).

Living for Christ and serving Him in this world are our greatest privileges, but we are all so human that we need encouragement. We need an incentive.

The Bible speaks much of the rewards of God to those who are faithful, and gives many assurances that we are not engaged in a vain task. Let us not be discouraged or disheartened. We follow and serve a victorious Christ, one who has triumphed over death and hell. What we do for Him is never done in vain.

We are to be "unmovable," and yet "abounding." That seems paradoxical, but it is not, for it is only the life steadfast and unmovable at the center, which can abound at the circumference. That center is the resurrected Christ, and when we are established in Him, we are ready to live the abundant life for Him.

In Ephesians and Colossians, the Apostle Paul affirms all that Christ is to the Christian on the fact of His triumphant resurrection.

In both epistles we see how desperate is our case apart from the work of Christ. Of ourselves we were "dead in sin" and "children of wrath." It is not very flattering to read that we were without hope and "without God in the world," nor does it exalt our natural state to discover we were aliens and strangers. Yes, Colossians 1:21 says we were alienated and enemies.

A foreigner is an alien, but if while he is an alien his country goes to war with the land of his abode, he is an enemy alien. And that was our condition, so far as the realm and reign of God is concerned before Christ saved us through His death and resurrection.

But how different now that we are Christians! We are saved, raised, quickened, made nigh, reconciled, and

have become "fellow citizens" with other believers.

The change from one condition to the other does not occur by resolution on our part, nor by reformation, education, or "religion." Here is the formula: "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ" (Eph. 2:4, 5).

How we should thank God that a living Christ makes living Christians!

"THE LIVING CHRIST"

The Easter praises may falter,
And die with the Easter day;
The flowers that brighten the altar
In sweetness may fade away;
But after the silence and fading,
There lingers untold and unpriced,
Above all changing, all shading,
The love of the living Christ.
—Author Unknown.

"The Joy of Easter"

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"And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy."—Matthew 28:8.

"As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week," we find Mary Magdalene and other women, approaching the tomb. They came to anoint the body of Jesus with sweet spices which they had prepared with loving hands. Although John, was that disciple whom Jesus loved, Mary Magdalene was surely that disciple who pre-eminently loved Jesus. She loved much because she had been forgiven much (Luke 8:2).



"Heaven and Earth Rejoice"

"And, behold, there was a great earthquake . . ." When Christ died, the earth shook for fear; the earth did quake and the rocks rent. Now that He arose, the earth leaped for joy in his exaltation. "The heavens

rejoiced and the earth also was glad." "The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow." The whiteness of his raiment was not only an emblem of purity, but of joy and triumph! When Christ died, the courts of heaven went into deep mourning (the sun was darkened from the sixth hour until the ninth hour); but when He arose, they put on the garments of praise.

Today, the joy of Easter is heightened by the season at which it comes. We observe, flowers bursting into bloom, trees and plants showing newness of life after slumbering through the long winter, birds singing their joyous songs all seem to be proclaiming:

"He is Risen!"

The angel said unto the women, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." To have been told, "He is not here," would have brought no joy to the troubled heart of Mary, had it not been added, "He is risen!" "Risen, as he said." He directs them to go quickly and tell his disciples the glorious news of the resurrection and that

He shall meet them in Galilee. What comforting words to his followers, whose hearts were torn with fear and grief.

"Glad Tidings"

This is a day of good tidings and great joy, and they (the women) are the first to hear. The first to believe in redemption from sin by His resurrection! They were to carry the first Easter message. They departed with "fear and great joy." A strange mixture, fear and joy at the same time. It was good news, but they were afraid it was too good to be true! They brought word to his disciples that they had seen the Lord, but their words seemed as "idle tales, and they believed them not." Later, Christ appeared in their midst and gave infallible proofs that he was alive and "Alive for evermore." "Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord" (John 20:20). They were glad because his resurrection was a pledge of their own future resurrection. We too, are glad when we have "seen the Lord," not with our natural eye but with the eye of faith. For we have the assurance that death does not end life. That because He lives, we too shall live.

Christ delivered unto his disciples the "Great Commission" and then ascended back to his Father. The disciples returned to Jerusalem with "Great joy, praising and blessing God." Why? Because unto them had been delivered a message of gladness and hope. Hope for those who sorrowed without hope. Death, unto the heathen was as a crushed flower; a broken vase; a race lost. The beautiful thought that death was the gate of life entered not in to cheer the parting, or brighten the tomb.

He commanded them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The heart of the gospel is the resurrection of Christ. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). The joy of Easter should fill the heart of every believer to overflowing.

"The Lord is ris'n indeed,

Attending angels, hear!
Up to the courts of Heav'n, with speed,
The joyful tidings bear.

Then wake your golden lyres,

And strike each cheerful chord;
Join, all ye bright celestial choirs,
To sing our risen Lord."

—Thomas Kelly

An Easter Message

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The Christian world today recognizes the fact that Jesus died an unjust and shameful death on the cross. It knows also that it was a voluntary, as well as a victorious death. Christ died of His own free will—"no man could take it from Him." It was not a death of defeat, as He hung there on the cross, for He did not die until He had "finished the work that His Father had given Him to do." He came out of the tomb alive, and He is living actively among us today. His resurrection is a guarantee that we, too, who live and move and have our being in Him, will also triumph over death.

What we all too frequently forget is that He assumed the entire responsibility for our sins, when He shed His blood for our redemption, for "without the shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22).

It was the greatest manifestation of God's love for us, in that He sacrificed heaven's most precious treasure that salvation might come to all who would believe. "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

With the death of Christ, hope also died, for the blow to all who loved Him and had been associated with Him, was too great for them to comprehend. They were stunned, and evidently believed that the end of all their bright hopes were blasted forever. Their understanding of all that Jesus had taught them concerning His purpose for coming into the world, and of His "Kingdom not being of this world," was darkened, for when He died, everything worth while was dead, too. But in that hour of their darkest despair came joyous news of the empty tomb and the risen Lord. We find that hope

revived, faith was re-kindled, and new assurance was created by the words, "He is not here, for He is risen as He said; Come see the place where the Lord lay."



MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

The resurrection of their Lord became their ground of faith and the motivating power of Christianity. Only a short time later we find His disciples launching out upon the work that Christ had assigned to them—"Go ye."

The empty tomb of the resurrected Christ is the guarantee of the believer's salvation today, as it has ever been. Jesus said to Martha, in John 11th chapter and 25th verse, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

In the Spring, when we see all nature clothed in green and, flowers and birds and all of God's creation in nature are taking on new life, we know that the winter is past, and we have awakened to a new life. This is so with the believer in Christ's life and His death, resurrection and as-

cension. It should mean a time of revival, new hope and aspirations, stronger faith in Him, for He said, "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). Death should not be a monster to be feared, we should feel that it is the open door to that brighter, better life in Christ Jesus our Lord, because He told His disciples, that "Where I am, there ye may be also."

Some one has said that "The resurrection not only placed divine approval upon the life and teachings of Jesus, but also that His empty tomb became the birth place of the Christian religion."

Since the organization of the Christian Church, more than 1900 years ago, it has stood as the greatest monument to the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Preaching, teaching and the rendering of Christian service have spread among the nations, and some of the results were seen and appreciated in this last great war, when many of our sons fell into the hands of Island natives, thought of by many of us, as barbarians, or savages, but to whom the gospel of Christ had been carried, and they had become new creatures in Christ Jesus. Our boys were in safe hands, and we were glad. What are we doing to show our gratitude for this gospel? How are we living that we may convince the world that we worship a risen Saviour? Despite the fact that the Church of Christ has suffered many persecutions down through the centuries, and many precious lives have been sacrificed for their devotion to the risen Saviour, who lives and reigns in the hearts and lives of His children, and are carrying much "dead timber" that should be cast out, the church and its influence is felt the world over. Only recently, (Feb. 21) the World Day of Prayer was observed by women of ninety nations or more, and everything points to the fact that the church is on the forward move, which bears witness to the sincerity and loyalty of believers who have lived and labored in each succeeding generation. The enthusiasm and determination of those

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The Missionary Roll Call —

This is a sort of glorified parody on the Eleventh Chapter of the Book of Hebrews. No injustice to the Scriptures is meant. The inspiration for this paraphrase comes from a study of Free Will Baptist missionary heroes described in Miss Laura Belle Barnard's wonderful book, *His Name among All Nations*.

1. Now missions is the relief the heathen hope for, the evidence of Christianity seen.

2. For by it our missionary fathers obtained a good report.

3. Through missions we understand that the world is to be saved by the Word of God, so that souls that are now lost may soon be brought into the marvelous light of God.

4. By missions Eli Noyes and his wife offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than some of us, by which they obtained witness that they were righteous, God testifying of their gifts: and by it they being dead yet speaketh.

5. By the work of missions the Jeremiah Phillippses obtained this testimony before their departure from this world: that they pleased God.

6. For without missions it is impossible to please Him: for he that witnesseth of God must witness that He is, and that He is a Saviour of the heathen that diligently seek Him.

7. By missions Otis R. Bachelor, being led of God to see the plight of the heathen, moved with obedience, offered his medical skill to put to rout the superstitions of the world, and became heir of the blessings which are by missions.

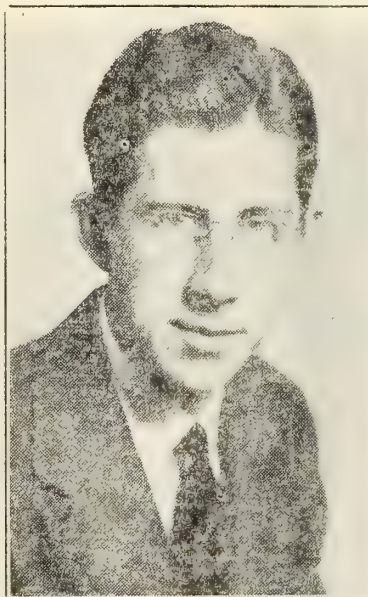
8. By missions Miss Hannah W. Cummings, when she was called to go out to India, which she should after call her home, obeyed; and she went out, not knowing what lay ahead.

9. By missions she sojourned in the land of mystics, as in a strange country, dwelling in houses with the Noyes' and the Phillippses, the heirs with her of the same great tasks.

10. Came also James C. Dow, looking for an opportunity to spread the

gospel upon a foundation whose builder and maker is God.

11. Through missions also Mrs. Dow herself received opportunity to witness of God to the lost with her husband.



REV. CLARENCE BOWEN

12. Therefore came there, one by one, the heathen to the cross until the assurance was given our missionaries that some day they would be won so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

13. These all died for missions, not seeing all the results of their labors, but having seen them afar off, and were convinced of them, and praised their God that His word would not return void.

14. And they that did these things declared plainly that they loved their own country.

15. And truly, if they had been mindful of some in their country from whence they came out, they might have been discouraged and returned.

16. But then they desired to minister to a more needy country, that is, an unevangelized one; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city—the City of God.

17. By missions Laura Belle Barnard, when she was called offered up

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her life; she that had received so much from God offered up the best she had for Him.

18. Of whom it may well be said, that because of Miss Barnard many in India are blest;

19. Accounting that God was able to raise her up for missions, even from Glennville, Ga., whence also she left twelve years ago.

20. By missions were Thomas and Mabel Willey called to Latin America and they were concerned with things to come.

21. And the Willeys were not alone, for they had two beautiful children to bless them in their work.

22. For missions Jesus, when he died, made mention of the lost, even those in South America, and gave a commission concerning their salvation.

23. By missions Miss Bessie Yeley when she was called to Venezuela, was hid for months in a Baptist Board, and when we saw how properly she belonged to us, we immediately called her over.

24. For missions Miss Yeley, when she was come to South America, refused to succumb to difficulties;

25. Choosing rather to suffer affliction for the lost of Venezuela, than to enjoy a trip back home;

26. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Ohio: for she believed that in obedience was her reward.

27. For missions Miss Olive Van Syoc forsook Iowa, not fearing the path that lay ahead in Cuba: for she was obedient, seeing One ahead Who guided her steps.

28. For missions the Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd kept their vows to God and God blessed them with their firstborn.

29. For missions they passed over to Cuba where God has used them for His Glory.

30. And by missions the Cuban walls of sin fell down after they were encompassed by about seven missionaries.

31. To missions in India the Paul Woolseys have surrendered, not as

ones who believe not, but as ones who trust in God.

32. And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Mr. Cooley, and of the Rev. and Mrs. Burleigh Smith, and of Miss Crawford, and of Mr. and Mrs. Hallam, and of the native missionaries:

33. Who for missions invaded kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of skeptics here at home,

34. Quenched the violence of disease, escaped often the dangers of hostility, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in Christian warfare, turned to flight the horrors of night.

35. Women discharged their duties like their men; and others carried on still longer, not accepting too many rests, that they might obtain a greater number of souls.

36. And still others suffered trials

on unchristian negligence and indifference on our part, yea, moreover of poverty and loneliness.

37. They were often forgotten, they were often neglected, were misunderstood, were criticized: they declared the gospel at times in little more than rags; being discouraged; hungry, tempted.

38. (Of whom the world was not worthy.) They witnessed in deserts, and in the mountains, and in villages, and everywhere they were permitted to go in the earth.

39. And all these who have died, having obtained a good report through missions, saw not the whole results of their labors:

40. God having provided many others for missions in later years who may do even greater things, that our missionary forebears may know some day the glory of combined endeavors.

The Cross - Power!



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"For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the POWER of God"—(I Cor. 1:18).

The Cross is the greatest source of power in the Church; for it is the dynamo that moves us forward. It symbolizes the blood of redemption for every lost soul. Christ shed His blood on the Cross that the Church might through the invigorating power of the blood give new life to those that are dead in trespasses and sin, strength to the weary downtrodden souls of men. I praise God that this blood has not lost its power. As the church of to-day, we need to draw upon its power and launch out into the deep of the fields that are so white unto harvest.

There was placed in the window of a bank a strange looking clock. To the passerby, it appeared that there were only hands going around on the face of the clock pointing to the hours as they passed by. There was no visible power of movement to be seen.

Written across the face of this clock was the question, "What makes me go?" Written across the Victorious church, down through the ages has been this question, "What makes me



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go?" Just as the clock had some unseen power moving it around, so the Church has an unseen power. This power, the Cross, which was placed in the midst of a perverse generation and took from that generation and all generations to come its sin and despair through the death of the Son of God.

"Sweet the moments rich in blessing,
Which before the cross I spend
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinner's dying Friend."

The Cross is the foundation of the growth of the Church. Can we overestimate its value, when God let the dearest treasure of Heaven, His Son, bear the sins of the world upon it. We need to add a new impetus to Christianity to-day through the preaching of the Cross—Power. All serious minded Christians of to-day are appalled at the darkness of the hour, and the indifference of Christendom. Some are even to the point of despair. These days are the greatest challenge of the church. The colder the night, the greater need for warmth, the darker the hour, the louder the cry for light, the weaker the world, with the complicated problems confronting it, the more desperate the wail for "POWER."

Hence, the need of a perplexed, disturbed, sin-soaked world, should move our Church to the greatest action ever. We have lost the vision of the early church, for we have lost the vision of the Cross-Power. At the foot of the Cross is the place of prayer, and vision. The world is dangling before the most acute crisis ever known in its history. May the remembrance of the most soul stirring prayer ever prayed, "Father, forgive them they know not what they do," brings us to the place of prayer, and prayer will bring to our hearts a renewed vision of this world and its need of being evangelized.

At the foot of the Cross is the place of love. Did not Christ exemplify a love greater than all other love, when he went to the Cross. If we possess this love, we will love our enemies, the ugly, the unattractive, the undesirable and the indifferent.

It was this love that came forth from the cross that empowered the life of the first foreign Missionary, Paul, to turn from the path of disobedience to the path of obedience, With the words, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" he went forth to be spent in the greatest of all undertakings, showing the marvelous love of Christ unto every life that he touched. The central theme of his life was the Cross.

"God forbid that I should glory,

Women and the Resurrection Story

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save in the Cross." It was the remembrance of the great deliverance from sin and death through the Cross that spurred him on through suffering, persecution and trial to the end, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course."

When William Carey looked backward to the Cross and outward to a lost and dying world, he caught a vision and became obedient to the love and admonition of Christ. A look at the Cross and its power in his own life, and he left ease, comfort, friends and loved ones to carry the glorious truth of deliverance through the power of the Cross. Everything sank into insignificance, when the call from Christ was burned into his heart through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Oh, that we might realize that it was the urgency of the great commission of our Lord after the Cross in His "Go Ye—into ALL the world," that sent our own beloved missionaries into the lands, which took from them many privileges that are ours in the homeland to enjoy. Did you ever stop to think that they are taking your place and mine. God may not require all to go into the lands of India, Cuba, Japan, or Africa, but He does require all, who are redeemed through the blood of the Cross to share this ministry. During this Easter season count it a joy to deny yourself and take up the Cross and follow Christ more closely than ever before.

The vision of the Cross will lead you to a greater sacrifice for Christ's sake. It is truly a challenge to every child of God's heart. Can you hear the Christ of the Cross whispering to you that the preaching of the Cross in your life through the surrender of your time, talent and means is the power of God?

If there had been no Cross there would have been no resurrection to have inspired men and women to preach the Cross-Power and to have fulfilled the commission of the Lord Jesus Christ, "to Go ye—."

We have come to another glorious Easter season when we may think anew of the events of that wonderful story of redeeming grace. The sublime facts of that story have given heart and hope to the millions of God's believing ones through the centuries, and will continue to do so until Jesus returns to take His church home to live with Him forever. What gracious healing balm, what precious assurance of better things, is wrapped up in the message of Easter for a world whose heart is torn open through sorrow and suffering.

How much the coming of Jesus to this earth, the teachings of Jesus, the glorious gospel of Jesus, the blessed Son of God, has meant to the status of women. It is because of this that woman was lifted from her low estate to the place of honor and blessing among her brethren and in the church of her Lord that she now enjoys. Wherever the gospel light has penetrated the darkness of heathendom women have known a new and better existence. Jesus recognized no sex distinction in regard to sin when He challenged the accusers of the sinful woman in the New Testament story, to cast the first stone at her. When the devoted woman broke the precious ointment on the person of her Lord because she loved Him, the guests at Simon's dinner whispered censure and blame. Jesus defended and commended her. He promised that the deed of love should not be forgotten. He recognized no sex distinction in devotion to Him.

The writers of the New Testament give credit time and again to the services of loyal women who ministered to Jesus while He went about doing good. Those followers of Him, who had experienced His transforming power in their lives and loved Him dearly, were a part of that sorrowful group who lingered near in the hour of His agony on the cross. Those

women suffered deeply for they loved loyally. Jesus saw the sorrow of Mary, His mother, and bade His beloved disciple to take her away from the awful scene. In the Easter story, the women seemed to linger longest at the cross. As the triumphant Son commended His spirit to the Father, the account in Luke says that the women "stood afar off, beholding these things." They followed Joseph to see where he took the body of Jesus so that they could locate the place later. They saw the huge stone rolled across the entrance to the rock cave which served as His tomb. Then they went to their homes to spend the Sabbath in mourning.

On that eventful Sunday morning, those women, who had waited over the Sabbath, came while it was yet dark to the place where their Beloved had been laid. They were bringing sweet spices with which to do a loving service for Him for the last time, they think. As they journeyed, they wondered who would roll the huge stone away for them. They arrived to find that the grave was already open and fear gripped their hearts. Then an angel in white said, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

While these women stood transfixed, the angel continued, "And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead." Woman was given the honor of being the first to tell the good news. She was commissioned to go tell that He had conquered death. These first-commissioned messengers after the resurrection must have run with light feet and joy-filled hearts to find His brethren to tell them this wonderful news.

It was to Martha, who had just laid away her brother, that Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." It was to a woman that Christ said those words which have helped to heal wounded hearts, and comfort those who have buried their loved ones. This discourse between Martha and the Lord has furnished the minister with a message of consolation and hope for those who have "loved and lost

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Diamonds are chunks of ordinary coal—which stuck to their jobs.—B. C. Forbes

awhile." To weeping hearts everywhere who have experienced the separation from a dear one by death comes the comforting words given to Martha—one of the blessed "I am's" of the Word.

Since to woman came the first command to go tell the good news that Christ is risen, she has had a blessed part in spreading the gospel. By personal testimony, by the dissemination of the printed message, by loving, faithful service at home and abroad, she has been a vital part of the missionary program. The history of women and missions is a most interesting one. Many are the stories of how they have gone to the foreign fields and endured untold hardships and even died for the cause of Christ.

In our own denomination, women have played an important part in the mission cause. Certainly their program of teaching and otherwise furthering the cause of missions through the Woman's Auxiliary has borne fruit in the increase in missionary fervor, interest, and gifts in our churches. Their theme for this year, "And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto me," connects with the Easter message and has the missionary ring.

Women, let us think again this Easter time of the importance of the assignment, and the recompense of the reward as we lift Him up as the only Saviour for a lost world. Let us tell that He lives and that because He lives we shall live also.

NOTES AND QUOTES

J. C. Griffin

The Crucifixion of Christ

Was this event on Friday as taught by many religious bodies? Well, we have been taught that it was on Friday. But, if Jesus was crucified on Friday, then how can a person fix it that He was "in the heart of the earth three days and three nights"? It is impossible to get 72 hours between early Friday, before it was yet light, and Sunday morning.

Some say that it was Friday be-

cause it was the day before the Sabbath (the Jewish Sabbath), but it does not say Friday. In fact there is not a single Scripture that says Jesus was crucified on Friday. Mark says that Jesus was crucified "the day before the Sabbath" (Mk. 15:42). It is the fact that the Jewish Weekly Sabbath came on Saturday, beginning at sunset the evening before. For this reason, many conclude that Jesus was crucified on Friday, but it is an evident fact that the Jews had other Sabbaths beside the Weekly Sabbath. The first day of the Passover Week was always a Sabbath. Jesus was certainly crucified on the week of the Passover. For evidences of this fact, read Ex. 12:12-22; Lev. 23:7; Matt. 26:20-24; Mk. 14:17-21; Lk. 22:14; Jon. 13:1-38.

Dr. R. A. Tory says, "The question arises whether the Sabbath that followed Christ's crucifixion was the weekly Sabbath (Saturday) or the Passover Sabbath, falling on the 15th of Nisan, which came that year on Thursday. Now the Bible does not leave us to speculate in regard to which Sabbath is meant in this instance; for John tells us in so many words, in John 19:14, that the day on which Jesus was tried and crucified was, "the preparation of the Passover" (R. V.). That it was not the day before the weekly Sabbath (that is Friday), but it was the day before the Passover Sabbath, which came this year on Thursday—that is to say the day on which Jesus was crucified was Wednesday. John makes this as clear as day."

If you will figure from Wednesday night (we know not what hour Christ was put in the tomb, but He was out early Sunday morning) until Sunday morning you can get 72 hours—three days and three nights for Jesus to lie in the heart of the earth, or in the tomb.

Listen to John's words: "Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come, that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, He loved them to the end" (Jon. 13:1). So, John says Jesus ate the Passover supper "before the feast of the Passover." That is, Christ ate the sup-

per the evening before, and died himself as "The Passover Lamb of God on the exact hour of the day that the Jews were slaying the Passover lambs for the Feast."

Some people count a part of Friday, all of Saturday, and a little of Sunday, and call it "three days" in order to make the day Friday in which the Lord was crucified. But these figures do not make the time as stated by Jesus himself.

Let us see what Jesus said: "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40). Note what the chief priests and Pharisees said to Pilate: "Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, While he was yet alive, after three days I will rise again" (Matt. 27:63). Note also Jesus' words, "The Son of man must suffer many things and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mk. 10:34 R. V.). Again Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands" (Mk. 14:58 R. V.).

Again I say that you can get 72 hours—three days and three nights—by placing the crucifixion on Wednesday, but you cannot get three days and three nights from late Friday evening until early Sunday morning. Friday must be a man-made day for the crucifixion, because it does not harmonize with the "three days and the three nights" mentioned in the Bible. Notice that Jesus said, "After three days and three nights," and not a part of three days and three nights.

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY ISSUE

It is requested that SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY articles be prepared for the Baptist paper for the week of Mother's Day. These special messages may be written in prose or poetry. They are to be original productions.

All messages are to be typewritten, double spaced between the lines, and not more than twelve hundred words in any article. The THEME is to be centered about mother and motherhood. All articles are to be mailed to the editor not later than April 28, 1947.—Editor.

THE BIBLE CLASS ROOM

Rev. D. A. Windham

(Salvation Concluded)

We come now to the last and perhaps the greatest of all the conditions of Salvation and that is Regeneration, also called the Second Birth. We will confine our remarks to the term Regeneration as it is more expressive.

The root from which Regeneration is derived also means "to stir up" (II Chron. 36:22, Ezra 1:1). In view of this, to regenerate is to stir up by conviction and repentance in the accepting of Christ and then the birth or moulding after His Will. This is a very deep spiritual subject and is treated in the Bible in figures of speech.

Just here we will cite a few passages relating to the Doctrine.

Psalms 51:10—"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Ezekiel 36:25, 26—"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you." "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

John 3:3—"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Acts 3:19—"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Ephesians 2:1—"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins."

II Corinthians 5:17—"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

From these and many other scriptures, it will be seen that it is a mysterious, dynamic work, wrought in the very heart of the individual.

This is a doctrine of such vast importance I must in some way get it across to these young people and all others in whose hands it will ultimately fall. So, I am asking to be indulged to step with them into their high school and college laboratory. First, we fill a glass partly full of water to which we add a few drops of iodine. The clear wholesome water becomes dark, bitter and poison.

We let this represent a life once pure as the morning dew, now dark, bitter and poisoned by sin. Now, we partially fill another glass to which we add a quantity of sodium thiosulphate. This represents the all sufficient Atonement in Christ.

No effort by external washing will clear the dark bitter solution. We may place them close together and still the solution is poison.

A sinner may die and go to hell with a Compassionate Saviour knocking at the door. There must be a hearing of His Voice, an opening the door of your heart and a coming in of Christ or there is no Salvation. Now, let us pour both solutions together; **instantly**, the dark bitter solution is sweet and as clear as heaven's dew drop. The life filled with the Spirit, and if filled with the Spirit, is led by the Spirit and is, therefore, a Son of God and Joint Heir with Jesus Christ.

And now for another experiment. We take a glass and fill it to the top with water. To get the water out without tilting the glass, can easily be done by pouring carbon bisulphide into the water, and since it is heavier than water, it settles to the bottom and runs the water over the top until all is out.

Worldliness and sin can be driven out by pouring the Spirit of Christ into the life of man. The presence of sin and worldliness in a life is evidence that the Spirit of Christ is not there and "without the Spirit of Christ ye are none of his."

Carbon bisulphide has a very obnoxious odor and its presence is quickly known. A man or woman whose life is filled with the Spirit of Christ will not have to proclaim it from the house tops as it will be seen in their every day life.

Now, my young friends, as long as this carbon bisulphide is in the glass, no water can be poured in; but, if left idle, the carbon bisulphide will evaporate and leave room for more water. Therefore, we must, by faith and labor, keep our life filled and re-filled so there is no room for the things of this world, which are too many for me to mention here.

Therefore, to state the doctrine of Regeneration in as plain, simple and

practical terms as lieth in me: it is the breaking up of the old life and remoulding into the new and giving the sinner a new start in life. There is no limit to what would be paid if the Liberty Bell could be mended so as to have a clear ring, but this is, they say, impossible. The only way would be to melt the Old Bell and remould it and in that case, it would be a new and not the old bell. Likewise, there is no way to mend a sinful life by patchwork, it must be a new work from center to circumference. The old life must be melted in Conviction and fashioned and moulded after His will by the direct, definite work of the Holy Spirit. Then and not until, will the person have songs on their lips and Hosanna's in their hearts.

An old boyhood friend of mine and I were at a home the first year that I was in college. He was an expert violinist. In this home a small boy was trying to learn to play. After some time, I went to the boy and suggested that my friend be asked to play. He took the violin and began tuning the strings. Bending his head forward as though whispering to the instrument, he began playing "Oft in the Stilly Night" and all who were close enough to hear were listening in breathless silence. What had transformed the squeals and squeaks made by the boy? It was the very same violin, strings and bow—but it had been touched by the hand of a master. "If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature; old things are passed away and behold, all things hath become new."

Regeneration is accompanied by an experience that the Child of God finds impossible to express. In some, not all by any means, there is a dynamic upheaval of the emotions, depending on the emotional temperament. We have no authority to doubt the Regeneration of a person because he shows no signs of emotionalism. In the 17th Chapter of Luke, Christ cleansed ten lepers and only one showed any emotionalism. In the Apostolic Circle there was one highly emotional person who was Peter; but no one will doubt the sincerity of James and John.

But don't forget here, as in many

other cases, lie two extremes. There must be a consciousness that we have "passed from death unto life." A doctrine as vital as this certainly has its evidence in the Christian Scriptures.

Galatians 5:22, 23—"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Romans 8:16—"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

I John 3:14—"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."

I Corinthians 6:11—"And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

II Thessalonians 2:13—"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."

These could be multiplied, but the ones quoted are sufficient. Just a word in closing on Holiness, or Sanctification.

I have no fear of much opposition from you, but this message is to fall in so many hands, I am keenly conscious that some will see it in another light as there is definitely two extremes.

The Hebrew term in the Old Testament, if I have correctly pronounced it, is KEDESH and is used in a very broad sense, sometimes as denoting an object set apart or dedicated to a Divine purpose and sometimes to a person who had reached the stage of sinless perfection. In the New Testament Greek, we have the term AGIAZD and as the Hebrew signifies to make Holy.

Now the scriptures plainly teach that there is a Holy God, Holy Angels, Holy Men and Holy places. And nowhere are men required to be Holy Angels, Holy Angels to be a Holy God or a Holy place to be a Holy man. Man is only required to be Holy in his sphere as the angels are in theirs, or as God is to be in His. The scriptures require that we are to be perfect men as God is a perfect God; that we are to be Holy men as He is a Holy God. To claim more is to go beyond what is found in the Book.

Regeneration is the act of making Holy and no man can comprehend its

depth and significance, for "the wind bloweth where it listeth and you hear the sound thereof but cannot tell from whence it cometh and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Regeneration in the language of Archbishop Vshu is "For a man to be brought to an entire resignation of his will to God."

While Salvation is of the Lord, man must yield to Him body and soul. God wants all men to be saved. I am quoting again from the copy of our profession of faith, adopted before 1812. "We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth that they might be saved, for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all the nations to every creature."

We do not believe that God ordains or decrees, absolutely who shall be saved and who shall be lost; except that he has ordained the righteous to eternal life and the wicked to eternal punishment.

Ultimate and final salvation is the free gift of God given when life's pilgrimage is over. We sometimes say that people are saved when in reality we only mean to say they are supposed to be converted. Sometimes, when reporting revival meetings, we speak of so and so many being saved. Much that we do not believe can be read into such statements and much that the Bible does not teach. Now salvation and probation are not co-existent, that is, we are only assured of ultimate and final salvation when probation ends and probation lasts until death. As long as a man lives, it is possible for him to fall away and perish. David sinned and would have been lost, but for repentance.

The old adage "once a son of God always a child of God" fails when we realize that "as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God"; and when a person ceases to follow the Spirit of God, he ceases to be the Son of God. We give here a few quotations showing that salvation is on the condition that we endure to the end.

I Chronicles 28:9—"And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts; if thou seek him, he will be found of thee: but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever."

II Chronicles 15:2—"And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you."

Ezekiel 18:26—"When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die."

Therefore, if the righteous can fall away and be forever lost, how can we call a person finally saved when in a state of probation.

II Peter 2:20, 21—"For if after they have escaped the pollution of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning."

"For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them."

I Timothy 1:19, 20—"Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander: whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme."

Christians are still free moral agents and liable to temptation, and God does all that He can, consistent with His government, to keep them from sinning; but if they do (as some do) He will cast them off forever.

There is no assurance of absolute salvation except to those who cling to the promise of God and endure to the end. "Beloved now are we the Sons of God but it doth not yet appear what we shall be, for we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is."

When the trembling jailor asked Paul, the Man of God, "What must I do to be saved"? Paul's answer implied all the Christian Theology written from the time it was spoken until the end of time.

(Note: We regret the interruption, but we had to discontinue all ministerial activities for over three weeks by order of the doctor. Rev. D. A. Windham.)

MINUTE MISSIONARY MESSAGE

By Charles Epperson

Concerning Cuba

Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Williams and I landed at the Havana airport at 1:30 p. m., Friday afternoon, January 31. We were met by Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey and driven to Pinar del Rio about 125 miles west of Havana; the Willeys live just outside of Pinar.

Friday was our first service; Brother Willey served as interpreter and is certainly gifted of the Lord in this capacity. Though we did not understand Spanish, we did recognize the tunes of old hymns of the faith and there was a fellowship that sprang from our speaking the same spiritual language—"our citizenship is in heaven."

Never shall I forget the service Sunday morning at the Bible School (begun and conducted by the Willeys). The school is located a few miles from Pinar; a jeep or an ox cart can make the trip from the highway to the scene of happy students that have been redeemed and called to full time service. Thirty-three students plus fifteen acres, three thatched-roof buildings and a new dormitory awaiting sufficient funds to make possible its completion, constitute the material assets, but no one knows the value of our Lord's inheritance in these young Cuban saints. The presence of the Holy Spirit was much in evidence; my own heart was moved and my spirit refreshed. The school is the backbone of missionary endeavor; in these days of superficiality at home and abroad, we take heart from the fact that this group now being trained will furnish the pastors and missionaries to help make possible the evangelization of Cuba. The missionary multiplies a thousand fold his labors for Christ who trains a native ministry; we were impressed with this solid, sane, Scriptural school.

Sunday afternoon we witnessed the initial broadcast of the Willeys over station CMAB (Pinar del Rio)—this program has been made possible by

Brothers Bill and Charlie Young of Williamsport, Pa. The chapel at San Juan, 18 miles from Pinar, was visited in the afternoon; Brother Williams spoke. We were impressed with the sparkling testimonies of the saints—one of the deacons had been delivered from "voo-dooism." One thing we noted was the freshness of each testimony and most of them revealed a knowledge of deep spiritual truth.

How can we forget the journey to Agreas Pretas (Dark Water)? We left about 9:30 a. m. via jeep (called "Jeepey" by the Cubans). We travelled over a fair road that wound to the side of a peak from which "brow" we viewed the beautiful Valley Vinales, a valley of picturesque beauty flanked by towering hills that rise most abruptly and then fall without notice—tiny huts nestling beneath giant royal palms—a place of tropical beauty, but a valley of need. The fair road soon became dissipated with distance and soon degenerated into a series of derelict gullies and ruts as we progressed. We had no compass, but Brother Willey seemed to know the right path. From now on we are "sold" on the ability of a jeep—the ideal means of transportation for the mission field; one of the present needs of Cuba is a commando car large enough to accommodate a dozen or so students. This would make possible street meetings, rallies and conferences. At the crest of the hill we viewed the fringes of the mighty Gulf and then followed the trail to a Cuban home where we had dinner and supper. In this home with its dirt floors and thatch roof and very little in between, we found genuine Christian hospitality; the father, with tears in his eyes, spoke of the need of his neighbors—the compassion of Christ registered unconsciously in his face. Several of the friends gathered to have their pictures taken—one man had been demon possessed, but was now all smiles as the result of God's saving grace. The service in the evening was in the coconut grove chapel; one man who had been "convinced" for some time was converted.

The trip to Sabalo was made on Saturday via dinky train. After 40

miles of swaying to the rhythm of the clicking wheels and a shrill staccato whistle, we arrived at the station where two boys were waiting with four horses. We mounted our steeds and jogged along to the home of one of the Bible School students. We were greeted by mother, dad, ten children, four little pigs, two dogs and a few chickens. After a little rest we all walked over to the chapel and enjoyed a service of testimony and a message from the Word. There were smiling faces, joyful singing, spontaneous testimonies; there are trophies of God's Grace from Cuba that will be eternally exhibited to the praise of His glory. We returned from the service to partake of rural Cuban food plus the use of a table cloth. The table was moved from its door floor inside the hut and placed on the dirt floor outside. The pig that wallowed in the mire only ten feet away did not seem to mind our invasion of her domicile—the horses tied at the corner of the house waited reluctantly as we ate our rice, beans, bread and jellied orange peel. It was good for us that we were very hungry, for when one is anxious for food, he somehow forgets dogs and sand flies under the table and turns his eyes from the chickens and pigs.

Brother Williams brought an inspiring message to the Bible School students on Sunday morning; we stayed for lunch. In the evening we worshipped again at the chapel in Pinar. On Monday morning we left by bus for Havana, spent the evening in the city and left in the morning by plane for Miami.

The Willeys are efficient consecrated folk that certainly seem to be suited for working among the Spanish folk. They have a genuine love for the lost—a pre-requisite for being missionaries or soul winners. Please pray for them.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I will be available for pastoral services, after September 30, 1947, for the ensuing year.

Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

THE CRAGMONT LIBRARY

It has been quite some time since we said anything on the pages of the Baptist concerning our Cragmont library. I say "our" library because it belongs to all of us. I hope none of us have forgotten about it, nor failed to plan for its enlargement and betterment. To take care of the needs this library must have books for all age groups who visit or attend special sessions at Cragmont. Some worthy contributions of books have already been made. These are mostly for adults and are of historical, biographical, Christian fiction, Bible story type. The library is in need of good books for the young people's groups and for inspiration to women in auxiliary work, as well as books for ministers and laymen.

I trust that you will not put this aside and forget it. Let's make this library a success. I am very anxious also that we put special thought and efforts in our local church libraries. begin one where you have none, and build up the one you already have. From my observation these libraries have proven to be valuable. Please, let's supply wholesome, instructive books for our people, young and older.

Yours for better reading,
Mrs. M. A. Woodard,
First Vice-President,
State Aux. Convention

AN EASTER MESSAGE

(Continued from page seven)

who believe in the once crucified and risen Christ has been, and still is being manifested by the rapid growth of the various departments of our church life, for which we are very grateful. We rejoice in the fact that "we are labourer's together with God" for the promulgation of His Gospel through our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet there are, perhaps, many professed Christians who are spiritually dead, and who need the resurrection power applied. Jesus said to His disciples, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away." And again, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered" (John 15:

6a). We are enjoined to "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee life" (Eph. 5:14).

He has promised "because I live, ye shall live also." Let us then rejoice in the Lord, because "Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

May we take new hope, new courage, new faith and new inspiration, through our risen Lord, and go forth with new zeal to conquer in His name, and the power of God who will "raise our corruptible bodies and make them incorruptible, and change our vile bodies and make them like unto His glorious body, fit for His kingdom in the life beyond. Then we can say, "Thanks be to God," which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Not by appointment do we meet delight
Or joy; they heed not our expectancy;
But, 'round some corner of the streets of life,
They of a sudden greet us with a smile.

—Gerald Massey

WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN
WORKERS' INSTITUTE

You have wanted and have needed such a service as is soon to be rendered to you. From April 21 through May 2, at the Kilsyth Church, near Mt. Hope, West Virginia, this training service will be given by some of the able leaders of the Free Will Baptist denomination, namely:

Reverend John L. Welch will teach Bible Doctrine; Free Will Baptist Doctrine; and How to Prepare Gospel Messages.

Reverend Robert B. Crawford will teach World-Wide Missions; Personal Soul-winning; and Sunday School Administration.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier will teach Woman's Auxiliary, and Free Will Baptist League.

Only one dollar (\$1.00) registration fee will be charged, besides what you pay for room and board to the local church.

Please plan to attend, for this is a God-given opportunity for you. Write to Rev. Robert Doan, Crab Orchard, at once, and tell him you are planning to attend. Also write Brother Doan for further information needed.

ABIDING LOVE

Abiding Love! Oh how sweet,
'Tis music to our ears,
To know there's One who loves us
now,
And will through all the years.

It's wonderful for us to know
We're loved by mortal man;
But how much more for us to know
That Jesus loves us as no one else
can!

The love of man may prove untrue,
Breaking our heart into;
But the love of Christ of Galilee
Will for ever ring true.

His precious love will not grow cold,
With the passing of all the years;
Nor as lines appear upon our face,
Or as the silvery hair appears.

The love of Jesus, Oh how marvelous!
On Him we can ever depend;
His love will ever be the same,
We praise His dear Name!—Amen.
Mrs. Delsie I. Waters

HE LIVES ON HIGH

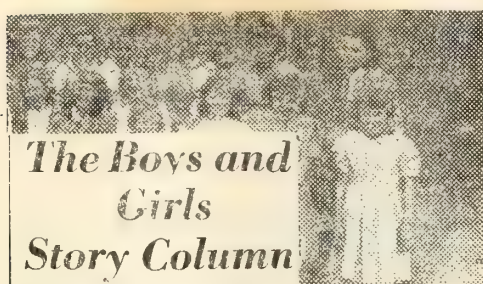
They nailed my Saviour on the cross,
They nailed Him there to die;
But praise His Name, He conquered
Death,
He lives to reign on High.

They sealed the stone and set a
watch,
Soldiers guarded the grave;
But praise the Lord, forever more,
He arose with power to save.

Glory to God in the Highest,
He's coming back again;
He's coming for His chosen Bride,
Who have suffered for His Name.

There'll be no more pain and sorrow,
There'll be no more tear-dimmed
eyes;
But all will be happy forever,
With Jesus who reigns on High.
—Venie M. Carney

Life is not so short but that there
is always enough time for courtesy.
—Emerson.



*The Boys and
Girls
Story Column*

JESUS' POWER OVER DEATH

Dear Young Friends,

When the Lord Jesus was living here on earth, He had some enemies who hated Him and wanted to kill Him. But no matter how often they tried, they could not kill Him before it was God's time for Him to die for our sins. The enemies would have stoned Jesus to death, or beat Him to death, but God did not want Him to die that way. It was God's plan for the Lord Jesus to be nailed to the Cross and die that way for our sins. His friends did not understand why He had to die; they loved Him and wanted Him to stay with them. But He told them He had to die so our sins could be forgiven. Your sins and my sins were nailed to Calvary's Cross.

When Jesus was nailed to the Cross and died there, then some kind friends took His Body from the Cross, and laid it in a tomb. He was there three days and three nights. On the third day He rose from the dead. His disciples could not understand this. They thought since He was dead and buried, He would remain in the tomb. Some of the disciples were going to another city. There were two of them. As they walked along, they talked about Jesus. Soon another person joined them. They did not know it was the Lord Jesus. They invited Him into their house for supper. When they had sat down to the table, and He had broken bread, they immediately knew it was Jesus. They were so happy that He had risen from the dead, that they hurried all the way back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples the good news! Jesus had power over death and over the grave that held Him.

The Roman soldiers tried to guard the tomb that Jesus was in so He could not get out. There is nothing on earth that could keep Jesus dead and in the tomb. He has Heavenly power for His power came from Heaven. He is God's Son. The disciples probably had not believed His words before about His rising from the dead. Now they saw Him! They saw His Body, they heard Him speak. They had seen the empty tomb and they knew it was He! It was because Jesus died and rose again that we, too, can have victory over death. When it is our time to go to be with the Lord Jesus, then we will be glad to go. We will not be afraid. We will have victory through our Lord Jesus Christ's death.—L. L. K.

OLD TIME REVIVAL

By Billy Melvin

Edgemont Church in Durham, N. C., has recently experienced a revival of "old time religion." It was of particular blessing to the youth of our church. The evangelist was the Reverend C. Vandenberg of Denver, Colorado. The church was spiritually revived and scores saved during the campaign.

Several weeks after the revival campaign, Reverend Mr. Vandenberg conducted a two weeks' Bible Conference, teaching the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Several came to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and the following young people dedicated their lives for definite Christian service: Clifton Ange, Earl H. Glenn, Curtis Ange, Billy Melvin, Dorothy Whaley, Louise Ferettina, Betty Whaley and Wanda Lou Gibbs. God has given us a real blessing here at Edgemont Church during these meetings.

Will you pray for us as we enter college next fall to prepare for service for Christ and our denomination?

There was one who thought himself above me, and he was above me until he had that thought.—Elbert Hubbard.

PROGRAM

of the

Sunday School Convention

of the

Eastern Conference of South Carolina

convening with

Muddy Creek Free Will Baptist Church

Hemingway, South Carolina

Saturday Before First Sunday

in April, 1947

—o—
Bro. J. G. Williams, Superintendent
Eld. G. W. Howell, Host Pastor
Mrs. H. C. Simmons, Secretary
— Sunday School Registration —
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PROCEDURE

- 9:30—Opening Song by congregation
- Scripture Lesson, Bro. J. G. Williams, Superintendent
- Prayer
- Welcome Address, Eld. G. W. Howell
- Response, Sister Lee Poston
- 10:00—Reorganization
- Appointment of Temporary Committees
- Minutes of last session read by Secretary
- Field Worker's report
- 10:20—Program by local Sunday School
- 11:00—Sermon on Orphanage Work by Eld. Carl Wright

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Reassemble
- Song by Choir
- Recitation and song from a boy or girl from each Sunday School represented
- 1:50—Reports of various Sunday School Superintendents, Orphanage funds turned in, etc.
- 3:15—Talk by Eld. T. A. Williams
- 3:30—Final business session
- Reports of Temporary Committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Petition for next Convention
- Return of thanks to host church
- Song and adjournment

S. A. Owens,
Floyd Jackson,
Gladys Richardson,
Program Committee

We should give as we would receive—cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation, for there is no grace in a gift that sticks to the fingers.—Seneca.

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Humility

O humble me! I cannot bide the joy
That in my Saviour's presence ever flows;
May I be lowly, lest it may destroy
The peace his childlike spirit ever knows.
I would not speak thy word, but by thee stand
While thou dost to thine erring children speak;
O help me but to keep his own command,
And in my strength to feel me ever weak;
Then in thy presence shall I humbly stay,
Nor lose the life of love he came to give;
And find at last the life, the truth, the way
To where with him by blessed servants live;
And walk forever in the path of truth—
A servant, yet a son; a sire and yet a youth.

—Jones Very

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Holiness must return. The Church of today is contemptuous of the preaching of holiness, and, naturally, is not much concerned about living it.

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The Fullness of the Spirit

Rev. William Culbertson, D. D.

In this sixtieth anniversary year of the school, and at this fortieth Founder's Week Conference, and during this twentieth year of broadcasting over facilities dedicated wholly to the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we are looking for unusual signs of the Lord's power.

In this hour of the world's need, in this moment of the Church's powerlessness and indecision, I think there is one message beyond all others for the children of God. It was the message on the heart of Dwight L. Moody, Reuben A. Torrey and James M. Gray—the message of the fullness of the Spirit of God.

It seems to me there's only one text to take: "Be not drunken with wine wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18, R.V.). Under God, I propose to speak simply on three points:

First, the need of the fullness of the Spirit; second, the evidence of the fullness of the Spirit; and third, the possibility of the fullness of the Spirit.

I think of this **need of the fullness of the Spirit** first of all as it attaches itself to the believer. May I make this supremely personal; may I say I think of the need of the fullness of the Spirit in my own life, and I trust you will make it just as personal to yourself—the need of the fullness of the Spirit of God for the individual believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I hardly think it's necessary for me to say that until the believer is filled with the Spirit of God, he's merely going through the motions of Christianity. We may be verbally correct and doctrinally accurate, but if we honestly face the condition of our souls today, many of us with bowed heads and blushing cheeks will have to say that practically we're disobedient, and morally we're poor, dreadfully poor. The great need is that our doctrine shall be tempered with life, and until the rapier of doctrine has been tempered by the fires of experience, it must remain an easily shattered sword.

I think of the condition of Christians today, of those who know what it means to be born of the Holy Spirit, who know the joy of sins forgiven because of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus. I wonder if you won't agree with me that often we try to hide our spiritual poverty by putting on a good fight. In the fires of conflict we think we're showing our loyalty to Christ, when actually there's a deep and dreadful poverty of spirituality in these hearts and lives of ours. I don't ask anyone to admit that openly, but I do ask that we admit it to God and get it right.

Belief in some doctrine is not enough. Until that belief has gotten down into our living, the belief is theoretical and therefore meaningless practically, and God never meant doctrine to be meaningless practically. I know some men who hold on to certain doctrines in the Word of God, who preach them with all their power, and yet their lives are spiritually empty.

I think I understand a bit about the dispensational teaching of the Word of God, and I want to say I grow heartily sick of those who give an excuse for their lack of missionary vision and endeavor the fact that the world is going to be evangelized by a group of Jews in the tribulation.

God open our eyes! If we really knew what is to go on in that tribulation, we'd never, never assign to them the thing we can do today. If I understand what the Scriptures say about the tribulation, only the power of God can enable them to do it. I know it will take the power of God for us to do it; but oh, how much easier for us to do it than for those living in that day.

I say, Away with these excuses. Don't tell me another person is wrong because he doesn't pronounce our shibboleths, when our hands are guilty of hatreds, or impurities, or the deeds of hell. Oh, the broken hearts, the pillows wet with tears taunted by professing Christians, professing fundamentalists.

I say we need the fullness of the Spirit of God for ourselves person-

ally. I need it; you need it, as an individual believer in the Lord Jesus. Oh, that we may have our ears so attuned to things spiritual that we can hear the sobbing heart of the Son of God.

The need of the fullness of the Spirit of God is seen not only in our own personal life, but in the corporate life of the Church. Look at the visible Church in her shame today—rendered impotent by Modernism and further emasculated by evangelical complacency.

With no word from God, she attempts to secure power by political pressure. Worldly wise, she scorns the simplicity of God's program, or else in the pampering of self she renders useless the truth she professes to know.

Her pews are fast emptying, her pulpits echo to the shallow rhetoric of unbelievers, and she tries to show the world the way to success. The ancient proverb, "Physician heal thyself," is relevant and pointed, and is pertinent right now. The Church needs to know in experience something of the fullness of the Spirit of God.

The need for the fullness of the Spirit of God is seen also in the world. The need for believers to be filled with the Spirit of God is intensified by the bleeding, broken humanity which lies before us.

If the world ever needed Christians filled with the Spirit of God it needs them now. I know there was callousness; I know there was brutality; I know there were heinous crimes committed in apostolic days, but after twenty centuries of the giving forth of the Word of God we find the same things cropping out.

Think with me in the second place of **the evidence of the fullness of the Spirit**. I wonder if right here many of us haven't gone astray. I wonder if we haven't emphasized the less important and minimized the most important.

In considering what it means to be filled with the Spirit of God, I confess there's a natural inclination to think that it is to be able to preach as Peter did on the Day of Pentecost. It means that all right, but it means something else before it means that,

if I understand the Word of God correctly. It's wonderful to do exploits, but I believe God has His demands if any man is going to do exploits.

And the evidence of the fullness of the Spirit of God is going to show in some other things before it shows in the spectacular things. Let's come right down where you and I live; let's get right down to our everyday life, our everyday walk. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Look first of all at Romans 1:4: "Who was declared to be"—and you know that refers to the Lord Jesus—He was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness." He is the Holy Spirit. I take it, therefore, that when the Holy Spirit fills the believer, the Spirit will produce holiness of life. Doesn't that follow logically? If the Spirit of holiness fills this life of mine, then what's going to be manifested in my life? Holiness. Why, that's so simple it's elementary.

As I read this blessed Book I find it has a great deal to say about holiness. The words holy, holiness, sanctify, sanctification, and such kindred words occur 841 times in the Old and New Testaments. There are some great and important doctrines that are mentioned only a few times. But when God talks about holiness of life, He multiplies the instances and the occurrences.

Oh, that we as evangelical Christians, as fundamentalists, would recognize that the Spirit of holiness is living in us to live out through us the very holiness of Christ.

What's the evidence of the fullness of the Holy Spirit? I'll tell you one evidence—holiness of life. I hope no one here is content with that degree of practical holiness which he has, under God, attained. Oh, that we would be given the vision of Job, of Isaiah, of Daniel, of John! Oh, that we would see God in all His holiness, and see how far short we have fallen.

Don't you see that while we remain complacent about sin, while we minimize the heinousness of sin, while we excuse by one way or another the acts of sin, the thoughts of sin, certainly we don't know what it means to be filled with the Holy

Spirit, because the fullness of the Spirit of God is going to mean holiness of life.

Look at another passage. Turn to John 14 and notice what our Lord said about the Holy Spirit, and how He emphasized it in this upper-room discourse, time after time. Look at verse 17: "Even the Spirit of truth." Read that discourse of our Lord's in chapters 13-16. See how often in referring to the Holy Spirit He used this very designation—the Spirit of truth.

I take it that means that when the Holy Spirit fills the individual Christian he is going always to tell and act the truth. He's going to be downright honest in every relation.

Are we honest with God; are we honest with our fellow Christians; are we honest with ourselves? The Spirit of God is the Spirit of truth. That means that everything about me is going to manifest honesty—what I say, what I do.

Look at something else. "Of how much sorer punishment, think ye, shall he be judged worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace." I take it that when you and I are filled with the Holy Spirit, we'll be gracious. Isn't that the rudimentary lesson that God wants us to know—that there'll be graciousness?

There's been dreadful failure in this respect in many quarters. How quick we are to flare up in what we call righteous indignation! Oh, that we would learn, if we have to speak against someone—if we are absolutely persuaded there's no alternative and that it's God's will for us to do the speaking—to speak the truth in love; that from a bleeding heart, we'd speak the truth.

Can you not think of acquaintances who have something of that exquisite sweetness of the Lord Jesus, who have been enough in His presence that the sweet perfume of His loveliness clings to them as you contact them, the benediction of heaven upon them—the Spirit of grace. I'm afraid that we need to learn something about the Spirit of grace.

Let us consider just one other evidence of the Spirit. "For the law of the Spirit of life" (Rom. 8:2). When the fullness of the Spirit of God is mine, everything that is dead is going to be shuffled off, and there is going to be life.

Haven't you found that some Christians communicate to you strength, life itself.

I think of a poor old Scotch woman back in my first pastorate, not much education as the world counts education, but I tell you she was educated; she knew God. You couldn't go out from the presence of that dear old lady without being stronger and purer and more courageous.

The fullness of the Spirit of God is going to mean there is life, and that life will be communicated, for "out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38, R. V.), said the Lord Jesus—the Spirit of God in the life of the believer.

These are some of the evidences of the Spirit of God. It's not just a matter of great preaching. It's not just a matter of giving a great Sunday school lesson. It's not just a matter of having a response to the invitation, as good as that is. But it comes right down first of all, in my judgment, to these everyday truths—that the Christian who is filled with the Spirit of God will live a pure life, an honest life, a gracious life, a life that strengthens, helps and blesses those who contact it.

One thing more—the possibility of the fullness of the Spirit of God. Why is it even necessary to mention the possibility? The New Testament is filled with it.

A band of men of varying degrees of native ability who were filled with the Spirit of God turned the world upside down in their generation. Certainly if you believe the New Testament, if you accept the Bible as the Word of God, I don't have to argue that it's possible. There's the demonstration of it, the example of it.

If that example seems far off, in the dim and distant past, then let's come up to date. During the past week I was reading again about David Brainerd. Here's a description of him by A. J. Gordon. You'll remember that Brainerd was in his late twenties.

"Now that man did the greatest work by prayer. He was in the depths of those forests alone, unable to speak the language of the Indians, but he spent whole days in prayer. What was he praying for? He knew that he could not reach these savages; he did not understand their language. If he wanted to speak at all, he must find somebody who could vaguely interpret his thoughts. Therefore, he knew that anything he might do must be absolutely dependent on the power of God, so he spent whole days praying simply that the power of the Holy Ghost might come upon him so unmistakably that these people should not be able to stand before him.

"What was the answer? Once he preached through a drunken interpreter, so the story goes, a man so intoxicated that he could scarcely stand up—it was the best he could do. Yet scores were converted through that sermon. We cannot account for it, only that it was the tremendous power of God behind him—a man filled with the Spirit of God."

Beloved, I believe that you and I as believers in Christ, who have prided ourselves on our orthodoxy, on our beliefs, need that touch of the Spirit of God. I believe there can never be this fullness in the life of any believer until there has been a confession of sin, and I believe that confession of sin includes contrition and restitution.

Let me read from the Word of God: "Having therefore these promises (the ones spoken of at the close of chapter 6), beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (II Cor. 7:1, R.V.).

"Let us cleanse ourselves." You and I are not able to provide the ground of that cleansing; we don't have to. The Lord Jesus shed His precious blood on Calvary for that cleansing. But you and I do have to provide the instrument by which this daily cleansing will be ours, and that instrument is confession, for I read: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

I believe if we are to know fellow-

ship with God—that fellowship with God that will make us live as we ought to live, that will make us the characters we should be, that will make us the servants of God we should be—we must confess sin, any sin that comes between us and God. We can't put a lid on it; we can't extenuate it; we can't in any way go on with God while that sin remains unconfessed and harbored in our hearts. "Let us cleanse ourselves." That's God's Word.

Do you remember how it's put in the book of Acts? "He made no distinction between us (the Jews) and them (the Gentiles), cleansing their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:9, R.V.). When by an act of faith in the Lord Jesus I claim that forgiveness of God for sin, there is fellowship, unbroken and complete, between me and a holy God.

To prove the validity of that confession, I think there ought to be some contrition. As I look into this cold heart of mine, if there's any sin above another sin that I see, it's the sin of hardness of heart—a heart that's unwilling to melt, eyes that are unwilling to cry.

I know we live in the Occident. I understand that the Western World prides itself on its ability to restrain its feelings, to be undemonstrative, but oh, that we might cry for the sins of the world! Somehow or other, I think we'd get farther; I think these hearts of ours wouldn't be so hard, so complacent.

But beyond that—to me this is absolutely necessary, and I don't think the reality of confession can be demonstrated to man apart from this—there is restitution. That's the proof that when I say, "I'm sorry," I really am.

When it's within our power to make right the thing we've done wrong, God help us to make it right! If we want the fullness of the Spirit of God, it begins right here—it doesn't end here.

There's a second thing that's absolutely necessary—consecration, yieldedness to God, surrender to the Lord. I wonder, Christians, as we face the issue right now between us and God, is there any controversy? Is there anything we are withholding from God?

I don't need to mention again the various departments of life, the various items that have to be surrendered. All has to be surrendered—our members are presented as instruments of righteousness unto God; these bodies are presented unto God, yielded as a living sacrifice.

You and I will never know the fullness of the Spirit of God until first of all there has been a confession, and then a consecration, a yielding to God of everything.

One thing more, for I don't think we've reached the end of it yet. I think there has to be a claiming. There has to be a daily walk of faith. There has to be a moment by moment entering into the thing that we're talking about.

When I've confessed and made right the sin, when in yieldedness to God—perhaps brought low in tears before Him in surrender—I arise and by faith claim what He offers me, then I'll know the fullness of the divine Spirit.

"As therefore ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him" (Col. 2:6, R.V.). You received Him, and you did it by faith; that's the way you walk in Him. There's no other way I know than a daily walk by faith, claiming God's Word, resting on His promises, and God will carry you through.

—Selected from Moody Monthly

NOTICE

All original manuscripts presented to the editor for publication in the Baptist paper must bear the names of the writers. Some have come in without signatures.—Editor.

Preparedness

For all your days prepare,
And meet them ever alike:
When you are the anvil, bear—
When you are the hammer, strike.
—Edwin Markham

Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.

THE REASON I AM A FREE WILL BAPTIST

This is the reason I am a Free Will Baptist. I meant to follow Christ when I grew up to be a man, for I did not want to make a mistake. I followed with a careful consideration, and I noticed that I was tracking right along with the Free Will Baptist doctrine. So, as I followed, I noticed all along to see if they differed anywhere. I followed on to where John baptized Christ in the river of Jordan, and I also saw where Christ said we had to be born of water and of the Spirit to enter heaven. I went a little further and saw how Paul explained baptism—as he told us to die to the sinful things of this world; then be buried in water as Christ was buried in the earth—so like as he was raised out of the earth we would be raised out of the water and be a new-born babe in Christ.

I followed a little further—saw where Christ washed his disciples' feet and told them they also ought to wash one another's feet—that they were not greater than He was neither was He greater than the one who sent him.

I noticed what Paul said about feet-washing. Paul told it to the church where he was instructing Timothy to support widows who were widows indeed—who did every good work and washed the saints' feet. I went back to John 13 and I read and re-read it and saw the meaning of it how Christ showing his love he had for his disciples and that was the way he wanted them to show their love for each other. He said by having that love all men would know that they were his disciples.

Dear people, we are not right with God if we don't love our church brother good enough to get down and wash his feet, and not just because it is a church ordinance, but simply because you have a spiritual love for him as a brother in Christ. Then, I notice by having this love we hate the sinful things we once loved. So I see plainly if we love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, we also love the brethren and are willing to do what Christ told us to

do. I thank the great Father of heaven that I know his Son Jesus the same way he showed Peter by the discerning of the Spirit.

I read where Judas fell away, and Christ said Peter would have fallen away if he had not prayed for him. He warns so particularly to watch lest we enter into temptation. In one place he says "Watch, lest he comes and finds us drinking with the drunkard." Ezekiel tells us if the righteous sin, they will be lost. The children of Israel fell away three and twenty thousand in one day. Dear people, it is pretty hard to keep from falling. In Christ's parable of the good seed, he said some of those that fell on the rock when they heard, received the word with joy which for a while but in time of temptation fall away. So he says, "Blessed are they that hold out faithful to the end. The same shall be saved."

He says He is the way and the door and there is not any other way under the heaven wherein we can be saved only by his blood. "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where will the sinner and ungodly appear?" I went on a little further and I found the Lord's table and he tells us to examine ourselves and so let him eat and he warns us about eating unworthily. So it is left up to you to be your own judge as to where you are worthy or not. So dear people, I don't know whether you are worthy or not, but do like he says do, examine yourselves is my advice and what the word says.

He died for the world, not just a part of it; it is to your own choice to follow him and live or reject him and die. He says, "choose ye this day whom you will serve."

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

B. E. Coxwell,

Woodville, Florida

The big things in life may be triumphs, but the little ones make it a pleasant journey.—Emerson

Always do what is right. You will gratify some people and surprise the rest.—Mark Twain.

ROCKINGHAM REVIVAL

Our revival meeting began at the Free Will Baptist church of Rockingham on March 2, and the services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Brooks of Concord, N. C. There was a large membership of the church that was re-dedicated, surrendering their lives anew unto the Lord. There were nine persons who made a profession of faith in Christ and united with the church.



J. J. BROOKS
Concord, North Carolina
Route 1

Reverend Brooks is a good preacher, and since the meeting closed there have been signs of the splendid effect of this meeting among many for the advancement of the church. There were many new tithers added to the church list. There were the young Christians who were seeking work to do for the glory of the Lord.

Our pastor, Rev. Walter Carter, has been with us for eleven years. The church has just recently raised his salary ten dollars per week above what he had been receiving. We are asking the prayers of the good Christian people for our success that we may continue to do the will of the Lord.

Delores Prevatte,
Rockingham, N. C.

Two men looked through prison bars,
One saw mud; the other stars.

—Elbert Hubbard

A BUNCH OF GOOD-FOR- NOTHING PROFESSORS

Eld. A. J. Jenkins,
McArthur, Ohio

The Scriptures make it clear that there are many good for nothing people in most all churches. Examine yourself by this information.

1. All church members without salvation, belong to this bunch, and cannot belong to God because they don't care to have salvation.

2. All persons who believe not the Truth as recorded in God's word are members of the bunch, good for nothing (spiritually speaking) for they are unbelievers.

3. All persons who spend all of their time talking about every thing else, and never testify to God's goodness.

4. All loafing professors belong to this bunch, because they never do anything for God or his people.

5. All misers who try to keep the first dollar they ever made, and cheat God out of one tenth of the income are good-for-nothings.

6. All classes of church members who do not use their influence for the glory of God, and the salvation of souls are good-for-nothings.

7. All professors who do not care enough for God to obey Him are the cheating good-for-nothing people.

8. All pretenders claiming to worship God, and do not love Him enough to obey His word, and be led by the Spirit, are good-for-nothings.

9. All self-righteous persons who care more for self, and disregard the duty they owe God, are good-for-nothings.

10. All empty of the Holy Spirit are good for nothing in the Christian service to honor God.

11. All professing religionists who squeeze the dollar, and give the nickel are cheap good-for-nothings.

12. All good-natured professing church members who sit idly around, and let the other members do all the work, are loafing good-for-nothings.

13. All stylish and proud professors who spend more time polishing up with powder and rouge, than they do praying, are good-for-nothings.

14. All worshipping church mem-

bers, who know everybody's business but their own, are busy bodies and good-for-nothings.

15. All good-for-nothings in all churches would do well, and the ones left in the church would have good associates, if the good-for-nothings would all get out and stay out.

HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS

It is with pleasure and praise that I endorse and endeavor to advertise one of the best books I have ever seen. The writer of the book, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, one of our missionaries to India, has done a most noble work in treating the scripture concerning the Great Commission. Much is given of the place of labor by the apostles; those who followed them; and the work of Christ through other individuals up to the present Christians at work in different fields.

The book is divided as to adapt its contents to use for every department of our denominational work. It is a work on missions, but is most suited to every cardinal doctrine of the Bible as a commentary. The book is for you—you can use it—the Lord calls you to read it. Order it today—Reverend Winford Davis, 205 Fifth Street, Monett, Missouri. The price is \$2 for each copy.

Robert B. Crawford,
Executive Secretary,
National Association of
Free Will Baptists

PICTURES!

Rev. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, N. C., came to see us Friday afternoon, February 28, and brought along with him his camera. While here he took pictures of the men working on the chapel, children coming from school and pictures of other objects and things of interest on and about the campus.

Friday night after supper we were called in to see some pictures that Mr. Griffin had taken some time before. He showed us some pictures that were taken some time ago and pictures of some of the Free Will Baptist Churches of the state and of

the Press in Ayden, and of the Bible School of Nashville, Tenn. He also showed us a film of Cragmont; this was of much interest to the older ones that have heard Cragmont spoken about so much but have never seen it.

Mr. Griffin, we enjoyed all the pictures and want you to hurry back to see us. We also hope you didn't break your camera taking pictures of us. When they are developed we would like to see them.

(Clipped from the Young People's Friend, Editorial.)

ON THE WAY TO INDIA

For weeks we have been expecting and hoping to leave for India. It is hard to submit to the will of God. However, it is sometimes even more difficult to wait until the Lord opens the way.

As I write this brief note, we are waiting for our train to New York where we will embark on the steamer, Sir John Franklin, for Bombay. The date of sailing has been changed four times. The sailing date is now Wednesday, April 9.

We feel that your prayers have opened the door to India. Due to the civil war, and the change of viceroy's permits to enter India are very difficult to obtain.

The people have been most kind in their response to the equipment fund. Over twenty-six hundred dollars have been given for the fund, and for our other needs. Most of the equipment will become property of the Mission Station. Several have sent gifts, both of money and presents to Miss Laura Belle Barnard. We are indeed glad to carry these to one who has served so faithfully the cause of Christ for our denomination in the land of India.

We trust that the saying, "out of sight—out of mind," will not hold in our case. We stand much in need of your continual prayers. We will send accounts of our trip over to the Baptist paper, week by week. May God's Holy Spirit ever guide each of you into ever increasing fields of usefulness.

Paul Woolsey

A WORD ABOUT CRAGMONT

Dear Co-Workers:

Again we bring you news from Cragmont. We are grateful to you who have made Cragmont Assembly, Incorporated, what it is. Truly anyone who has supported the work in any way, financially or prayerfully or laboriously, can assume some credit of the pride of Free Will Baptists. We are grateful to you.

The year 1946, Free Will Baptists of North Carolina raised close to \$18,000.00, and in order to meet their goal of furnishings and repairing of buildings, they were forced to borrow \$8,000.00 from the Church Finance Association, Incorporated, who so willingly made the loan. It is good to have an organization of this kind to assist us. Of the \$8,000 we had a note for \$1,800.00 coming due March 18th. We are happy to say that we had funds to care for the note this year. The stockholders, at their meeting in January, pledged to raise \$100.00 each toward this payment. Many of them found good sources and raised theirs with little or no trouble, while others have not. Perhaps your church has been asked to assist in this, and time has not permitted thus far, but will you give this some consideration, please?

It is our plan soon to list the stockholders in the Baptist who have turned in their full one-hundred dollar pledges. If you are a stockholder or a friend of a stockholder, won't you get busy and let's make the pledges 100% for Cragmont. Thank you.

Next year, March 18th, another note will come due. How about your church doing as some others I know; take some method of raising funds toward this note for next year, and when called on or announced through the Baptist, have it ready. We may ask each church and organization for a certain amount, and let all organizations share alike in this work. Let's be thinking about these things. This is your work and it is for the Lord.

Working for the Institutes

There may be some who would like to assist us in the work during the

Assemblies there. We can work some different crews for each assembly. However, if possible, we need some help for the full three months of June, July and August. We need one Registered Nurse, one dietitian, one cook, one assistant cook, one dish washer, and three waitresses. If interested you may apply to Cragmont Assembly, Inc. You may still have a chance. All applications will have due consideration.

Blanket Campaign

The women of North Carolina are sponsoring a **Blanket Drive** for this year. You who were at Cragmont last year remember how bundlesome it was to carry your bed clothes. We are hoping to avoid at least taking the pillow and blankets this year. So far, our Women's Auxiliaries have promised 32 but we need 150, at least two for each bed; because it is cold in the mountains at night, even in the summer. We are expecting each auxiliary convention to handle this. Mrs. R. P. Harris and Mrs. J. C. Griffin are pushing this drive and we greatly appreciate the effort.

Your Business Manager-Treas.,

J. Albert Harris

 WHITE HARVEST FIELDS

Rev. Rufus Hyman

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."—John 4:35.

We find Jesus addressing His disciples on the subject of the harvest fields in Samaria. In this biblical story, the town of Sychar was ripe for the Gospel of our Lord. Many souls were saved while Jesus was in the midst of Samaria.

The greatest harvest today is that of men, boys and girls. Reader, have you tried to bring someone to Jesus; some persons who are lost in sin? If you have won someone to Jesus, you know the joy of soul winning.

Jesus says, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields." Are we looking on the fields today as we should? Millions in the United States, and in the rest of the world, for that matter, are we waiting for Christian workers to preach the gospel to

them? In the United States a very small percent of the people attend religious services each Sunday. If the churches were true to God, we would bring many to Christ. Think of those who have been driven away from the church by some unkind word! Some of them would be in the fold but someone doubtless drove them away by a church row, or by some crooked deal which caused them to lose confidence in the church.

A certain business man in one of our towns told me that a church rangle several years ago drove him out of the church, and today he is a man living in sin.

The fields are white everywhere: in China, India, Japan, Africa, Cuba, and in all the other Latin American countries. The people are longing for the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. They want to know the way of salvation. In short, we all know that the fields are white unto harvest in these United States. I want to call your attention to our towns and cities in the South especially. We could put churches in them if we had the gospel vision for a lost world. In many of the large towns the true gospel is greatly needed, for it is not preached as it should be unto the people. Modernism has taken the day with a great many ministers and church people. But the people are not responsible.

Gospel ministers and Christian workers, please look into the towns near you and see how we do need churches to reach thousands who are not being reached with the pure and simple gospel of the Lord Jesus. Here in southeast Alabama we have large towns, and small ones too, and there are not any Free Will Baptist churches in them. This section is fast becoming an industrial section, and our church should get busy and see if we can establish churches in these towns. Pray that God might call laborers into this vineyard. We know we have men that God would call if they would answer the call. We have first conversions, and when one is truly saved and filled with the Holy Spirit that person is like Saul of Tarsus, who when found by Jesus, said, "Lord, what will thou have me

to do?" They are like Saul: they are ready to preach the gospel.

Reader, have you said, "Lord, here am I; send me." Some will not be called to take the gospel message but they are called to support the preachers and missionaries. They must be supported in order to be able to carry God's word. Then there are other expenses connected with the gospel, and that is the building of churches, and the establishment of church schools and mission schools in the mission fields.

May the Lord raise up messengers everywhere is my prayer.

THE BEAUFORT CHURCH PROGRESSING

Two years ago this Easter Sunday the Building Fund for the Beaufort Church was started with a free-will offering. We are looking forward to the day when we can have a new building in which to worship the Lord. The present old building is dilapidated badly and is totally unfitted for the needs for worship.

Thus far this movement has been successful beyond our expectations. The first primary results have been a closer united membership of the church, with a common goal to strive for the erection of a new building as soon as possible. Today we held the first service in the new building, even if without roof and the walls only about half way up. On the sub floor we held an impressive sunrise service, which was a service of humility and thanksgiving to the Lord. Of course, we realize that the task is only in the beginning, and many dark days and trials lie ahead but with one purpose we will move forward in faith, even if the burden is heavy. We still have that unwavering vision of the Beaufort F. W. B. Church of tomorrow.

In order that our brethren may understand more fully the task which we have undertaken I will say that the cost of this building will amount to \$150 or more for each member on the church roll. Some of our friends will say that this program is too great. Oh how I do wish that I could convey to you the real problem that we are facing. But for generations

past Beaufort has been just a quiet, easy-going fishing town with the population remaining almost the same for sometime. Then suddenly with the coming of military bases, and new industries, Beaufort suddenly became a thriving and a growing small city. The population has almost doubled now, and with an old church building, made it necessary that we do something about it. It is totally inadequate now for our needs. In Sunday School this morning we were faced with the problem of taking care of six classes, a total attendance of 120 in the church auditorium, which is about 24 by 40 feet in area. This is why we trust our brethren will appreciate fully our movement to have a new building.

Many of our members here have and are still making great sacrifices in order to have this new church building completed in the near future. Many of our friends in this State have told us that they want to help in this great work, when we were ready to start the construction on the building. I am taking this method, therefore, to inform them that the construction has begun, and that now the walls are nearly half up with the window frames installed in their places. Now is the time for our friends to give us their help, and the need is urgent so that we can be able to soon close in our building from the weather. We do assure you that your offering will be greatly appreciated, and will be wisely used for the Master's cause. I wish we could stop to consider the results if every Free Will Baptist would give even one dollar to each congregation erecting a church building in order that we and others would be able to take our place in the religious life of our communities. Think of it, friends, and help us to soon have our church building completed for the glory of God.

We are trusting that we have not bored you with our problem, and assuring everyone of you that we do appreciate your gifts for this most worthy cause. May we have your prayers and interest in the great work for the Lord.

John T. Taylor, Chairman,
Building Committee,
Beaufort, North Carolina

GOD'S GIFT STILL WAITS FOR YOU

By J. Grady Stone
Cullman, Ala.

Christ went, in meek submission, to
Golgotha's brow,—
The broken law's demand must needs
be met, somehow;
So God's compassion for despondent,
dying men
Sent Christ, His only Son, to conquer
death and sin!

The blood our Saviour shed upon the
cruel Cross
Was not a sacrifice in vain, an empty
loss;
His precious blood will hide, and blot
out every sin,
For those who trust His love, and not
the ways of men.

Dear dying sinner, yonder at the rug-
ged Cross
Is life, sweet peace, and grace to cover
all thy dross!
Why, then, keep spurning God's great
matchless gift, so free,
Since, thru the ages, it has waited
there for thee?

SPECIAL NOTICE

Since inquiries have come to the editor, requesting to know where or to whom mission money for the State of North Carolina should be sent, he is advising those interested to mail their mission money to: Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, North Carolina. He is the treasurer of the North Carolina Mission Board. He in turn sends, at different intervals, mission money sent to him to the National Treasurer of the National Mission Board.

No one in the State should send direct to the National Treasurer mission funds, because, in so-doing, the State Treasurer cannot have a record of such funds sent direct to the National Treasury, nor would the State get credit for it on the State Treasurer's records. It has been requested, therefore, that everyone send direct to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, North Carolina, all mission funds for the mission work.—Editor.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

Mrs. Alice
E. Lupton
Editor
612 New St.
New Bern, N. C.

REPORT OF YOUR FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

I wish to express greetings in the name of our Master. It is with great joy that I come to you with another report from the field. I have just returned from Missouri where I visited last year. Their association stood in great need of assistance in the mission work, and also evangelistic work. Brother Archie Cooper is still the pastor of our New Harmony Church, and he has served it for a number of years. We enjoyed our work with Brother Cooper, and we are trusting that the good Lord will let him live a long time yet to preach His precious Word. This is the church in which I organized the first missionary society in the State of Missouri, 33 years ago. At that time they had 30 members, and I am glad to report that they organized an auxiliary while I was there. These noble women have been doing a wonderful work under the head of the old "mission work." Sister Alta Mikel is quite a leading character in the church. She was licensed to preach last fall at the association, and is doing a wonderful work. She is one hundred percent for the full program of our church. The few days that we were in the neighborhood, I made my home with Brother and Sister Mikel, and we visited every home we could get to, and all of the services were very good. We had nine converted. Then we visited Brother Buster's church at Hazel Creek Union, and the two services there were really evangelistic. A man and his wife came to the altar and were gloriously saved.

The people like Brother Buster for he is doing a good work. He is one of our Illinois preachers who has slipped into Missouri. It was our privilege to meet with Brother Dobber again, the former pastor of the Hazel Creek Church. All of these dear pastors have done a great work. Let us

join them in prayer for a great revival in their association. I next visited Flat River and Franklinton. Brother Zinn is pastor in Flat River, but Franklinton is without a pastor at this time. While there we had precious services, and it is like going home to visit both of these churches. Brother Zinn has done a splendid work at both places. I also saw Brother S. A. Hand and Bro. Alvin Halbrook, and John Rogers and Woodrow Matthews. All of them are fine men of God.

I left Franklinton on Thursday night after the service, and reached my home town in Huntsville, Texas, Friday night at nine o'clock. Brother and Sister Miller met me with a cheery smile, and a good report. God certainly led Brother Miller to Huntsville. They have a nice building which is about completed now, and they are worshipping in it. So far they have paid as they have gone on the work. My precious Sister in the flesh, Mrs. Kate McMillion, donated the lot for the church and numbers of others have donated toward the erection of the building. I was with them from Sunday until Wednesday night. On Monday night we were made very happy to have Brother Fort from Bryan to come over and he brought a number of his young people with him. Among the group were two fine young ministers. We wanted to stay longer with those dear people, but our dear companion was not well, and it was necessary for me to return home. Please pray with me that he may be strong again.

Our tour was wonderful, only two things hindered: the bad weather and the "Flu." God was so good during the few nights of the services. One precious soul was saved, and others were made stronger in the faith. Sister Franklin came for one service and I greatly rejoiced to meet her again. She is a dear soldier of the cross. I failed to mention on my way through Missouri that I met Sister

Edwards, our National President of our Auxiliary, who has been very ill but is up again. Let us all remember her in our prayers. I had at least an hour's visit with her, and she is very interested in our auxiliary work.

Now, dear co-workers, as our convention is drawing near, let us pray much, for it is the time to elect new officers this time. Let us stress also our Co-Laborer Band plan. Our week of prayer is here and let us all hope and pray for good results. With prayers and best wishes to all of our kindred in the Lord, I remain yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams

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AUXILIARY REPORT

Please publish the following report of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church for the year 1946.

Bal. on hand March, 1946	---\$ 14.90
Dues collected	----- 29.10
Cards sold	----- 18.20
Furniture cream sold	----- 5.64
Donations	----- 91.45

Total	-----\$159.29
Disbursements	----- 142.03

Balance in Treasury	-----\$ 17.26
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Disbursements

Home Missions	-----\$ 5.00
Foreign Missions	----- 10.00
Flowers for sick and funerals	----- 9.00
Orphanage	----- 60.00
Donations to Cragmont	----- 12.50
Donations to needy	----- 11.50
Superannuation	----- 3.20
Religious Tracts	----- 2.00
Co-Labor Band	----- 24.00
Other expenses	----- 4.83

March, 1947, Total	-----\$143.03
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There was reported for the year 1,070 sick visits, 1,839 chapters read in the Bible, 179 cards sent, 183 flowers to sick, 159 trays, 61 funeral designs and 29 quarts of milk given away.

Mrs. Kathleen Pipkin, Pres.,

Mrs. Elton Jackson, Secy.,

Mrs. Matthew Hayes, Treas.

YEARLY REPORT OF AUXILIARY AT GUM NECK, N. C., FOR 1946

Dues paid in -----\$ 52.97
Assessments and articles sold 181.77

Making a total of -----\$234.74

Paid Out

For Adopted Boy -----\$ 76.00
For Foreign Missions ----- 10.00
For Home Missions ----- 22.12
On Parsonage ----- 105.62
For Christian Education ---- 5.00
For Superannuation ----- 5.00
For Orphanage Home ----- 5.75

Total paid out -----\$222.37

Leaving a balance in Treas-
ury of -----\$12.37

Chapters read -----1,113
Sick visits ----- 173
Trays sent to sick ----- 42
Flowers ----- 20
Members on roll ----- 26
New members ----- 1

Minutes of March, 1947

Meeting opened by song, "Count Your Blessings." Scripture reading by Mrs. Thelma Basnight. Prayer by Mrs. Clara Parish.

Topic 1 read by Mrs. Amanda Parish.

Topic 2 read by Mrs. Addie Weatherly.

Topic 3 read by Mrs. Sade Sawyer.

Topic 4 read by Mrs. Lee Cahoon.

Sentence prayer by the Aid.

Members present -----16
Collection of dues -----\$ 5.00
Bank opened for Orphanage - 3.85
Money paid in for cards ----- 1.00
Books sold ----- 3.00
Apron sent in and patches
took off with amount of --- 6.65
Other Collection ----- 5.00

Total collection -----\$24.50

Paid out for fruit for the sick \$ 1.00

Paid on books ----- 1.00

Sent to the Orphanage ----- 20.15

Total paid out -----\$22.15

Leaving a balance now in the
treasury of -----\$17.42

Chapters read, 137; Trays given,
10; Flowers, 1; Sick visits, 25.

Most all of our members are true workers. We are having good neighbor meetings every two weeks at some members house. We have these meetings to try to raise money to build our church. These meetings are very interesting. After we talk our problems over the hostess serves very tasty refreshments.

We ask the Christian people to pray that we might make a success, and that another year will not go by without a F. W. B. Church being built at Gum Neck.

Mrs. John A. Sawyer,

Assistant Secretary

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ROSE OF SHARON

The yearly meeting of our auxiliary was held in the home of Mrs. M. S. Cowan on February 28, 1947, with fourteen members and three visitors present for this meeting. Our annual report is as follows:

Number of Bible chapters read 1,685
Number of sick visits made --- 646
Quarts of milk given to needy 1,081
Trays taken to the sick ----- 27
Convalescent cards sent ----- 4
Flowers taken to the sick ----- 22
Number of funeral designs --- 6

Financial Report

Balance brought forward from
1945 -----\$ 65.90
Dues collected ----- 24.95
Birthday offerings ----- 3.65
Contributions by visitors --- 0.55
Free-will offering ----- 40.10
Total -----\$135.15

Disbursements

Spent for light fixtures -----\$ 78.62
Sent to the orphanage ----- 10.00
Spent for flowers ----- 9.00
Program books ----- 4.31
Oil for the church ----- 2.50
To the convention ----- 2.00
For missions ----- 10.00

Total -----\$116.43

Balance in the treasury -----\$18.72

Mrs. Bessie Cowan, Secretary

HIGH-LIGHTS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF N. C. WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

A meeting of the executive board of North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention was called to meet on April 8th at the Press in Ayden, N. C. We had a splendid attendance with 10 members present, and one visitor, Rev. E. G. Holland.

The program for the State Auxiliary Convention, which meets May 22nd with the Edgemont Church in Durham, was approved. The program for the Woman's Conference at Cragmont the week of August 18-25th was presented and accepted.

The following petitions endorsed by the several district Conventions were presented and approved: "That the State Auxiliary Convention First Vice-President prepare a program based on the Last Week of the Life of Christ for use in our Week of Prayer preceding Easter of the Year 1947." "That the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention petition the National Convention to allow the Free Will Baptist Presses at Monett, Mo., and Ayden, N. C., to publish and distribute the Year Book and all other Woman's Auxiliary Literature."

It was further decided to have the treasurers' books for the year 1946-1947 and years to follow audited before each State Auxiliary Convention convenes.

(Sent in under direction of the State President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin.)

That Marvelous Book

That marvelous Book, the Bible, is still "the Word of God" that liveth and abideth forever. And all the enemies of yesteryears and nowadays have not extinguished one spark of its holy fire, nor diluted one drop of its honey, nor torn one hole in its beautiful vesture, nor broken one string on its thousand-string harp, nor weakened its vitality by one pulse beat, nor shortened its march of triumph by one step. Today this Bible walks more bypaths and travels more highways and knocks at more doors and speaks to more people in their mother tongue than any other book this world has ever known, or ever will know.—Dr. Robert G. Lee, from "Christian Faith and Life."

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

NATIONAL GLORY AND DECAY

(Lesson for April 27)

Lesson: I Kings 3:5-9; 5:13-16; 11:4-9.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Prov. 3:5).

Why, then, does our daily text admonish against dependence upon human understanding? There are almost unlimited answers to that question; let us catalogue just a few.

"Pure" reason is not a dependable guide, because it is seldom, if ever, pure! All our personal observations are tintured and slanted by our individual prejudices, and the best of us can stare a fact in the eye for years and never integrate that fact into our plan of thinking. Our personal theories are generally case hardened to the point where proof to the contrary merely bounces off, and we believe what we want to be so instead of what truly is! As an illustration, consider the theory of organic evolution. Every scientific fact discovered in the past fifty years is either a complete refutation of organic evolution or can be theoretically built into the structure of the philosophy of specific creation with more readiness and ease than it can be used by evolutionists. Yet our text books crawl with evolutionary slime, seventy per cent of our teachers are so ignorant of the facts at issue they teach evolution, and a monument to intelligence like the Encyclopedia Britannica is twenty-five years out of date when it comes off the press! It may be wise to pause occasionally and repeat Huxley's famed statement: "It is a major tragedy that a great theory

But you can lean on the Lord, and trust Him with the weight of your whole heart! I know that your heart is sometimes heavy, but the heavier

it is, the greater the joy in leaning upon God. Unlimited in power and boundless in love, the universe has sought of humanism, semi-sane schools of "mental improvement," courses of study designed to help you to "know yourself!" are just so much chaff of mental maelstroms. **Get hold of God** and never let go, and you will have an anchor and a stay from which you will never slip and that cannot fail. Here is true wisdom: **"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart."**

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The Lord is fully able to fulfill every offer He has ever made to man (I Kings 3:5).

2. It is good to recognize God's greatness and mercy, and our dependence upon Him, when we go to prayer (vs. 6).

3. Over against the infinite wisdom of God all our knowledge is but like that of a little child (vs. 7).

4. When God thrusts great responsibilities upon us He is always ready to enable us to bear them (vss. 8, 9).

5. It is better to ask for qualities that will make us helpful to others than for things that will merely enrich us (vs. 9).

6. A plurality of wives in the same home has always been the occasion for trouble of some kind (11:4).

7. Ungodly wives have often turned their husbands away from the Lord (vss. 4, 5).

8. A man may begin by making allowances for someone's false religion, and end up by embracing it (vss. 4-9).

9. A Godly father is no guarantee that his son will be like him (vs. 6).

10. The Lord is displeased with everything that turns the hearts of men away from Him (vs. 9).

11. Please consult our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies for helps on this lesson. Let us bring our lesson up-to-date. How many religious denominations, once noted for evangelical orthodoxy and fervor, have in recent years, turned to worldliness and Modernism, and now are spiritually dead like Solomon in his later years.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

The Poisonous "Orchid"

Several years ago a famous botanist was hunting orchids in the South American jungles. One day, to his amazement and delight, an Indian brought him an assortment of about 100 specimens. He was overjoyed. One, especially, attracted his attention. He had never seen an orchid so uniquely beautiful before. He picked it up to examine it more closely in the dim light of the jewel-like spots on its petal began to move. The botanist hurled it, horrified, to the ground; it was a **peculiarly rare poisonous snake!**

Beauty and danger are frequently found together. The very fact that some poisonous snakes are beautiful proves the point. Satan bates his hooks well. An attractive woman—as the world judges charm—may be as dangerous as a reptile, if she is Satan's, not God's, instrument.

The world makes its "glory" attractive to the eye (comp. I John 2:15-17 but it holds a deadly poison, for the "world" is the enemy of God (James 4:4). The modern theater, the movies, the dance, the lights and music of the night club—all are illustrations of the fact that the deadly poison of the viper may be combined with rapturous beauty. Sin rarely comes in its own, inherent ugly form; it arrays itself, as Satan himself, in garments of rare beauty. —Christian Victory Magazine.

ALL I HAVE

By Mrs. Milton J. Scripture
I do not have a lunch, dear Lord,
Nor any gift to bring;
But if You used that bread and fish,
You can use anything.
So I will give You all I have;
My hands, my feet, my heart;
Whatever I can do or say,
Take all I have, not part.

From: Gospel Herald

Think of it! The greatest man or woman is 90% just like yourself.—
B. C. Forbes

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Pictures Going Well

Many compliments are made to us concerning the pictures shown by our new projector. "Good Tidings and the Door to Heaven," are really inspiring," says Rev. R. C. Kennedy, Beulaville, N. C.

"Cragmont Assembly, Inc., the Orphanage and Bible School and your religious pictures are O. K.," says Rev. S. A. Smith, Beulaville, N. C.

"The pictures are inspiring," said Rev. E. G. Holland. Many have said after seeing them, "Preacher, I enjoyed the pictures."

At one place we had five to ask for prayer after seeing the pictures. At another we had three to go to an altar, and later one of these made a grand confession of faith in Christ. At another, several went forward asking for prayer that they might be soul winners and help others to go through the door to heaven. "The Door to Heaven," is the title of one picture.

God is blessing and arrangements are being made in as many churches at the present as I can get to, and attend to my regular churches as pastor.

Against the Theater

"Aren't you against pictures, or the shows?" said a good friend of mine. "No, I am not against the motion picture industry as an institution. It could have been the greatest medium of Christian education in the world, if used by God's people. The ordinary motion picture is produced by adulterers and adultresses along with infidels, and they are usually run by ungodly men, with some exceptions, of course. The pictures that I show are produced by consecrated Christians, and they are shown by a Child of God. There is no comparison."

Good Tidings

The picture "Good Tidings," is an unusual picture-expression of Isaiah 52:7; "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings . . ." It is a call for

increased earnestness in carrying the good news of salvation to the lost.

"The Door to Heaven"

Mr. Baptisto, the producer says, "The Door to Heaven, setting forth the Scriptural teaching that Heaven is entered by "one door and only one," is a film in a simple, convincing manner, which upsets all man's hopes of entering by some other way. Already it has opened the door to Heaven to scores of people, young and old."

CRADLE TO THE GRAVE

Oh, weary traveler on the road of time,

Many are the fountains you will find;
So, won't you stop and drink of God's praise,

His water will rid your soul of sin and grief,

And fill your heart with true belief,
While on your journey from the cradle to the grave.

Dave Collins

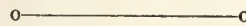
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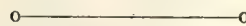


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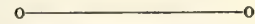
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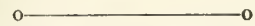
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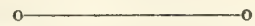
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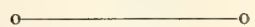
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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

GLISSON. On March 5, 1947, God saw fit to call to his heavenly reward my loving Uncle, Henry Glisson, who was 60 years old. He was sick for three months before his death.

Uncle Henry was a true and a faithful member of Sweet Gum Grove Church, and was kind to everyone he met. We hated to give him up, but God wanted another angel in his heavenly band. We miss him in the home but we feel like he is resting in the arms of Jesus, where there will be no sickness or sorrow, only Joy and peace.

He leaves a wife and six children, two girls and four boys; one sister and two brothers. His funeral was conducted by Rev. D. W. Alexander at the home, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery near the home, beneath some beautiful flowers.

—Written by his Niece,

Mrs. Ernest Bullock.

JONES. On February 19, the death angel visited our home, and took from us our Father, Lewis Nelson Jones, age 67. He was a loving Father, kind and true to everyone.

Father had been a faithful member and deacon of Piny Grove Church for many years. He also taught the children to love the Bible and to believe in its word. We miss him but God knows best, and called him home to glory. He closed his eyes in death and thus his life journey was ended. Now he is resting in peace with the great heavenly Father.

He left his wife, Sarah Harper Jones, and seven children: Andrew Jones and Myrtle Wiley, and Verdie Mae Evans of Kinston, N. C., Jim Jones of Warsaw, Major Jones of Kenansville, N. C., Bonnie Deaver and Julia Hill of Deep Run, N. C., and 21 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

The funeral services were conducted in the home by Rev. R. C. Kennedy, and the body was laid to rest in the family cemetery near the home. The love of his friends was shown by the beautiful flowers that covered his grave.

We know our Father has done his part,
And since he left us, it has broken our heart,

But just the same the Lord knows best,
We know he's not suffering, he's at rest.

Though his place is vacant in our home,
Yet we hope to meet him in that heavenly Home.

We thank our Lord for friends and flowers,
His will be done forever, and not ours.

—Written by his loving daughter,
Bonnie Adell Deaver.

ASKEW. On March 25, 1947, God saw it best to call from the home of Edgar Askew, near Ahoskie, North Carolina, the companion and Mother, Cecil Askew.

She was 84 years old and able to stay up until death came to her. She had been a member of Hickory Chapel F. W. B. Church since her girlhood days. She was united in marriage fifty-three years ago, and as a wife she was an ideal woman, ever making the home peaceful and happy. As a Mother she was a model, one like the world needs today. She was kind and understanding. As a neighbor she was a friend indeed, always ready to serve those standing in need of help.

She never made the show that some counts greatness, but lived that daily Christlike life which makes any community better to live in. The last tribute of respect showed the high appreciation of her noble life.

She leaves to mourn their loss a devoted husband, two noble sons, two grandchildren, two brothers, and host of other relatives and friends.

—Written by Bettie Tinkham.

IN MEMORIAM

This is written in memory of Harold Bolin who was accidentally killed on April 10, 1945.

Two long years have passed and gone,
Since our dear son was called home
To live with Christ around the throne,
And with all our loved ones gone on before.

We who have known and loved him and
whose
Passing has brought many sad hearts,
Will ever cherish his memory always,
Although he had to part.

He bade no one a parting farewell,
Nor said good-bye to anyone;
His gracious mind had ceased to act,
And he passed just at the rising sun.

Our hearts still ache with sadness,
And our eyes have shed many tears;
But God only knows how we miss him
All during these passing years.

He leaves us to mourn but not for long,

Program

Theme: Church Schools—"Go Ye!"

Text: "Go ye therefore and teach . . . all things" (Matt. 28:19-20)

Song: "To the Work"

REV. BOB WOOLEY, Music Director

- 9:30—Registration (Convention Officers' Conference)
- 9:45—Opening Assembly, Congregational singing
- 10:00—Devotions "Systematic Prayer," Clarence Vinson, Superintendent of Reedy Branch Sunday School
- 10:15—President's Message
- 10:25—Introductory Business Session: Selection of temporary committees, reports of convention officers, etc.
- 11:05—1947 Sessions—Sunday School Institute—"Go Ye", Rev. R. P. Harris, Director
- 11:15—Special Music, Miss Gladys Hines and Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr., of Winterville and Elm Grove Sunday Schools
- 11:20—Congregational Singing
- 11:30—Worship Service, Convention Message: "Church Schools—"Go Ye!", Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
- 12:00—Lunch and Social Recreation
- 1:00—Congregational Singing
- 1:10—Devotions: "Systematic Giving," (1 Cor. 16:2), Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- 1:20—Panel Discussion: "Advantages of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention's Monthly Plan for Supporting Denominational Enterprises." Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Moderator; Rev. J. Albert Harris, Cragmont; Rev. M. L. Johnson, Church Finance Association and Superannuation; Rev. J. A. Evans, Orphanage; Rev. C. L. Patrick, Christian Education; Rev. J. W. Alford, Missions. H. J. Corbett and James Taylor, Superintendents of Micro and Rocky Mount Sunday Schools, representing the Sunday Schools of the state. Delegates and visitors will also be given an opportunity to participate.
- 2:10—Final Business Session: Reports of Temporary Committees, Motions, Resolutions, Election of Officers, etc.
- 3:15—Installation of New Officers, by Rev. J. C. Griffin
- 3:25—Hymn: "Blest be the Tie"
- 3:30—Benediction

Because we also have an eternal Home;
After our work is here forever through,
If for our Saviour we live true.

—Written by his Mother,
Mrs. Myrtle Bolin, Slocumb, Ala.

NICHOLS. On April 17, 1946, God saw fit to call to his heavenly reward our dear Brother, William Nichols. He was 63 years old. He was a faithful member of Marsh Swamp Church as long as he was able to attend. He had been sick for several years, helpless part of the time.

He leaves a kind wife, four sons, one daughter, four brothers, and three sisters to mourn their loss. There are several grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

His funeral was conducted at Marsh Swamp by Rev. M. L. Johnson, and Rev. J. W. Alford. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

We cannot say, we will not say,
That he is dead. He is just away;
With a smile, a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into a beautiful land.

—Sent in for publication by request.

The big things in life may be triumphs, but the little ones make it a pleasant journey.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST NORTH CAROLINA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

Dates and Data

The North Carolina Sunday School Convention-Institute meets Friday, April 25, 1947, at Reedy Branch Church, near Winterville. The opening feature will be registration of delegates and the Convention Officers' Conference at 9:30. The Convention-Institute proper is scheduled to open at 9:45 and close at 3:30. This will be the eighth annual session of the organization.

Where's Reedy Branch Church?

Reedy Branch Church is located just off Highway No. 11, between Greenville and Winterville. Those coming from the south and south-east through Kinston, will take No. 11 north, passing through Ayden and Winterville, turning left just beyond Winterville for the church. Those coming through Goldsboro and Snow Hill will enter No. 11 highway at Ayden, turning to the left at junction, and on to Winterville. Those coming from the north, the east, and the west through Raleigh, Wilson and into Greenville, will enter No. 11 highway at the edge of Greenville, turning to right on highway. Drive about six miles then turn off to right for church, just before entering Winterville. (Look for sign at road to church.)

Who Will Be There?

The following are expected:

Raymond T. Sasser, President: to preside over the meeting, deliver the President's Message at 10:15 and—well, do about like he has here-to-fore!

Rev. R. P. Harris, Vice-President: To assist the president, and to make report on the 1947 sessions of Sunday School Institutes to be held at Cragmont.

Rev. Bob Wooley: To direct the musical programs throughout the convention-institute.

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark: To bring the Convention Message on the theme: "Church Schools . . . 'Go Ye'."

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, **Rev. J. Albert Harris**, **Rev. J. A. Evans**, **Rev. M. L. Johnson**, **Rev. C. L. Patrick**, **Rev. J. W. Alford**, **Mr. H. J. Corbett**, and **Mr. James Taylor**: To join in a panel discussion on the advantages of the North Carolina Convention plan for supporting denominational enterprises.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard: To conduct the afternoon devotions, and present the topic "Systematic Giving."

Miss Gladys Hines and **Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr.**: To furnish special music.

Rev. J. C. Griffin: To conduct installation of new officers.

All the Directors: To make their reports.

S. S. Superintendents from all over the State: Because they need the Convention-Institute and the Convention-Institute needs them.

Other S. S. Officers and Teachers: For the same reason.

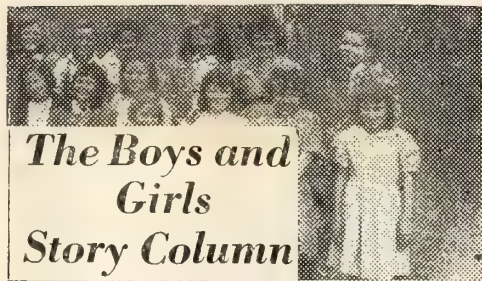
Delegates from all Sunday Schools in the State: To represent their schools, take part in the business of the convention, and carry back reports to encourage the schools to new life and effort.

YOU! Yes, that's what it finally gets down to . . . **YOU!** If you can possibly come, for the good that you can give the convention-institute, and for the good you will receive.

The old preachers were available twenty-four hours a day; but their successors are invisible six days a week and incomprehensible the seventh.

More men fail through lack of purpose than through lack of talent.—**W. A. Sunday.**

You have not converted a man because you have silenced him.—**Elbert Hubbard**



A SHEEP STORY

Eunice A. Riley

"When I was a little boy on my father's farm," said an elderly gentleman, "my father kept sheep."

At these words, I settled down to hear a story.

"Yes," he continued. "And do you know some peculiar things about sheep? If my father wanted to move the whole flock, all he had to do was to carry one. Sheep will always follow each other."

"One gate, which we had on the farm, was made of bars and each bar had to be let down separately in order to get the gate open. Once, when taking the sheep through, my father took down only a few of the lower bars which left the upper ones to cast a shadow across the path. The first sheep to go through, shied a little, and jumped the shadow." "Yes?" I queried.

"And every sheep that followed jumped the shadow, too!"

How like humanity, I thought. People always follow each other. Often we have heard it said, "I would become a Christian if so and so would," or "I would go to church if somebody did." And then I have known boys and girls to say, "I would not have done it but she did." Maybe they got into a little meanness or went to the wrong place and they always say that somebody else went first. What was the matter? They all followed blindly without even looking to see the danger.

The story is told of a flock of sheep, the leader of which jumped over a fence into a well. The entire flock followed without investigating until the well was filled with sheep.

"There were always a few sheep," continued our story teller, "that stayed right close to my father. He did not have to look to see where they

were for they were always right there. But out near the edge of the flock were several who played in and out. Sometimes he would think that they were not coming at all, as they would be running back in the other direction, but after a while, here they came again."

They meant to be following but their attitude caused a sense of uneasiness always in the shepherd's mind. If wolves or dogs were to attack the flock, which ones would they get first? The ones farthest out, you say, which is quite right.

Is it not true that Christians are that way, too? Some will stay very close to their Leader, the Lord Jesus, and others never seem to care whether they are near or far. Sometimes onlookers will even think they have gone back but, no, here they come again. Such people grieve the heart of the Lord Jesus and cause earnest Christian people much distress for their souls. Satan always seems to be more victorious over the stragglers, too. On the other hand, if the shepherd has rich dainties to hand out, it is likely that the ones close at hand would receive them.

The story is told of a traveler who was going through some mountains. On the way, he spied a little lamb some distance from the flock, feeding on choice bits of grass that it had found by jumping from place to place.

The traveler called the attention of his guide. "Do you see that lamb?"

"Yes."

"Will it ever make its way back to the main flock?"

The guide laughed. "That little lamb sealed its destiny when it took the first short step astray."

"How is that?" asked the traveler.

"It will never stop until it has eaten every bit of stray grass that it can find. When it reaches the end, it will probably be upon the top of some high hill or mountain with a deep gully between it and the flock. As it looks down upon the flock, suddenly a wild and earnest desire to be with them will come over it, and not knowing how to reach them, it will give one wild leap and land in the midst of the flock but crushed to pieces by the fall."

How sad, we all say and feel, yet is not this true of people, too? Choice bits of fun or an entertainment often seal the destiny of many a poor young person. He does not realize that when he takes the first step downward or just merely follows the crowd in funmaking for a little while that that thing is going to be his eternal downfall.

Is it too much to say that the first cigarette or the first drink has sealed the destiny of some? I do not believe so. There are many who would like to be Christians to-day, but say they cannot give up their bad habits or that they are too greatly enslaved now. Of course, we know that the Lord Jesus can set them free, but so many times they do not want to give up what they call "choice bits."

After reading this sheep story, will you not learn with me, this text, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Is. 53:6).—The Gospel for the Youth.

A LETTER OF THANKS

Kind Friends:

I wish to take this means of thanking the many friends and relatives for their kindness to me and my family during the illness which I am undergoing.

I am thankful that my condition is somewhat improved at this time. I know that God touched my body in answer to the many prayers which were offered up to Him by my many friends.

I am very glad that I can say I know my Saviour better today than ever before, and I want to know Him even better every day that I shall live.

I want all who read this brief letter to continue praying for my recovery, if it is the Lord's will. Pray that I may remain true and faithful, and that I shall be ready when Jesus calls me into the great beyond.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mr. Henry Tripp

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Peace When Jesus Comes

In righteousness the Lord will come,
Some blessed day and take me home.
To earth below I'll say farewell,
With Him forevermore to dwell.

As I pursue the narrow way,
I look for that eternal day,
When Christ shall come our King to be
Oh, what a joy His face to see!

I feel that Christ shall soon return;
And for that blessed time I yearn,
When Christ shall cause all strife to cease,
And reign in righteousness and peace.

"Peace" cries the world of men today,
But Christ alone can peace convey.
And strife and sin shall ever reign,
Till Christ the Lord shall come again.

—Ernest Doubbit

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THE LORD'S DAY

The Lord's day is the greatest of all the Lord's memorials. On this day, Jesus Christ came forth from the grave, the triumphant Lord of life. On this day, he first met with his beloved disciples, after Calvary. On this day, the Holy Spirit was poured forth and the birth of the church took place.

Each succeeding Sunday, then, should whisper its message to the worshipper. — Ivan H. Hagedorn, Moody Monthly.

Editorial

"I FREELY YIELD"

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

"My Saviour, I would freely yield,
What most I prize, to thee;
Who never hast a good withheld,
Or wilt withhold from me."

The Apostle Paul was confident that God would work all things for good to those who love Him. Those who have been called by the Holy Spirit, according to God's purpose, to yield their lives fully for the cause of Christ, God will work, according to His own good pleasure, things for good to them that they may receive his blessings, and He get glory out of their surrendered lives and their Christian services rendered unto others.

Although Paul suffered in the flesh many trials and disappointments, yet it was good for him and for thousands of others that he was a man whose life became completely surrendered unto the Lord. He wrote the truth of these words in the above verse of Scripture because he was directed by the Holy Spirit to write them. Most Christians do not fully understand, nor does this writer, all about the good things which God works for the welfare of those who fully trust him, nevertheless they are true. Even true children of God do not fully understand how Jesus changed water into wine, nor how he raised Lazarus from the grave, yet He did these miracles and many more. And many were blessed because of His wonderful works wrought while He was active in His gospel ministry.

A person's most prized possession—life itself—must be yielded to God if that person is to get the most good from his loving service unto God and his fellow man. The poet has said, "My Saviour, I would freely yield," meaning the surrender of his life completely into the hands of the true and living God. That is what the world needs today, the complete surrender of human hearts to God.

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"PEACE OF MIND DISTURBED"

A certain baffling situation brought disturbance to the heart of a certain person some years ago, as was expressed in a secular magazine in a striking message for the public to read. The individual had no way of remedying the situation which greatly affected him, although it affected him very greatly for sometime.

When a close friend of his learned of this trouble, he went to speak with the man who was disturbed. Unlike the three friends of Job, this friend told him that it was the best for him to cease worrying about the difficulty, and to confide in the Lord to bless him with the good things, for He would show His tender mercies and give consolation to him in his hours of deep concern with a disturbed heart.

Brooding over past misfortunes and sad mistakes do serve to bring despondency and sorrows upon those whose "peace of mind" has been disturbed, rather than to give them encouragement, buoyancy and quietness. The best thing to do is to shake off the sad remembrances of those misfortunes and mistakes, and then to lift up the head and the heart to the sunlight of God's love, and to walk in the light of His countenance in faith, hope and love, for His divine Love the aching heart is healed.

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ANONYMOUS MESSAGES

Some have sent unsigned messages to the editor for publication in the Baptist paper. Some of them merit publication in the church paper while others do not, but none of them can be used until proper signatures can be obtained. The editor requests that all manuscripts prepared for publication in the Baptist paper be correctly signed before being mailed to his office, otherwise they will not be used in the columns of the church paper. Should there be adequate reason for the name to be withheld, the writer must give explanation for the same, properly signing the attached letter to the manuscript.

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"LOST IN GOD"

"He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it"—Matt. 10:39.

In a small country school room many years ago, a school girl, sitting on a long bench in the middle of the room reading Aesop's Fables, became lost in a vision. She had become so absorbed in the story, and saw the picture clearly of what she was reading, that she forgot that she was even in the school room, and that the teacher was holding classes. In her great excitement over the sea monsters described in the story, she cried out with great shrieks "They will get me, they will get me!" She was lost in thought, being completely absorbed in the reading of the fable.

Jesus said, "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." More people need to be lost in deep thought of God, and what it means to live for Him. The Apostle Paul was all on the altar for Christ and righteousness. He was lost unto self but alive in God. Martin Luther was deeply conscious of the need to live for Christ, and to be lost unto self. The Christian's look is to be away from self, but unto God and the salvation of the lost. In losing this life through sacrificial service unto the Lord, the child of God will eventually find, or rejoice in the spiritual life in heaven when this earthly life is over.

There is need for more out-and-out Christians today than ever before. More staunch workers are needed to place their ALL on the altar for the Lord. More are needed to be full-time cross bearers in the great kingdom work for the Master.

"America's Moral Slump"

Rev. P. C. Wiggs

America has had such a moral slump that she is headed for a suicidal plunge unless reformatations, revolutionary in effect, come and come quickly. America — grand, glorious America? Alluring, romantic, honored, favored, God-blessed America has been deceived, lured astray by the deceptive tactics and cunning treachery of her inveterate foe, the Devil.

I. The Fact of America's Moral Slump

In the first nine months of 1943, the number of arrests among girls under 21 years of age for offences against common decency increased 69.6 per cent over the same period the year before. In 1942 there were 1,436,000 of the more serious crimes committed and a total of 16,000,000 lesser crimes committed. Our annual crime bill amounted to \$15,120,000,000, or about \$112 for every man, woman, boy, and girl in America. Our liquor bill for 1943 was \$7,500,000,000 or approximately \$56.60 per capita. In 1910 there were 185,068 divorces in the United States. In 1940 there were 859,604 divorces—an increase of nearly 500 per cent. People in the United States spend \$2,025,000,000 annually at the movies, or \$15 per capita. We give only \$6 per capita for all religious purposes.

II. The Alarming Juvenile Delinquency Problem

It is increasing at a rate that shows moral bankruptcy. Immorality is unbridled. The alarming venereal disease problem is sending its poison of death into our bloodstream and is causing physical, moral, and spiritual wrecks of manhood and womanhood. Corrupt conditions, caused by vices of almost every conceivable kind, neutralize religious influences, destroy youth, wreck homes, defeat the purpose of education, encourage and facilitate political corruption. Such conditions foment crime, increase taxes, and they eat like a cancer at the vitals of our nation.

All these evils make it easy to sabotage good government and wreck a nation. We got accurate reports of our casualties during the war, but the casualties on the home front caused by sin fail to disturb us.

No wonder a gold star father said: "I had rather have my boys sleep in the deep, or have their bones buried in unmarked graves in the soil of a foreign land than to have them survive the war and return home the victims of intoxicating drink.

The strength of the army of youth ruined through vice cannot be estimated. Today that army invades every city in America. They fight against everything that is white, pure, and holy. They will go forth as dispensers of disease, death and hell.

What a spectacle? What a price to pay? America is rolling in luxuries, rollicking in pleasure, reveling in excesses, reeling in drunkenness, rioting in living, revolting in morals, and rotting in sin.

III. Causes for this Moral Slump

The basic cause is, we have too long forgotten God. When people take their eyes off God, moral decay begins. God's hand in American history is unmistakable. His footfalls echo through our vales: His footprints are indelible in the sands of our history. His whisper breathes on the ether waves of our land. His heart throbs in its life.

The pillars of our country were laid deep in the granite foundations of God. Faith in God hung the lanterns on the prow of the Mayflower as it charted the unknown Atlantic. That vessel was laden with deathless destiny: the devotees of a new order. They were the heralds of new freedoms, and the trailblazers of a new epoch in human history. God was its captain, purpose was its anchor, and it carried pilgrims, not just passengers. The compact of the Mayflower dedicated both the pilgrim fathers and the new country to God. In its very incipency Christianity be-

came its powerful citadel. Christian principles solidified and religious purposes motivated her people. Righteousness exalted her and purity made her strong. She became miraculously great.

One hundred and fifty years ago a frenchman came to America to seek for the secret of greatness. He wrote: "I sought for America's greatness. I found it not in her fields and forests. I found it not in her mines and factories. I found it not in her fleets and commerce. I found it not in her Congress and great tribunals. It was only when I entered her churches and heard her pulpits thundering against sin and preaching righteousness that I discovered her greatness."

Then he added: "America is great because America is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

America has grown rich, arrogant, sensual, morally corrupt. We have lost much of that pristine moral fiber rugged honesty, stern simplicity, and priceless integrity. A moral breakdown has resulted until the bleak winds of destiny are howling their protest against our lax living. Every dead nation and every dead civilization has followed a fivefold course to its extinction: Adversity, prosperity, luxury, dissipation, and desecration.

IV. Sabbath Desecration Has Figured Boldly in America's Moral Slump

Two men went fishing on Sunday. The people that legislate against the Sabbath legislate against the day of judgment. Laxity concerning the Lord's day gives license to National Waywardness. It ate like a cankerworm at the heart of France, her churches became empty while her theaters, parks, resorts, and places of amusement were full. The termites of destruction ate away the foundation of France. She lost her colonies, her heart, her soul.

The collapse of America's home life is a potent contribution to her moral slump. Note her hasty marriages. There are thousands of homes that are just eating and sleep-

ing places. Business, materialism, pleasure, night clubs and all the vicious vices are destroying America's home life. The dynamite of wickedness is being placed under the foundation of our home life. There is one standard by which you can test a country or a civilization, and that standard is the character of its women. Women have sacrificed the God given privilege of motherhood for the clubhouse of the neighborhood. There is something passing through the heart of woman today that makes her hard and unwomanly.

The movie, as operated, turns its currents of pollution into the blood stream of our national life to poison and kill. It is so publicized and popularized until the public believes its menu is real life. The fact is, its paganizing, demoralizing effects carry the germs of death. Some of us have read the book "Our Movie Made Children," but what about our movie made parents? Multitudes of our church people know far more about movie characters than they do about Bible characters. They talk more about the star of Hollywood than they do about the star of Bethlehem.

V. The Liquor Traffic a Major Cause for Our Moral Decay

Liquor is a curse to any nation. Yet it is one of the most thriving trades in good old America. The liquor traffic has silenced the press and dominantly throttled Congress. Our Government seems fearful lest it incur the displeasure of the breweries. The liquor traffic is the close confederate of venereal disease.

While our government and civilian organizations are on tiptoe to make health conditions the best possible, here is a private trade, legalized by the government, and permitted to sow broadcast the seed of weakness, and death. This monster sits perched upon the back of our nation halting its progress, impeding its Christian growth, and making moral scavengers out of multitudes of its citizens.

If our nation is to make herself worthy of the sovereign God of the nations, and morally fit to assume leadership in the family of nations,

should we not set our own house in order by cutting out this cancer of liquor?

VI. What Can We Do About This Moral Slump?

The task of correcting this condition is no less challenging than was winning the war, nor is it less formidable. The gigantic task of the invasion of Europe did not cause General Eisenhower and the allied forces to falter. They directed every effort and formulated every plan for a knockout blow. The home can strike these evils a paralyzing blow. Let the home come back to its former power and influence and it will eradicate evil from our land. Discipline in the home must be restored.

In the home are enthroned two great chairs endowed by destiny and sustained by human affection, fatherhood and motherhood. The greatest university in the world is the home. The youth of our homes are either assets or they are liabilities. Many parents give more attention to their bull pup than they do their children at the shades of nightfall.

Our schools must be harnessed in a crusade against paganistic trends. Hitler prostituted Germany's school system to put over his idea of German superiority and world domination. World demoralization and catastrophe result. In America let us inaugurate the type of education that will give us high moral values, Christian ideals, noble aspirations, for this will guarantee our future generations peace, progress, and evangelization.

VII. The Church Indispensable In Reconstructing Our Insecure, Unstable Structure

If we would build again,
And build to stay,
We must find God,
And go His way?

Our churches must awake. Christ went about doing good. Too often we are content just to go about. A church can be alive and not be living powerfully, a dynamic force. It can be on the move without being militant. It can be active without being effective. We have too much mode-

ration and too little affirmation in our churches. Many of us are just guards, and sleeping guards at that. Christianity in many places is too corrupt to be conquering; too anemic to be dynamic; too placid to be aggressive; and too comfortable to be militant. Christianity has so conformed to the world that it is powerless to transform the world. To stand dumb, deaf, and paralyzed in an hour like this is a pathetic spectacle. The church ought to be able to provide a compass.

Now I am wondering if we preachers are free from guilt of this moral slump. Have we faithfully sounded the trumpet against sin and its penalty. We hold in our hands the torch that will relight the lamps that have been blown out one by one. May we lead our people with this torch, to rebuild broken down altars, reshape empires, resurrect broken shrines, bring nations to their knees, and bless the name of all mankind.

If America's most popular song of the day is "God Bless America," our most fervent prayer should be "God Save America."

A NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Harrell's Chapel, that is to say, the church members have started to build a new church building, as the old church building is in a very bad condition. It is thought that the best way is to erect a new church building.

Now, everyone who knows Harrell's Chapel can well vouch for the fact as to the help that it has given to others, and now concerning the fact that we are in need of help. The Scriptures say, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Any help from anyone will be greatly appreciated by the members of Harrell's Chapel. We will appreciate it if the pastors will see fit to take an offering in their churches for this noble cause.

Please send your offerings to Mr. R. E. Hart, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

Rev. W. H. F. Ivey, Pastor

PARTLY SAD—BUT WHOLLY TRUE

I have been serving the Lord for only a short time. I had been a follower of the Devil for about forty years, but now I work for the Lord as hard as I did for the Devil. I do admit that much of my past life was very wreckless, but now I am ready to do what God would have me to do, for I do believe He is the One of whom I am and whom I should serve.

I am hereby asking all Christian people to observe my works, and whenever I'm seen making errors, please make it a point to take me aside from all others and remind me of it. I'll not get angry with you for doing this. Instead, I will appreciate it very much. I do wish to do something for Jesus that will be pleasing to Him—something that will save some soul that would otherwise be lost. Such can only be accomplished by doing good things, saying good things and praying to the Lord for his tender mercies. God has enough blessings for all if we will be ready and willing to receive them at His bountiful hands.

Let us pray for others who are not receiving those wonderful blessings. I do believe in prayer, and may we pray without ceasing in the proper spirit of prayer. Let us pray for the heavenly blessings. I now live in a community that is almost spiritually dead, nevertheless it is true. I judge not, but a tree shall be known by the fruit it bears. When we heard that there was not any Sunday School being carried on in the church, my wife and I talked it over, and we decided to make it a point to see some of the members about organizing a Sunday School. This we did, not that I was a Christian at that time, but that I felt that it would be a benefit not only to my children but to others. The Sunday School was organized.

After I became a Christian, I decided that we needed to have a night set aside for the people to meet at the church to hold prayer services. I proceeded to go to the homes of the people in the community, and to several of the older members of the church. To them I laid my plans.

They agreed and promised to support the movement. But some of them did not show up at the time set for the meeting at the church. Thus far most of the people are those who are not members of this church. Probably, I was taking too much authority, as I was not a member of this present church, but a member of another church of the same denomination. But God knows I had no intention to do anything amiss, but to be of help to the people in the community. I was trying to do what I thought was the best for the people, and for the glory of the Lord.

Now, the church to which I belong is much farther away than is this church. When I am working for God, I do not work in secret, but in the open. I am always willing to do all that I can to help in the Lord's work anywhere. All I ask anyone to do is to watch me as I try to serve the Lord. People should not pass sentence, but they should seek to please the Lord. Some people seem to believe that when a man starts out to do good works he is just all right, but good in the sight of man is not enough, he must be good in the sight of God. Some think that if a man is bad or has been bad, he then stays in the same state regardless as to what he does or says thereafter. This is a mistake, for when a man is changed by the Spirit of God he is then made a new creature in Christ Jesus. Think of it, folks, our lives can be a blessing. They can be a light instead of a veil of darkness.

G. F. McGowan

TAKE HEED, BOYS!

A. R. Flowers

Boys, be sure that you are right, and then go ahead. Accept God's Word as a rule of faith and guide, and practice, and take Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Take Him as your Elder Brother. Then you will be on the way to come out to a final finish in this life with a triumphal entrance into the joys of your Lord and Saviour.

Though you may not have much, but give others a square deal, and

you will come out better in the end. Treat people with true courtesy, for it does not cost anything to do this, and it will be the best investment you ever made. If you ever expect to grow in knowledge and power, you will have to study, for no human intellect can grow unless it is rightly used.

Young men, go with young women who are modest and discreet. Shun the company of men who are vile and unscrupulous, for you had much better be by yourself than to be associated with evil-minded persons. Reverence God and His Word, and attend religious services and support Christian institutions. Watch mealy-mouthed friends; they will resort to all sorts of promises just to secure your services or even your support. They will desert you in the end. I speak here from actual experience.

Remember to pay your bills as promptly as possible, but you can pay all your bills to the last cent, and then be as dishonest as a ragamuffin in your forbearance and in your deeds of kindness that you owe to others. Spurn profanity and refrain from filthy conversations. It will destroy your reputation as a clean Christian gentlemen. Cherish clean thoughts and live them out to others. You need not be a crank, a snob, a bigot, or a hypocrit, for I am sure it will get you nowhere in the realm of Christian living. Do as good as you know, and increase your knowledge as you grow older. This is a compliment to all of us, from the greatest to the smallest, and it will be a rich heritage in the end.

Now, boys, I have written this out of fifty-five years of experience which I have had mostly with the public, and I am still active and in good health. Note, I never bought my first drink of intoxicating liquor, nor have I ever used tobacco in any form. I used one curse word when I was too young to know what it meant, and were my Mother living today, I could tell her every place where I went. I went through all my high school work and never received the least punishment. I spent more than six years in colleges and Universities, and never have I received one de-

merit. If any boy ever beat me in deportment I never knew it.

When you can convince me that there is not any God, any Supreme Intelligence in the Universe, then it may be that I would not believe it does pay to behave yourself.

LIVING FOR JESUS

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him" (I John 3:2).

Sometimes I wonder if we as Christians realize that he is our heavenly Father. Have we cleansed ourselves, or been made clean, even as He is pure, so that we might be like Him when He shall appear? Surely He is coming again and it may not be long. This thought gives us a thrill when we are ready and are looking for Him to come back to the earth again. There have been dark clouds and long nights, and there have been many disappointments for many of us in this life, but He has not forgotten His promises. Let us praise His name for that.

When He comes then the toil of this life will be over for those who are saved in His blood. Think how beautiful heaven will be for them in that great day. He is coming for the Church that is free from blot, so let us strive to be ready when He does come for His own. Surely we do want some sheaves to take with us in that great day. We shall want some stars too when that great day comes. Let us therefore seek to win some souls for Christ the Lord. There are many in darkness who need to be saved from their sins before it shall be too late. Let us labor before the door of mercy shall be closed, and do what we can to turn the lost to Christ.

Jesus has gone to prepare that place for all of the saved, and we do not want any to be lost. It is our part to help others to see the need of salvation and to lead them to Christ. If any should fail to be ready to go then He shall come, who will be to blame for their lost condition? That is a question for us to consider. May the Lord Jesus stir our hearts, and help us not to become careless of our

Christian duty toward the lost in our communities. We are to be ever looking for Him to come and we are also to be ever busy in His great service seeking the lost who are living about us.

Christian people, please pray much for me that I may be able to do God's holy will in winning the lost to Christ Jesus. Pray that I may be at my best at all times for His glory. Please pray for the healing of my body.

Mrs. Lee Poston

DO YOU HAVE THE JOY OF SALVATION?

I feel led, dear friends, by the Spirit of God to tell you of my great joy, because the Lord has recently saved me, and He has given me the joy of salvation.

Only you dear Christians who have that joy really know what it means to the human heart. Please let me assure you, my sinner friend, that God loves your heart and He is anxious to give you that supreme joy. If you have a desire in your heart which the things of this world cannot satisfy, then why not turn to God and let Him speak peace to your aching heart? He will give you that joy which you will find in no other way. Don't put God off any longer for tomorrow may be too late. We do not have any promise for tomorrow.

We do have a promise in John 6:47 in these words, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." May this message touch someone's heart in order that someone will accept Christ who is pleading each moment. You may be a church member as I was, and attend regularly, and yet there may be something in your life that has kept this joy from your heart. I know that this is possible from my own experience, for I was trying to serve God and the Devil at the same time.

My dear Christian mother was laid to rest four years ago, but now I feel her prayers are still being answered for me. Many were the times that I heard her pray for my soul when I was quite young. I now thank God

that her prayers were answered, and I know that it will be a glorious day when we shall meet in heaven. I am so very sorry that I rejected the Lord so long but I am thankful for a merciful God who is always anxious to forgive our sins, and to be willing to take us into His fold.

If you know that you are not saved, I beg you to kneel and pray to God to save you before it shall be too late. Think what a blessing you will receive by serving the Lord. Oh what a glorious heaven it shall be for you to gain if you will turn to Christ and be saved.

Mrs. Sam C. Hobgood

SOME DUTIES OF THE PASTOR TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

As a general executive and administrative officer, the pastor has certain duties and relationships to his Sunday School:

1. His concern relative to the kind or type of literature used in the Sunday School.
2. The attendance and general interest in the Sunday School.
3. The standardization of the Sunday School work.
4. The relation of the Sunday School to the Sunday School convention.
5. His great concern relative to the salvation of the Sunday School pupils.
6. His concern about the adequate supplies and equipment of the Sunday School rooms.
7. The Sunday School library.
8. The Sunday School relative to its relationship to Missions (home and abroad), Christian education, the orphanages, etc.
9. The matter of class awards for special achievements attained by the students.
10. His interest concerning higher training of the Sunday School students in going to college or the Seminary.

—R. B. S.

Winning little or nothing and losing much, is a poor reward to a gambler.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Reap What We Sow Holds Good

God has declared through His holy Apostle that, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." (Gal. 6:7). There is no dodging the issue. When we sow wheat we reap wheat, and so it is with all grains. The law of reaping is with increase. So, it is with sin. We commit what is called a "little sin," and the result is growth.

A couple of decades ago there were but few "gutter drunks" in our section, and some of them were old cases brought over from the days of open barrooms. But now it is a common thing to look on men and women walking the streets under the influence of liquor. The ABC crowd said, "Legal liquor will decrease drunkenness." I knew that was one of Satan's lies when the argument was put forth, but many other things that were prophesied by the ABC gang have proven to be false, in fact they have not kept a single promise.

More people observed the Easter season just past in drinking and reveling than I have ever observed. Just think of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord in drunkenness! How can a sane person be guilty of such debauchery?

The News and Observer gives a little account of the business in our State Capitol—the place where the Liquor Interests generally get what they want from the law makers of North Carolina. I quote:

"The busiest after-Easter place in Raleigh was the city court. The docket included 41 persons charged with public drunkenness and two arrested for drunken driving. The ABC stores did a big business as the drunks in the city courts proved."

The Place to Get Results

If the "drys" of North Carolina want a chance to vote liquor, beer and wine out of North Carolina, the legislature is not the place to start. The place to start is at the ballot-box in the general election. It is foolish to vote a "wet" into office and

hope that he will listen to your cry for a Referendum on the liquor question, unless he was dead sure that a big majority was against liquor and he had an idea of seeking office two years hence. The liquor element has ruled our legislature for several years. The liquor crowd always has their representatives on the job. The "Gag-rule" machine holds the keys to the situation. The law makers have learned how to vote and keep it from the public. When will the Christians and temperance forces learn how to vote?

Man's Ways Clean in His Own Eyes

"All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes: but the Lord weigheth the spirits" (Prov. 16:2). Self-righteous people better look out; God will use His weight when He starts to weighing your spirit. You may think that you are a "ten-dollar-gold piece," but when God gets through with you; you may feel like a "cankered penny" looks beside the gold piece. God's weights are just. We will not be able to change or tilt these scales. Our weights will be just what we are. Old Balchazzar would have erased the word TE-KEL from the wall, but there was nothing that he could do about it. It was too late. He was weighed for time and eternity. He went out that night for eternity. He had no stops or lie-overs. He went right to the place where all wicked souls land. There was none to help him. Daniel could not help now. Abraham the faithful could do nothing about it. If there had been a hundred priests there, they could not have helped him. He had gone to reap the rewards of an ungodly sinner.

Divorces on the Increase in N. C.

Notice these headlines: "10,059 Divorces In '46 Set New Record in N. C." I quote from the News and Observer, Raleigh: "One out of three marriages in the state end in divorce, according to figures released by the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health for 1946."

Whenever a nation gets so far from God that the people disregard marriage vows and God's word, that nation is headed for the rocks. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the

Lord," the Bible plainly states. If blessing awaits the person or nation that honors God, certainly **cursed is the person or nation that dishonors God.** Broken homes mean a broken nation.

Who is to blame for so many divorces? Some say the war, some say the laxity of youth, and some say lax divorce laws. The latter has a great deal to do with it. Some say, "alcoholic beverages," and I say the liquor drinkers are in large numbers among the divorcees. But in reality, lustful desires, as adultery and other evils are all backed by the Devil, as he inspires men and women to hellish lusts.

I never heard of two Holy Spirit filled, genuine Christians being divorced. I have known some hypocrits, who claimed to be Christians, and even some preachers and some so-called church members to be divorced. Some one is wrong when a home is broken up. Some times it is one, some times it is two that cause divorces. God would not have it that way, but the Devil would have all of us divorced. God says, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and who-so marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery" (Matt. 19:9).

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists for March, 1947.

Receipts

Balance on hand March 1, 1947 --\$2,278.97
Regular receipts for March ----- 64.35

Total to account for -----\$2,343.32

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated
Ministers -----\$215.00
Operating expense ----- 30.00
National Board ----- 8.59

Total paid out -----\$ 253.59

Balance April 1, 1947 -----\$2,089.73

Receipts Itemized

Friendship (Johnston County) -----\$ 1.00
Rocky Mount Auxiliary -----\$ 4.00
Miss Alice Dail -----\$15.00
Hull Road Auxiliary -----\$ 1.00
Spring Branch Sunday School -----\$ 5.00
Core Creek Sunday School -----\$ 5.00
Bethany Auxiliary -----\$19.05
Maury Auxiliary -----\$ 2.00
Kenly Auxiliary -----\$ 4.30
Lee's Chapel Auxiliary -----\$ 6.00
White Oak Sunday School -----\$ 2.00

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer.

THE CHURCH AND GOSPEL ORDINANCES

D. A. Windham

Matthew 28:20 embodies the text for the morning, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," which were the parting words of our Savior just before he ascended on high. This is the marching order to the church. Not only was the church to go but they were to teach—teach all things whatsoever he had commanded them.

It is our purpose to discuss the Church of Jesus Christ and some of the things he has commanded the church to observe. There may be present those with whom I may not agree. Let me say in the beginning I have no quarrel—only love for you and I hope if you don't agree with me you will love me just the same. And if, through the efforts of the young lady who is passing it on to others who are not here, it falls in the hands of those who can not see eye to eye, that they will also be charitable to me as I shall be to them. I am speaking to you out of a heart full of love and passing a message that God has laid heavily upon my heart.

The Church

We are now to consider a subject of the most vital importance and one that is highly controverted; even among our own people there is a difference of opinion. It is our purpose to give as nearly as possible just what the Bible teaches—no more and no less. We will refer to acknowledged authorities on English and other languages, but we are vitally concerned about what the Bible has to say really, and not what it may seem to say; and if we do this there will be little room for difference of opinion.

In the first place, we must consider the Church and what is found in the scriptures respecting it. The whole tenure of scripture is to the effect that the Church is a separated people. The terms used in most languages of the globe including French, Italian, German, and many others convey this idea. But as the New Testament was written in Greek we

want to notice here the Greek term in detail; it is ECCLESIA, and signifies "called out."

Going back to the first trace of a separated people, it is found in Gen. 4:26 where we have "Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord." Thus we see that almost in the very beginning there was a coming out on the Lord's side and forming of a separated people.

Enoc prophesied, Noah preached, Melchisedec offered sacrifices and people worshipped Jehovah until the institution of the Passion.

Moses organized the worshippers into an institution called the congregation. No modern term in common use describes this ancient institution founded by Moses combining as it did social, political and ecclesiastical functions, but to all interests and purposes it was a church.

So we see mention made of a separated people to the service of God. People other than Jews could be taken into the institution by accepting the terms of the covenant and submitting to the rite of circumcision.

This institution had their leaders: prophets, priests and Levites; also they praised Jehovah in music and song at their services.

But we are vitally concerned about the Christian church and the ordinances it is required to observe. Since the church is a separated and a called out people, we can find in the scriptures where the call and separation took place, and the origin of the Christian church as to how it was established. May we turn to Mark 3:13, 14, and we have it stated definitely that "He (Christ) called to him whom he would, and they came unto him." The call and separation could not be stated plainer. Now in First Cor. 12:28, Paul says, "God hath set some in the church, first apostles," etc. Now to Mark 3:14 and we have it where "He (Christ) ordained twelve." These two scriptures should settle once and for all the origin of the Church, a called out and separated people—regenerated and set apart to the service of God, having accepted by faith the divinity of Jesus Christ.

Some advance the idea that the Christian church was instituted on

the day of Pentecost, but there is no scripture in proof of such. On the other hand, there is abundance of proof that there has been a separated people from the earliest time.

Matt. 16:8 is a verse of scripture that confuses many people, and especially the expression, "I will build," I have never read a commentary on that verse that I could agree with. The Greek verb rendered build also means "to make secure," and here we refer to Porter, Cook, or any standard authority. Evidently the Master applied the meaning, "to make secure," to it as he followed with the expression, "that the gates of Hell (hades) shall not prevail against it," and to apply that definition to the verb and it is not necessarily the future tense.

The church is referred to in the New Testament many times as the Kingdom of Heaven, and John the Baptist said, "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," or in other words the next in order and Jesus used the same expression in the beginning of his ministry. Matthew alone mentions the kingdom of heaven when a separated people were meant, no less than thirteen times in the present tense. Some claim there is a distinction between the church and the kingdom of heaven, but they fail to show the distinction. That is where the "called out" or separated people are implied. Therefore it all adds up to this: God has had a people in all the ages and when his people accepted, by faith, the divinity of Jesus Christ his Son, that people became the New Testament Church and that church has survived all the persecutions hell could hurl, and will stand until time shall be no more.

The church consists of truly regenerated people who are resigned to complete obedience to his word.

(to be continued)

The habit of going to the bottom of a thing usually lands a man on top.

It is not by the gray of the hair that one knows the age of the heart.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

Mrs. Alice
E. Lupton
Editor
612 New St.
New Bern, N. C.

ADHERING TO THE FUNDAMENTALS

Alice E. Lupton
612 New Street, New Bern, N. C.

We have had several favorable comments on the Easter issue of the Baptist paper, in which some of our Auxiliary women contributed articles of interest and inspiration on "The Resurrection." I think the fine manner in which they responded to the call, is very commendable, and I appreciate each contribution. I feel sure that we all appreciate the fact that the Editor of the Baptist planned the Easter issue as a token of his interest and appreciation for the part we have in the ongoing of the kingdom work of the Master. We are, therefore, expressing our deep gratitude to him for giving us so much space in the paper on this occasion, as well as for his interest in the auxiliary work, from a general standpoint, and the encouragement we have in knowing that he stands whole-heartedly for all of the departmental work we sponsor. May we, as we have, through this blessed Easter season, had our hopes revived, and our faith renewed in the living Christ, go forward with greater zeal in the work that has been assigned to us, and praise and thank Him for the privilege of working for Him and with Him. We are admonished in I Cor. 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye **steadfast, unmovable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not **in vain in the Lord.**"

Much discouragement comes from time to time, in being faced with suggested changes in various lines of the work, that often prove detrimental to the cause of Christ, for it would seem that by the time our women get well established in certain plans of work, some new idea springs up, which many times, brings about

discouragement of such a nature, that societies die down, and the women scatter—their interest is dead, and no matter how hard we work to revive and restore confidence, it is almost always impossible. It is much easier to organize new societies, and enlist new women, than it is to revive something that is dead. I pray that our leading women may take these vital problems under prayerful consideration, before they start to make any drastic changes in the cause we love and represent. There is such a thing as pulling down the foundation on which we stand, as an auxiliary, by changing this plan, or that, except those which come in direct answer to prayer. We do want to avoid casting on God the responsibility for our own immature ideas and plans, as having led this way or that, when we know that He **does not** contradict Himself, but stands for unity and peace, and for that which will advance His cause among ourselves, that we may "grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ." We cannot build up His kingdom work, unless we have love in our hearts for one another.

We often talk of Stewardship in the terms of our "Time, our talents and our money," but even greater than this, is that deep seated love in our hearts for Christ, our Saviour, which prompts His kind of love in our hearts for each other.

Certainly we know that to progress, some changes must take place from time to time, even as they do in the life of a student, in order that we may grow, but the fundamental principles of Christianity are built upon Christ, and the foundation of all righteous activities are founded on His teachings.

When we are called upon for any specific work, we know the foundation is laid, but we do have the privilege of making such plans, under the leadership of our Father, that will be most conducive to the best in-

terest of God's plans, and for the final good of those whom we may hope to reach.

There is no standstill in the Christian life—development and growth must be in effect, or we stagnate, and thereby retard the work we should be doing in His name. Let us be careful however, that we do not intercept His plans, by substituting our own, and then worst of all, lay the responsibility for our waywardness, or failures to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, as is done sometimes. "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit," and so may we all strive and labour together for the best interest of all concerned, and spend more time in earnest prayer, that we may live more in the humble spirit of the Master, and cease not to thank and praise Him for His wonderful goodness to us.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Co-Workers:

For the information of those who may not know or understand why the State Secretary is not sending report blanks to local Auxiliaries, I would like to make the following explanation.

At the State Auxiliary Convention held at Union Grove, Wayne County, May 23, 1946, a committee was appointed, including one from each District represented, to fix a new report blank in keeping with the progressive trend of our work. This committee met July 5, 1946, and made the new report blanks. The Executive Committee accepted the proposed blank and I trust each local auxiliary in North Carolina has seen or used one for your District Conventions.

They are far from being perfect, but I do feel that they are, at least, one step to a more progressive Woman's Auxiliary work.

Heretofore, there has been quite a bit of repetition in our reports, as local auxiliaries reported both to their respective districts, and to the State. With these new report blanks we designated that the local report only to their districts, the district to the State. Thus eliminating the lo-

cal auxiliaries reporting to State. However, we want you to send your delegate as she will be an important factor in voting her approval or disapproval in the business routine of the day.

I have written each District Secretary, that I have the addresses of, making an explanation how to fill in report blank and when to return to me. If any district secretary has failed to get one please notify me at once, or if you have any report blanks on hand fill out one in its entirety and send to me by the 1st of May, so that I can get the State vice-president reports mailed to them in plenty of time for our State Auxiliary meeting to be held with Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C., May 22, 1947.

District Treasurer, fill out one report with your State and National dues which is 20c per member, and your State donation and send to our State Treasurer, Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.

I sincerely hope this is the needed information for the best "reported" State Auxiliary Convention we have ever had.

The officers of this Convention ask a special interest in your prayers that they may be led in the right paths of service for the Master and be able to do the task assigned to them for that day in the Master's service.

Yours to serve,

Mrs. J. C. Sasser,
State Secretary

RADIO PROGRAM

We are happy to announce that TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST Church, Nashville, Tennessee, now has a weekly program over Station WGNS, Murfreesboro, 1240 on your dial. This program is called the FREE WILL BAPTIST HOUR and is heard each Friday morning at 9:15. The programs consist of gospel singing, and an old-fashioned gospel message. Please pray for this ministry.

Homer E. Willis, Pastor

We may look for more kindness when we show more gratitude.

SPECIAL NOTICE

During the 1047 annual session of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager-Treasurer, and Rev. L. R. Ennis, President, voluntarily offered their resignations to become effective September 1, 1947. In offering their resignations, these brethren expressed their personal desires to be relieved of the responsibilities of their offices. Because of these requests, the resignations were accepted.

We, the members of the Board of Trustees, do hereby express our appreciation of the services rendered to the Bible College by Brother Davidson and Brother Ennis, and we pray for the blessings of God to continue upon the school and its future progress.

John L. Welch, Chairman,
Floyd B. Cherry, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CRAGMONT

Last year the women of the State put on a drive for linens and furnishings for Cragmont. This year Mrs. R. P. Harris and Mrs. J. C. Griffin are sponsoring a drive for blankets for Cragmont.

Your Manager was supposed to investigate the price of the blankets and to publish it through the columns of the Baptist paper. Now, the price regularly for these blankets are reduced for Cragmont. Your Manager can purchase them for \$4.75 per blanket. These are the same quality as first class, but run small for double beds, and they will be very good size for the beds at Cragmont.

May I urge that each of you send your money for Blankets as soon as possible. We are in need of 150 blankets, that is, we shall need two for each bed. It is cold at night in the mountains, and much of the time two blankets will be needed for each bed. If you would like to send money for more than one, it will be greatly appreciated for the pledges made at the District Conventions there were only 65 pledges, and we shall need over twice that many.

As soon as this can be dealt with the sooner our campers can come without having to bring bed cover, which makes it very bulky in traveling.

May God bless every one of you in your rendering services for Cragmont, and also for the happiness and the welfare of those who will attend the institutes there this summer.

J. Albert Harris,
Business Manager-Treasurer

A NEW BOOKLET

I have felt the need of a booklet to place into the hands of our new converts, that would give them some plain simple Bible instructions as to their Christian duty and responsibility, that they might be able to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. So after much prayer and thought I have prepared this Booklet: "Bible Instructions for New Converts." It is a nice eight-page booklet with a Baptismal Certificate on the back cover with a beautiful North Carolina Baptismal scene pictured on the certificate. This booklet is printed on the finest paper, in brown ink and the cover is extra nice.

I have not thought of this work for financial gain, but only to Glorify Christ and to help the new convert to grow strong in the Lord. So the price of the booklet is barely to pay printing expenses: 10c per copy or one dollar per dozen. Every pastor, church and soul winner should have a number of these books on hand to give out to new converts and others who need Bible instructions on what a Christian should do.

We as Free Will Baptists, have been lacking in preparing literature for the instructions of our people and that is one reason that we have not grown as other groups has. I hope and pray that our people will make use of this work and that it will prove a wonderful blessing to many earnest hearts.

Send all orders to M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala.

Exaggeration is a truth that has lost its temper.—Kahlil Gibran

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

REPORT FOR MARCH,
1947

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came, for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt).

All receipts reaching the office later than March 31 will be in the April report.

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

Smith's New Home	\$ 4.00
Mosley Creek	5.00
Warden's Grove	10.00
St. Mary's, New Bern	20.16
Antioch	33.00
Gray Branch	5.00
Dublin Grove	5.57
St. Delight	26.64
Bridgeton	4.00
Kinston	27.00
Core Creek	35.87
Juniper's Chapel	7.00
Mt. Olive	13.80
Davis	7.50
Union Chapel	47.38
Beulaville	10.08
Sarecta	2.70
Long Ridge	14.00
Sneads Ferry	3.71
Friendship, Jones County	64.85
Mt. Zion, Pamlico County	8.13
Whaley's Chapel	7.00
Sandy Plain	10.00
Arapahoe	79.84
Pearsall's Chapel	4.00
St. John's Chapel	12.00
Deep Run	2.00
Ephesus	11.00

Total \$481.23

Cape Fear

1st. F. W. B. Church, Goldsboro	\$15.00
Powhatan	6.00
Tee's Chapel	12.00
Yelverton's Grove	3.48
W. Clinton	14.24
Roberts' Grove	5.00
Corinth	6.00

Total \$61.72

French Broad

Horney Height	\$10.00
Avery's Creek	2.59
Liberty	17.40
Cedar Hill	10.00

Total \$44.74

Western

Marsh Swamp	\$ 20.00
Piney Grove	2.36
2nd Union Aux. Convention	36.16
Pleasant Plains	22.83
Stancils Chapel	6.55
Branch Chapel	11.03
2nd Union Meeting	55.06
Everetts Chapel	40.00

Total \$193.99

Central

Antioch	\$ 60.00
Rose Hill	19.85
Edgewood	22.00
Dilda's Grove	7.50
Ayden	4.10
LaGrange	8.28
Hull Road	21.50
Winterville	11.50
Rocky Mount	3.66
Hugo	5.00
Gum Swamp	3.31
Bethany	6.75
Kings Cross Roads	10.00
Greenville	21.61
Aspin Grove	6.00

Total \$211.06

Jack's Creek

Price's Creek	\$50.00
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Pee Dee

Beaver Dam	\$ 5.92
White Oak	2.00
Oak Grove	20.50

Total \$28.42

Albemarle

Gum Neck	\$20.00
Sidney	5.00

Total \$25.00

Miscellaneous

Refunds	\$ 67.59
Mrs. E. W. Tippet	10.00
Farm, dairy, garden, cash sales	645.19
Chap. and Mrs. Chester H. Pelt	10.00
Veteran's Administration, (through children's relatives)	770.24
Selma Furlough	5.00
Greene County, Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives)	60.00
Truck Hire	120.00
Y. P. Friend Subscription	9.50
Mrs. Stanley Wall	10.00
Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co. (coup)	52.56
F. A. Rivenbark	10.00
Alice Dale, Greenville, N. C.	25.00
Furnie Page (through children's relatives)	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bryan	10.00
Pitt County Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives)	10.00

Free Gospel Tabernacle 14.00

Total \$1,849.08

CLOTHING FUND

Western

Holly Springs	\$ 30.00
Union Grove	30.00
Pleasant Plain	30.00
Pine Level	30.00
Rains Cross Roads	30.00
Kenly	30.00

Total \$180.00

Eastern

Davis	\$ 30.00
Dublin Grove	30.00
St. Mary's, New Bern	30.00
Sunnyside Circle, St. Mary's, New Bern	30.00
Snow Hill	30.00
Eastern Auxiliary Convention	30.00
Core Creek	30.00
Carteret Co. S. S. Convention	37.00
Deep Run	30.00

Total \$277.00

Central

Winterville	\$ 30.00
Free Union, Greene County	30.00
Kings Cross Roads	30.00
Marlboro	30.00
Grimsley	30.00
Ayden Fidelia S. S. Class	30.00

Total \$180.00

French Broad

Walnut	\$30.00
Homer's Chapel	30.00

Total \$60.00

Piedmont

N. Belmont	\$30.00
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Cape Fear

1st F. W. B. Church, Goldsboro	\$30.00
St. John's	30.00

Total \$60.00

Miscellaneous

Mrs. W. T. Rose	\$30.00
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ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND

Albemarle S. S. Convention	\$400.00
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FURNITURE FOR CHAPEL

Central

Saratoga	\$ 10.00
St. Delight	10.00
Pleasant Hill	4.00

Rocky Mount	10.00
Central Aux. Conv. offering	79.34
Winterville	10.00
Total	\$123.34

CHAPEL FUND**Central**

Howell Swamp	\$10.00
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Miscellaneous

W. S. Gay	\$1.00
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Total General Receipts	\$2,945.24
Total Clothing Receipts	817.00
Total Albemarle Cottage Fund ..	400.00
Total Furniture for Chapel Fund	123.34
Total Chapel Fund	11.00

Grand Total	\$4,296.58
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Donated Commodities

State Hospital, Raleigh, Food	\$ 10.00
Antioch L. A. S., Food	28.80
Mrs. J. C. Moye, Food	10.60
Deep Run Church, Food	30.00
Daniel's Chapel L. A. S., clothing for Alton Bryant	39.70
Stoney Creek W. A., Household Furnishings	30.91
Marlboro, clothing	5.00
Willing Worker's S. S. Class, Shady Grove, Durham County, Clothing for Jimmie Page	38.38
Total	\$192.48

"CHRIST AND THE CHILDREN"

As Jesus was teaching the people one day
Of justification and the manner to pray—
Behold, the fair mothers of Judah's bright land,
Brought forward their babes to be touched by His hand.
The Disciples rebuked them, and said,
"Go away!"
"Our Lord can not see any children today;
"He is busy expounding salvation to man;
"And these, we are sure, have no part in His plan."
The mothers did turn and thus broken-hearted,
With lingering steps would have slowly departed,
Had not Christ overheard every word that was spoken,

And His soul been deep stirred by the hearts which were broken.
He ceased from His teaching—uplifting His hand—
And gave to them all this glorious command:
"You must suffer the children to come unto Me,
"For of such, in all truth, My Kingdom shall be;
"You must all be as babes of the Spiritual Tie
"Ere you seek to inherit My Kingdom on High."
Then, taking the little ones up in His arms,
He talked to them kindly and soothed their alarms;
And, holding them close by the depth of His love,
He gave them a blessing from the Father above.

Arthur B. Chandler,
F. W. B. Bible College,
Nashville 5, Tennessee

ANOTHER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH BURNED

I take this means of announcing through the Free Will Baptist paper, that our Church, at Keenburb, Tenn., two miles from Elizabethton, was burned to the ground March 23rd. Now, there are just a few male members in this church to help build another one, and we aim to start soon to build another one. We are using a school house now to hold services. We had no insurance, and we will have to start from the bottom. I am asking that if there is any church that could or would send me a donation on the new church, we sure will appreciate it very much, or if there is any individual that would send us a donation, for as little as one dollar, we will thank you, and God will bless you, and return it to you four fold.

"In God We Trust."

Thank you,

Rev. Jesse Curtis,
Johnson City, Tenn.,
Route 1

P. S.—It makes me think of the Sea Level Church that burned. I sent them a donation.—Jack McCoury, Johnson City, Tenn.

FOURTH UNION DISTRICT REPORT

Miss Nancy Owens, Secretary

The fourth union district of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with Aspin Grove Church in Wilson County, March 30, 1947. The devotions were conducted by Rev. Preston Ellis of the local church and prayer was offered by Mr. Ernest Baker. The welcome address was given by Brother Julius Kilibrew and the response was by Mrs. Paul Thigpen. An offering for the orphanage was taken, which amounted to \$44.73. The very impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. L. B. Manning whose text was taken from St. John's gospel. His subject was "Mission Field." Following the message the president of the union appointed the following committees: program, finance, and banner. We were then adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing of "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." The devotions were led by Rev. C. D. Hamilton. At this time the Dilda Sisters from Spring Branch rendered a duet. Mr. Clifton Gardner then made a most interesting talk on the subject "Leadership." The Union then recognized the ministers present.

The business session was then entered into with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. We then heard the treasurer's report. The various committees then made their reports and the report of the nominating committee was as follows: President, Mrs. Luther Goff; Vice-President, Mrs. Willie Owens; Secretary, Miss Nancy Owens; Treasurer, Mrs. Daisy Owens.

The Banner Committee awarded the Ladies Aid Banner to Saratoga and the Sunday School banner to La-Grange. The reports of the various committees were accepted.

Aspin Grove Church then gave a very impressive Easter program. After the benediction was offered, we were adjourned.

We may round out a good life by square dealing.

"CHRISTIAN LIVING BEGINS AT HOME"

From May 4th to 11th Family Week will be observed in homes, churches and community gatherings. Family life will be featured in radio programs and in the press. There was never a time when we needed more emphasis on the rebuilding of American family life. We had one divorce to every three marriages in 1945 and the record promises to be still more serious in 1946 and 1947. Child neglect is a major factor in juvenile delinquency. Great numbers of families are crowded or practically homeless. Many marriages strained by wartime separation have not yet grown together firmly. We need nation-wide attention to the well being of families.

In spite of disturbing factors, millions of marriages are standing firm and are meeting their problems with splendid resourcefulness. Such homes are the hope of the world. Families in which love, understanding, and creative comradeship are carried into daily life give strength and joy to their members and build up the spiritual strength of mankind.

The home is a training school to teach us how to use our differences constructively. Many people never learn this lesson, hence family breakdown, group and racial conflicts and war. The Christian home is one place in which the antagonism, emotional loneliness and confusion of postwar living can be offset through experiences of security, love, joy and cooperativeness.

Much has been said about war marriages. Too many of them have already come to grief, but many others which started in the same period are, and can continue to be, as fine as any that ever existed. The church can help and is helping them. If the family keeps its religion, religion will keep the family. There is a natural closeness between the home and the church and each is dependent upon the other.—Selected.

When man fully realizes that he is his brother's keeper, then will come the dawn!

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**REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONVENTION**

The Second Union Sunday School convention of the North Carolina Central Conference met on March 30, 1947, with Little Creek Church. The theme used for the convention: "Teaching God's Word More Effectively," which was well carried out during the day.

Miss Rachel Wooten very effectively demonstrated the teaching of primaries from age one to age ten. Rev. D. A. Windham did a fine job of giving by demonstration the teaching of the Intermediates. Mr. E. D. Griffin

very ably demonstrated the teaching of the Adults.

Special music for the day was rendered by a quartet from the Greenville High School Glee Club, King's Cross Roads Sunday School Choir, and Misses Gladys Hines and Helen Joyce McLawhon.

Mrs. M. A. Woodard spoke on the subject: "The Need of Vacation Bible Schools." She presented much helpful literature by the way of illustration and suggested that it should be ordered from the F. W. B. Press at Ayden, North Carolina. She urged the people to place their orders early and to plan early for their

Vacation Bible Schools for the summer.

Rev. R. B. Spencer gave some wonderful suggestions on the subject: "The Pastor's Duty to the Sunday School." We are sure if they adopt them and use them, they will be very helpful.

A very encouraging report of the growth of the convention was given by the secretary. She stated that much progress has been made in every phase of the work, and the convention has supported all of the work in general. Our schools are all represented, and are doing their part to make our convention a success. All of our Sunday Schools were represented this time except one. Let us make our next convention in June one hundred percent in attendance.

The convention purchased two twenty-five dollar shares of stock in our Church Finance Association.

Mrs. Johnnie Wooten,
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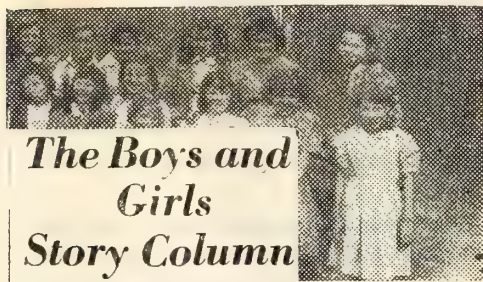
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The Boys and Girls Story Column

REWARD—WHERE?

Zella Lindsel

For three weeks the Fisherman's Club had been meeting at Mrs. Ray's on Saturday afternoon's. Ten boys and girls had been at the first meeting, and now the number had grown to fifteen.

"Next week I'm going to give a nice Bible to the boy or girl who brings the most new members," Mrs. Ray told them when the story hour ended.

"Look, she's got it with her," whispered Dan.

"Oh, I wish I could earn it," said Myrtle. "I've always wanted one just like it."

"Well, I'm going to earn it," spoke up Eunice. "Just see if I don't."

"All right now, we'll see who really does win it," said Mrs. Ray kindly. "Let's all stand and pray."

All week long Myrtle kept thinking about the Bible. Myrtle had no Bible of her own, and it seemed that always when she wanted to read, someone else in the family was using the family Bible.

Eunice got busy. "Just think, Mother," she said on Friday afternoon, "I have seven who are going with me. I'm sure I'll win that Bible."

"That's good. I wonder if any of the others have been working this week?"

"Myrtle has, but she could get only two. All the better for me. If all she's asked came, where would I be?"

"Why your reward in Heaven would be just the same, and you'd have fifteen or sixteen new ones at the Fisherman's Club instead of just seven."

"Huh, if all Myrtle's asked to come really came, there'd be twenty. She's worked like everything this week. Seems too bad she'll not win. She needs a Bible."

"Maybe the Lord would like you to do something about it."

"What?"

"You ask Jesus," was all her mother would say.

Eunice decided to go for a walk. She wanted to think. And she finally decided that if she won the Bible she'd give it to Myrtle.

The next morning Myrtle met Eunice on the way to the store.

"Oh Eunice," she said, "I've got only two who'll come this afternoon. I guess you'll get the Bible all right."

"Never mind," said Eunice. "You'll have more reward in Heaven than I will, 'cause you've worked hardest."

That was a new thought to Myrtle. All the way home she kept saying to herself, "Reward in Heaven! Reward in Heaven! That's far better than getting even a Bible. Maybe God didn't mean me to have this Bible, anyway. I'm sorry I cried over not being able to get it." And she was all smiles when she went to the Club that afternoon.

Eunice, too, was all smiles, for now she had made another decision. "Of course she's happy," thought Myrtle. "Anyone would be who was going to get such a lovely Bible. But I'll just keep thinking about my reward in Heaven. That's even better."

Finally the time came when Mrs. Ray began counting the visitors. Last of all she said, "Will all who want to be counted for Myrtle please stand?"

Myrtle looked around for her two visitors. But it seemed that half the room was standing. Mrs. Ray counted to ten while Myrtle looked just as surprised as could be.

"There's a mistake," Myrtle spoke up. "Only three came because I asked them."

"Will only those who want to be counted for Myrtle keep standing?" said Mrs. Ray. No one sat down.

"Come Myrtle," said Mrs. Ray "Eunice has asked that the children you both invited be counted for you, and since they've agreed to that, it's all right. You've worked hard, and

we're all glad that the Lord has enabled you to win the Bible. I want to commend Eunice, too, for her work, and most of all for her unselfishness."

Myrtle opened the gift excitedly. "Oh thank you," she said, both to Mrs. Ray and to Eunice. After the Club was dismissed she said, "Most of all I thank Jesus. I thought He was going to save all my reward for Heaven, but He's given some of it here on earth."

As Eunice saw Myrtle's joy, she, too, was happy.

"Jesus gave me some reward here on earth, too," she told her mother. "It was just seeing Myrtle so happy and knowing that the Lord helped me to make her so."

So both girls had reward that day, both on earth—and in Heaven.—O. P. Boys and Girls.

—Juvenile Pleasure

"Where There's Drink There's Danger"

Write it on the schoolhouse gate,
Write it on the schoolboy's slate,
Write it on the copybook,
So the Young may often look,
"Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it on the graveyard mound,
Where the rum-slain dead are found.
Write it on the gallows high,
Write for him who passes by—
"Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it on the ships that sail,
Borne along by tide and gale.
Write it large, in letters plain,
Over every land and main,
"Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it in our nation's laws,
Blotting out the license clause,
Write it on our ballots white,
So that all may read aright,
"Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it over every gate,
On the church and halls of state,
In the hearts of every band,
In the laws of every land,
"Where there's drink there's danger."

By Frances E. Willard

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"Daily with You"

"I was daily with you."—Mark 14:49.

He is daily with us, loving, loving, loving,
Longing to befriend us, waiting but to bless;
Yet we bear our burdens, weary and discouraged,
And endure our sorrows, lonely, comfortless.

He is daily with us, pleading, pleading, pleading:
"Come, ye heavy-laden; come to me and rest;"
Yet we struggle onward, tempted, failing, sinning,
By the hosts of evil beaten and oppressed.

He is daily with us, calling, calling, calling,
Warning us to follow while we have the Light;
Yet we walk in darkness, sick with doubt and terror,
And bemoan our stumbling, and bewail the night.

He is daily with us, blessing, breaking, giving,
Asking but to feed us with the living Bread;
Yet we wander, seeking what earth can not give us,
Hungering and thirsting, fainting and unfed.

Jesus, daily with us, though we grieve and slight Thee,
Bear with us yet longer; leave us not, we pray.
Light of God, still leading; love of God, still pleading;
Christ, still interceding—stay with us to-day!

—Annie Johnson Flint

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A man with a guilty conscience is never found in the paths of righteousness.

"He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death" (Rev. 2: 11).

Editorial

BIBLE WAY OF ANGER—

Most everyone becomes fretted or angry at times over conditions which upset one's thoughts. It is the unexpected, the unusual thing that arouses a person's resentment or angry feeling against someone or a disagreeable situation. In many instances disagreeable and harmful results come from anger, due to the fact that too many give way to their anger when it is enkindled by someone.

But in the Bible the wise man Solomon tells us how to handle ourselves when someone stirs up anger against us. He says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Prov. 15:1). When an angry person approaches us with hard words and bitter rebukes, we are to be calm, considerate and speak in smooth words, as we make our reply to his angry statements. This is the Bible way of turning away wrath, as well as gaining a friend.

A good way to shame an angry person is to let him empty himself of his pent up anger, and then with a soft answer for his much raging let him see his folly. When his wrath has been exploded, he is then ready for sound words, and good advice. Try it on the next person who storms at you.

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GOD'S WAY TO HANDLE THE ENEMY—

A great number of people have their opponents, and there are some who have their enemies. Sometimes both can do one good if he will profit by their oppositions and scathing rebukes. But any of us dislike to be opposed, much worse do we dread our enemies—those who seek to do us great harm.

God has a good way to handle some of our enemies. He says seek to do him a kindness, try to satisfy his need, when he is unaware of your liberality. In Proverbs 25: 21, 22, He says, "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee." Yes, surprise him with a good deed. He will be so surprised at you, and ashamed of his bitterness that he will burn with a sense of remorse and narrowness of his previous attitude toward you. His conscience will burn him, as coals of fire upon his head. But it will serve as a cleansing of the dross of his bitter feelings toward you.

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CHRIST AND THE PEACEMAKERS—

The representatives from the fifty-four nations who are in attendance upon the United Nations Organization have a great mission to perform for the world. It is the mission of effecting a world peace—a brotherhood of mankind in which all peoples may feel content and secure in world affairs. But it appears that they are tackling the

great world problems by the exercise of their intellectual faculties, and human understanding. But can man, imperfect as he is in thought, deed and desire, bring about a lasting world peace among all the nations? Can he, without God, achieve that peace of which the races of men now desire?

Christ said, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9). Surely, those representatives at the United Nations Organization will be acclaimed "blessed" if they can bring about a peace in the world that will do away with war, and usher in a period of universal brotherhood for all mankind. But Christ must have a hand in this making of peace for the world, if it is to stand the test of time. His divine thought must be written in the World Charter, and signed by His divine approval before the world can be assured of a lasting peace among the nations.

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THE PREVALENCE OF INTEMPERANCE—

Why so many people today are manifesting the attitude of being intemperate, restless and dissatisfied? Most people have money in this country. They have a sufficiency to eat and to wear, and cars to go places. There are plenty of churches to which most people can go for worship and consecration. The schools and colleges are running in full order with most children going to school for the acquirement of a liberal education. But why do we see so much intemperance, restlessness and dissatisfaction all about us?

It is the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. That is the answer, we believe. People letting their carnal nature have the right-of-way in their lives. More people are drinking alcoholic beverages than ever before in this country, according to statistics. The divorce records show that more marriages are broken up, and more homes are dissolved now than there were a few years ago. Crime is spreading over the land at a rapid speed. There is now more travelling on the highways, since cars are becoming more plentiful in America. And more accidents are happening. We read just recently statistics setting forth the fact that as many as 60,000 churches had closed doors last year due to various causes. These things are appalling, and they should make us think, and think seriously of the trend of things in this country.

But everything is not gone to the bad. We must not think that. In the midst of the bad there is also the good. Since this is true, it behooves the good Christian people of America to get busy and seek to greatly check the crime wave over the country, to find a remedy for so much divorce in the land, to raise their voices against the liquor traffic, and to move forward the work of Christ among the people spread over the nation. These prevalent evils must be challenged with the gospel of Christ if conditions are to be made better for all the people.

News from India

"Shamrock"
Kotagiri, S. India
April 14, 1947

Dear Friends,

Some time ago I began to feel inclined to write you a brief story of our two "Shamrock" employees and to ask your prayers for them. And now I must confess for William a deeper need than any of us had realized existed. So, out of a heavy heart I am calling for earnest prayer for him. During the course of the last few months he has stolen from me a locket and chain and a number of smaller articles. A gold ring set with three good stones has also been stolen, and I feel certain he has taken this also. Will you earnestly pray for the thorough work of the Spirit in full cleansing and restoration.

Upon my return to India after long absence, one of the conditions that grieved me most was William's undeveloped spiritual life. He would not go to Hindu temples nor take any part in idolatrous practices. He knows that Hinduism is wrong and that Christ is the true Saviour. But he was not keen for Bible study or meetings of any kind. His attendance at church was most irregular. He avoided meeting me when he knew there would be an opportunity for extended conversation. I was much exercised in prayer for the lad and besought the Lord to send some one into his life who could deal with him and lead him out into an experience that would be satisfying to himself and to the Lord. I longed for some man (Indian or otherwise) who knew his language and knew the Lord, for I felt the lad needed the interest and counsel of a man. When I was about to move to "Shamrock" the Lord permitted my plan for servant staff to fall through, and sent William and Raju along to me instead. I wanted to help William, but I had not imagined that I was to take him into my house in order to do so. I honestly felt that the double responsibility of sponsoring his spiritual life at a time like this and of having him as an employee was too

much. But the Lord so clearly guided in this that I could not refrain, and so he and Raju came with me as charter members of the "Shamrock" household.

I took William, however, with considerable misgivings, for I knew that he had in a number of cases left previous jobs suddenly, thus creating suspicion. Some may recall one such instance in a 1938 number of the Baptist. (My letter dated August 1, 1938). The lad mentioned there is this same William. And at this point I quote you a portion of a letter which I began some time ago but for some reason had not finished. This will indicate how William and Raju responded to a spiritual atmosphere and Bible teaching:

"It is in a true sense a privilege to have in the home as servants two lads who have been led to Christ through our Mission. William, the elder, was baptized with the group some years ago, but circumstances have been against his growth in grace and in the knowledge of the Word. True, some grow in spite of circumstances, and with these God is well pleased, but I regret to say it is not true of William. Since he came to work here, however, his development has been noticeable. I trust you will pray earnestly for him. The second lad, Raju, is a believer but unbaptized. He was one of the faithful boys throughout my first term of service here, and has maintained his witness. In those early days Raju learned many Bible verses, and studied the Bible in different ways in school and Sunday School. Along with a number of children he earned for himself a Bible by learning to name all the books of the Bible in order. Now it is gratifying to see the results in our daily prayer time in the home. When I say that we shall read from a certain chapter, Raju opens his Bible and turns immediately to the place. William, to the contrary, leafs the Book and fumbles about with embarrassment, until he finally turns to the index to locate the book. Although William is older and

of a higher caste status, Raju is far ahead of him in his knowledge of the Bible. This is the more pathetic, seeing William is a baptized Christian while Raju is not. Both boys, however, work with a fine spirit and seem to feel they are a definite part of the home and do take wonderful care of it. You might be surprised to see the shine on our living room floor today! The floor is cement, grooved in diamond-shaped blocks and painted with a smooth paint to give the effect of tiles. This morning I found both lads down on their knees rubbing the old cement floor for dear life, until it began to shine like your hardwood floor with Johnson's floor wax! (Their own floors are mud, finished with cow dung.) Besides the routine of necessary work, they are making plans for a flower and vegetable garden. We do want our home, inside and out, to glorify the Giver in every sense of the word, and we hope also that when our new missionaries arrive they will find it cheerful and inviting—and William and Raju will deserve a big share of the credit."

It was Christmas week that I discovered my locket and ring were gone. As these items could not be considered small, I naturally made it known to the boys and especially reprimanded William whose particular duty it is to look after the house. I prayed daily that God would reveal the culprit. I did not care too much for the jewelry in itself, for as a missionary those things lose their attachment. However, with both items were connected precious memories of service and fellowship, as both had been love gifts from friends to whom I had ministered in His name. But what I cared most for was the reflection it cast on the Name of Christ and the Christian community. Both servants knew that I prayed daily for the Lord to bring it all to light—and, hard to believe, they prayed likewise! Several smaller matters in which William had been dishonest did come to light from time to time, and then in a very strange manner the Lord finally led me right to the house where William had taken my locket and some other stolen articles for safekeeping. They were shown to me, and I brought the

locket home. After days of prayer and waiting the Lord made the opportunity and I showed William the locket. He owned the sin. Both the Biblewoman and I dealt with him, endeavoring to show him the meaning of this sin from every angle. Sins of immorality also were revealed along with his sins of theft. A young widow, mother of two boys in our school, confessed that she had held William under her thumb for seven to eight years and had influenced him to continue in sin even when he would have severed from her. Pray for her. God can save her from such a life. It is all such a disgrace to the Christian Church. William does appear to be truly penitent. The Biblewoman is deeply impressed with the genuineness of his confession and repentance. However, I still hold some doubts and feel that as yet he has not fully realized the awfulness of the sin in the eyes of a holy God, and the grief it is causing the heart of the One who died for him. His pride naturally makes him feel the remorse for the immediate consequences. I am praying he may yet touch a depth of bitterness and true penitence that will cause him to lose sight of every material and temporal loss and be concerned only for the restoration of his spiritual and eternal loss.

If you saw William, you would be impressed first of all with his appearance. He is a handsome lad, with a winning manner. He has been more than kind to all who have come here, and all speak of his unusually bright and pleasing spirit. Both he and Raju have been an asset here, and even now I miss William and his service more than I can tell you. God sent him here for a purpose. I am not willing to let Satan win in the matter. I believe that God will cleanse and strengthen the lad and make him yet a glory to His Name. This is what I am asking you to pray for. And do not forget the woman.

I have not related this sordid story for its sensational value. I am so ashamed of it that, but for the prevailing prayer I feel, it will call forth, and the better understanding of our need here, I would be far from making it known. I am counting on the

power of your prayers to deliver William from the darkness of sin and its bitter remorse, into the full light, liberty and blessing of the Gospel; and to deliver also the sinful woman involved, and make the power of the Gospel fully known in her life. I also trust this will help you understand what I have said many times before, that out here where the spiritual hosts of wickedness have been enthroned through the centuries and every vice has been deified, it is difficult for the mind to grasp the difference between good and evil, light and darkness. When one remains so long in a dark room his eyes become adjusted to that darkness so that he loses all consciousness of how dark it is, and does not at all appreciate the wholesomeness of light. Isaiah described the situation exactly when he spoke of "them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." Our people all know in a general way that it is a sin to steal, to lie, to commit adultery. But you who have lived your lifetime where the impact of Christianity has set for us clearly defined standards would hardly believe how the reasoning of these people is contorted so that they would not give to stealing, lying, adultery the same definition that the Bible gives. This is Satan's device, the blinding of the mind. Stealing seems not to be stealing until and unless the thief in his clumsiness has been found out. If he never gets caught, that act that we call stealing is just a wholesome game in which he has played well and won, and conscience does not come into play. A lie is not something that fails to coincide with the truth. If it pleases, and succeeds in deceiving the person to whom it is directed, it is not looked upon as a lie. Only if it does not work, and bears evil consequences, does it take on the quality of falsehood. This is what a few years' observation has taught me as to what is among these people generally conceived to be stealing and lying. As for sins of immorality, it almost seems that a man is incapable of committing such. It is not imagined that the gods expect a man to control his sex

impulses. And this is not to be wondered at in view of the fact that the lingam (male organ of generation) is the symbol of Sivan worship and is the most prominent image to be found in Sivan temples. When we see the sins of which William is guilty, in the light of our centuries of Christian background and enlightenment, they seem inexcusable; but when viewed in this setting, perhaps we may wonder that he has advanced as far as he has. Incidentally, William's heathen name was Dharma-lingam. "Dharma" is a good word, meaning alms, but the latter half of the name may only speak of the license which the gods seem to give to his sex.

I am constantly debating in my own mind how much allowance we as missionaries are to make for our young Christians in these respects. God's grace is sufficient. The blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin. And He is able to save and to transform in the twinkling of an eye, causing a man to turn immediately from all his former life and to live his life entirely in the will of God. And yet somehow in my experience here the Spirit has worked more slowly. For example, ignorant individuals have made the choice to turn from idols to serve the true and the living God and to wait for His Son from Heaven. They have proved their sincerity of purpose and been baptized. But years have been required for the gradual unveiling of particular sins, one by one, and for an understanding of the meaning of particular sins. This calls for patience and perseverance on the part of the shepherd of a flock. It calls for tedious and painstaking teaching of the Word; and people in such a setting can receive so little of it at a time, "line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little." I sometimes think this may be because many of these souls could never bear the full and sudden blast of conviction that would fall upon them if the Spirit brought all their iniquities before them in all their hellish darkness at the moment of their conversion. Perhaps infinite Wisdom understands that, especially in some cases, it must come gradually. As human sponsor of

William's spiritual life, I have prayed for the revealing and convicting work of the Holy Spirit in his life, and I must now accept this as an answer to that prayer. So, will you, in the light of all the above, pour out your hearts in intercession for a soul struggling for release from Satan's grip. And pray that this may be only a beginning of the greater revival of spiritual power which will bring every hidden sin to light and will cleanse every life. There is a popular proverb in this language which says that a habit is something that begins in the cradle and goes with one to the burning-ghat (grave), never to be broken in one's lifetime. Some are saying this about William, that these sins are habits which he can never break from! This is practically true from the human point of view, but William has named for himself a Name that is all-powerful, and through that Name all power in Heaven and on earth is his to overcome any sin. They are also saying that the young widow who has habitually lived in sin cannot break from it. She too is a nominal Christian (though not one of our converts). So, as you pray, will you remember that God's reputation is at stake among the heathen in the matter of these two individuals. Can we not claim for both of them complete victory through His Name and through His blood?

I have said that patience and perseverance are required. But I often wonder also if the manner in which the Spirit works depends largely upon the human instrument that He must use. Perhaps the work has been very slow and gradual only because I have not been otherwise useable. I now am losing patience, and am longing and praying for the raging fires of holy cleansing and revival in our midst; for the presence of the Lord who will baptize with Holy Ghost and with fire, whose fan is in His hand, to thoroughly purge His threshing floor, and burn the chaff with unquenchable fire. Perhaps we may not be able to endure such a revival. Perhaps there will be some who like Ananias and Sapphira will literally fall dead under the searching judgment of such a cleansing tide

of power. Still I long for it, to the glory of His Name among the heathen.

I would also urge prayer for Raju. William is temporarily suspended from service, and Raju is doing all the work here. My fear for him is that he may take the self-righteous attitude of the elder prother in the parable of the Prodigal. Pray that he may be kept humble, and that this experience will cause him to lean harder on the Lord rather than giving him an occasion to feel his own righteousness. It will be like a gleam of sunlight through the clouds if I tell you at this point that Raju is wanting to go to a Bible school. I have for some time felt that he ought to do this, though I never mentioned it because I felt God would lay it upon his heart if it were His will. Last night when he had finished his work we paused to read and pray before he went home. As he sat down and opened his Bible he asked, "Where can I go to learn this Bible properly?" I often find him reading the Word during the day when he has a few minutes, and, although he is really learning fast, he looks at those 66 books and feels impatient to realize there is yet so much of it that he hasn't read. He now wants to stop everything and study properly for a while. So pray for him. If the Lord wants this, He will show the right school (a real problem in view of language differences, etc.) and He will make it possible.

Later: As it has been some days since I wrote the above, I can now tell you that William is back at work in the home. He has made restitution of all that he has confessed. Still a couple of articles (including the ring) are missing. Please continue to pray that the truth may come to light, and the name of the Lord glorified in it all. If he did not take these articles, we owe it to him to pray that God will justify him of the charge. If he did, we must pray that full cleansing will come. His prayers are decidedly different since he returned, favorably so. And his spirit and service do definitely indicate a change.

And now we have had word that the Woolseys have sailed. You may

be sure we are eagerly awaiting word of their arrival on India's shores. However, the news of the poverty-stricken treasury at home gives me deep concern. Surely our dear people at home will begin to enter upon sacrificial giving for the spread of the Gospel. I make this as a special appeal, particularly in view of the other missionaries ready to come to India, missionaries for whom we have waited now too long. You will see us through, I know.

Laura Belle Barnard

BEING WISE

Christa S. Hobson

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30).

Fishing! Many young folks enjoy it. They are thrilled when they are invited to join a fishing party. But the Lord has greater thrills awaiting those who follow Him.

In Matthew 4:18-20 we have the account of the call of Peter and Andrew to follow the Lord in service. Peter and Andrew were fishers. Jesus said to them: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They obeyed the call of the Lord, left their nets, and followed Him. In those days, fishing was a great occupation. Peter and Andrew did not count it too much to leave to follow the Lord. There was a great need in the harvest field and these two men were willing to do their part in pointing others to Jesus, the Lamb of God. Their occupation now was far greater than catching fish. There were souls to be won.

To-day the need in the harvest field is great. So few are willing to step out for the Lord. Many Christians spend hours catching fish to satisfy the natural man. How many are willing to spend hours pointing souls to the Lord Jesus Christ who can wash away their sins! The sacrifice seems too great. They do not want to waste their time in doing such ridiculous work. They want to do something great so the world can honor them.

What does the Bible say? "He

that winneth souls is wise." Earthly rewards do not last and never will. Heavenly rewards shall be enjoyed throughout eternity. Young folks who are so eager to win a big name and place in this world are not wise. They may have a lot of knowledge in their heads, but what about the hereafter? Must they come before the Lord of harvest empty-handed? Must they be ashamed to meet Him because they have led no souls to Him? Dear young folks, be wise. Choose the occupation that really pays in the end. Your life will be happier because you help to make others happy. A selfish life is a miserable life to live. This world is dark because of sin. Help to brighten lives by pointing them to the Lord Jesus Christ who can take the darkness out of their hearts. Give your lives wholeheartedly to Him and let Him use you. You will be one of the greatest "fishermen" because you will be drawing men to Christ. Throw out the fishing line to-day. Some soul may be waiting just now for the bait—the Word of God that brings salvation to the lost. Be wise!

CONVENTION AT MARTIN'S CHAPEL

At this convention which was held at Martin's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Irwin, Tennessee, there was the greeting of old friends, and much handshaking among the brethren and the delegates. It made one's mind turn to the future time when God's people will shake hands in that glory world. This getting together here strengthens one's determination to be ready for that Great Convention in Glory when we shall meet around the great Heavenly Throne.

In the next place we wish to mention the fine lunch which we had at this convention. The ladies had cooked things for us to eat. And some might have asked, "Will there be enough?" Of course, everyone had a plenty to eat, and all were made happy because we had more than enough of those good things to eat. And there was plenty left over. It was a great blessing to everyone.

The next thing we were interested in was the afternoon session. Well,

it was simply enlightening, for there were splendid talks made by different ministers. A detailed report from the orphanage was given by Mr. Stanley, the manager. It is a comfort to know that our orphanages are so well taken care of by our church people. This is one cause that I do not mind hearing the money angle discussed, for we know that the orphanages do need help. Next came the report on the Ladies Aid Work, and I for one do regret that no report was given for Martin's Chapel. Ladies, please let us get busy and be ready to make reports at the next convention. I also regret that none of our church members could be present to welcome and worship with the members of this convention. Probably, some did not have concern enough to attend the meeting, but most had jobs that they had to be working.

Taking it all in all, it was a fine convention. The closing sermon on the subject, "Blindness in Part," was an inspiration, for it was delivered in the Spirit and power of truth.

May God richly bless each and everyone who was present for this convention.

Bobbie Miller Atkins

BELOVED MINISTERS

The following is not intended to offend anyone, but to help. If there should be one little thought or hint in it that will help you, then this little message is justified.

I have known lots of preachers and public speakers in the past several years, and to me the ones that do not look their congregation, or audience, in the eye, collectively speaking of course, are the most handicapped. I have known ministers that would preach a deep, wonderful sermon with gestures that were perfect, inflection that couldn't be improved on and a driving force that would rock a sinner back on his heels, wake him up and make him think, if the message had apparently been directed at him. But that preacher's eyes would be directed at the wall, the floor, the stove or up at the rafters in the church. Then I say, fifty percent of that wonderful sermon was lost,

thrown away and the sinner sits unmoved.

Beloved, when you speak, you don't only need your tongue and vocal chords, but every gesture, every inflection of your voice and your eyes, especially your eyes, speak just as plainly and eloquently as your voice. Lots of people think a man is lying if he doesn't look them square in the eye. When you are preaching the Word of God you're not lying. You have the greatest reason on earth to be proud of yourself and your subject.

I know it must be disconcerting to be trying to put a thought into words and look down and see some person looking at you with half a sneer on their face, but think how much more disconcerting it would be if you looked at your congregation and every single person was looking out the window, at the floor, piano, stove or some place other than at you.

Friends, try this to overcome your handicap. Get your family or maybe a few close friends to sit down and let you practice a few short sermons at them, and I mean, AT THEM. Look them in the eye. If it take a whole year, in your spare time, or even longer to overcome your habit, believe me, you will have gained a great victory not only for yourself but for God.

Preacher, we look at you, please look at us.

Lovingly,
Jimmy Barber

Worry is not only a sin against God, it is a sin against ourselves. Thousands have shortened their lives by it, and millions have made their lives bitter by dropping this gall into their souls every day. Honest work very seldom hurts us; it is worry that kills. I have a perfect right to ask God for strength equal to the day, but I have no right to ask Him for one extra ounce of strength for tomorrow's burden. When tomorrow comes grace will come with it, and sufficient for the tasks, the trials, or the troubles. God never has built a Christian strong enough to stand the strain of present duties and all the tons of tomorrow's duties and sufferings piled upon the top of them.

THE CHURCH AND GOSPEL ORDINANCES

(continued)

D. A. Windham

Christian Baptist

The transition from the world into the church, the body of Christ, is an important subject, but it belongs to another discussion. Therefore we pass to the ordinances of the gospel, or to those things to be practiced by the Church first of which is believers of Baptism.

Much controversy surrounds this ordinance. As a religious body we believe the gospel mode is immersion. Every passage in the New Testament where it is spoken of, it is immersion and there is no mention of any other mode being practiced by an inspired man. There is no reliable evidence that any other mode was practiced during the first century.

Immersion is from the Greek root **Bapto** which is used seventy-four times in the New Testament and the Septuagint. Now the root is the source of things. If the root of a tree is maple then the whole tree is maple; therefore if the root is **Bapto** (immersion) the whole structure is immersion.

I have read eleven authorities on this root word most of whom are Pedo Baptists, and they are all agreed that it means to dip, plunge, or submerge.

Out of the seventy-four passages where this root is found, for brevity, we will examine only two, one in the New and one in the Old Testament.

Let us first consider Romans 6:3-5. Here Paul calls it a burial and a planting and in either case an object must be covered. If language could be stronger in favor of immersion I am unable to understand it.

Now to one place out of two in the Old Testament and that passage is II Kings 5:14, where Naaman dipped himself in the Jordan. In these two passages we have the root **Bapto** used three times rendered buried, planted and dipped. This root is found in the great commission and it is the only mode commanded by inspired men; and who had authority

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to substitute and on what grounds did they substitute?

Some one may ask, "Can a man be saved without baptism?" That is not for me to say. It is only for me to say what God has to say and then my task is done.

Some say baptism is only a symbol of regeneration and as such a few drops of water is as good as an ocean. We agree that it is the symbol of regeneration, but to be a symbol a thing must bear a likeness to that which is symbolized. The square, compass, and capital letter G is the symbol of Masonry because there is a relation to the secret work of the order, but any old badge would not be a symbol of Masonry. Baptism is the symbol of a death, burial, and a resurrection, and any old mode will not so symbolize it.

And others may say immersionites are in the minority and the majority must be right; but in the case of the spies the majority was wrong and the minority was right. It is also claimed that other forms are more convenient and practical. It was more convenient for Naaman to dip in the rivers of Damascus, but with God it was the Jordan.

At an early period the dogma became prevalent that baptism regenerates; but the whole current of scripture is opposed to the theory. John said, "Repent and be baptised." "Believe and be baptised" is the requirement of Christ and the Apostles.

The scriptural **Subjects** of this ordinance are believers or Christians; therefore professional believers are the only subjects; hence baptism is applicable to believers only.

This should forever set aside infant baptism which can not be traced farther back than to within one hundred and fifty to two hundred years after Christ. Tertullian, A. D. 220 is the first writer who makes express mention of infant baptism. Neander, an able ecclesiastical historian, and himself a pedobaptist, admits that infant baptism is not of apostolic origin and was not practiced in the first ages after the Apostles. We have not in scripture either precept or example of children being baptized and it can not be proved by the sacred scriptures that infant baptism was

instituted by Christ or begun by the first Christians after the Apostles.

We therefore as a church hold that baptism is for those who are capable of embracing faith in the son of God and who have unreservedly done the same and been regenerated and born again.

Therefore, to teach the "all things," immersion naturally falls in line. He taught it by practice and commanded it to be taught through the world to the end of time.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Church Membership Does Not Produce Holiness

Recently I received a letter from a lady who perhaps is sincere. But one can be sincerely wrong. The great man Saul of Tarsus was just as sincere and just as sure that he was right before his conversion as after he was saved, from sin and death; but he was conscientiously wrong before his conversion. So, a person can be conscientiously wrong. I know that this lady was, because she said in her letter that she "had to leave the Baptist church in order to be holy." This assures me that she was placing her holiness on church membership. She trusted a denominational affiliation as her righteousness. A person can be saved, sanctified and baptized with the HOLY GHOST all at one time; and he is if genuinely BORN OF THE SPIRIT, and not even "jine" a church. However, I believe that when a person is BORN AGAIN that that person wants to unite with some body of believers and worship the Lord in an assembly. He will unite with some branch of the CHRISTIAN CHURCH. "Sheep want to be associated with sheep, and the best sheep to be found in the world are united in fellowship and worship. I have no patience with that class who claim to be righteous and will not associate and worship with Christians. I find some of them who are "goody, goody" in their confession, but I find the most of

them "good-for-nothing," except to stir up strife among those with whom they associate, by criticizing what others do.

A Preacher's Guess

Recently I received a letter from one who calls himself a preacher, or is classed as a minister of the gospel. This brother said, "We are saved by hope," and went on to say that we do not know that we are saved until we die. It is only hope. He quoted Romans 8:24, which reads, "For we are saved by hope; But hope that is seen, is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for." But the Brother does not differentiate between the salvation of the soul and the salvation of the body. The body is what the apostle was talking about. If this brother will go back and read verses 20-23, he will see that Paul is not talking about salvation from sin, but the resurrection of the body. In speaking of the "creature" he says, "Not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting, for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body," verse 23.

The fifteenth verse of this chapter says, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Notice that the Word says, "Ye have received the Spirit of adoption." And in the 23rd verse the Word says, "We are waiting for the adoption, to-wit, the redemption of our body." Salvation from sin is obtained, not by hope but by FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS. "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8).

"And he (Christ) said to the woman, 'Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace' (Luke 7:50).

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16). To be damned eternally is the sentence against every unbeliever.

"And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart. And he (the

eunuch) answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Ac. 8:37). So here "Belief in Christ" did the work. The woman mentioned in Luke did not have to wait until death to know that she was saved. Christ said "Thy faith hath saved thee." This Ethiopian did not have to wait until death and "hope to be saved. But he "went on his way rejoicing" with the knowledge that he had passed from death unto life. Not by hope, but by FAITH in the Lord Jesus Christ are we saved. Get your theology right brother preacher.

STATEMENT ABOUT "YOUTH'S BANNER"

We wish to clear up what appears to be some misunderstanding in the minds of some regarding our new publication, "YOUTH'S BANNER."

There are some who have the impression that we are now publishing a series of Sunday school papers, graded for each class or group, similar to papers published by some of the interdenominational Sunday School Publishing Houses. This is what we hope someday to be able to do, but at present we are only publishing one youth paper, called "Youth's Banner," with departments and features for the various age groups in the Sunday School and other young people's organizations of the church. For examples, the paper contains a column called "Talks with Superintendents," devoted to an effort to help Sunday School superintendents with their problems. Then there is a section, appearing frequently, called "Youth and the Church," devoted to counsel to the older girls and boys of the church. Other regular features are: "Our Junior Girls and Boys," devoted to dealing with the problems, and furnishing reading for the Junior ages; "The Little People", stories, memory verses, choruses, etc., for the primary and kindergarten ages; "Golden Hearts from the S. S. Lesson", in which attention is called to a few of the center truths of each lesson. In addition to these departments the stories, articles, etc., appearing throughout the paper are carefully selected to give suitable

reading for all ages in the S. S. and the home.

The paper is printed and mailed out monthly, containing four weekly parts folded together, which are to be unfolded and distributed weekly, as indicated by dates on each folder. Orders are received on a quarterly basis, at 15 cents per set, that is one each of the 13 weekly numbers printed during the quarter for 15 cents. The four numbers for the first month of the quarter being mailed in time for distribution to begin the first Sunday in the quarter, and the copies for each following month being mailed out prior to the first Sunday in the month. Payment for the quarter supply should be enclosed with the order, unless your Sunday School or other purchasing organization has a charge account at the Press. If your order is to be "standing" for the year, or for more than one quarter, please specify this in ordering, and the order will be entered in such a manner that it will be automatically repeated for the time specified. Unless orders are marked as "standing orders" for the year, it will be necessary to make a new order each quarter.

We appreciate the fact that many schools, leagues, and other organizations throughout the bounds of the National Association have begun using our youth paper, and hope that many others will fall in line by sending orders for the Third Quarter of 1947.

Individuals who desire to receive the paper on a yearly basis may send in 75c, which is the price for the year. Individual subscriptions may begin with the first of any month, but remember all four copies for each month are mailed at one time, prior to the first of each month.

L. E. Ballard,
Editor Youth's Banner

God deserves more than skimmed milk from the cream of your earnings.

You can not climb the ladder of success if you stop with one achievement.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED

A new Free Will Baptist church is now being organized in Pensacola, Florida. The name of the church is East Side Free Will Baptist Church, and it is located on East Chase Street. The officers are as follows: Rev. Richard M. Hughs, Pastor, Pensacola, Route 3, Box 417; Mrs. Daisy Mae Williams, Secretary, Pensacola, 104 Argon Court, Pensacola; Mr. Charles C. Hart, Treasurer, 103 Argon Court, Pensacola; Deacons, W. E. Holms, Robert Lee Williams; Trustees, M. W. Alderman, Creed Wilson, and Ellis Dorch. The present membership is twenty-seven on roll.

We are asking the Christian people to pray much for our success in this great undertaking.

Mrs. Daisy Mae Williams,
Secretary of the Church

THIRD UNION MEETING

The third union of the Eastern Association of the Free Will Baptists of Eastern North Carolina met with Long Ridge Church, March 29, 1947.

Devotions were conducted by the Moderator after which the business of the union was entered into. Temporary committees were appointed, the roll was called and the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches were called with 28 representing.

After congregational singing and prayer the union sermon was delivered by the moderator, Rev. D. W. Hansley, taking his text from Matthew 16:18, 19. At this time the union was dismissed one hour for lunch.

After enjoying a fine dinner, the union reassembled for the afternoon session. The service was opened with song and prayer, after which reports of various committees was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

On hand ----- \$ 4.39
Received at this union ----- 239.90

Total ----- \$244.29

An offering was taken for the students in the Bible College from this

union. The amount was \$38.00. At this time the union accepted the invitation from Sandy Plain Church for the next union, which will meet June 28, 1947.

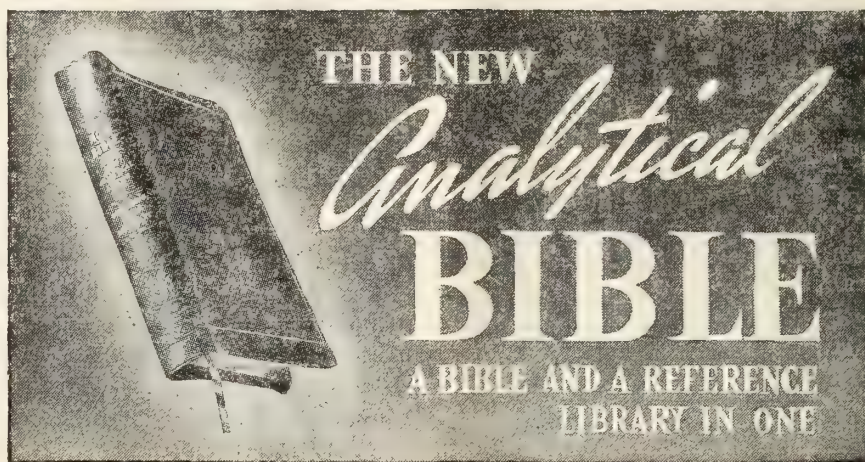
The union closed with song and prayer.

Rev. D. W. Hansley, Mod.,
Lemmie Taylor, Clerk

THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN

The New Testament uses the term "The Word of God" with the written revelation in mind. What is import-

ant to recognize is that the Scriptures themselves represent the Scriptures as not merely containing here and there the record of revelations—"words of God" (toroth)—given by God, but as themselves, in all their extent, a revelation, an authoritative body of gracious instructions from God; or, since they alone, of all the revelations which God may have given, are extant—rather as the revelation, the only Word of God accessible to men, in all their parts "law," that is, authoritative instruction from God.—Benjamin Warfield, in The Witness



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Robert B. Crawford,
Executive Secretary,
National Association
of Free Will Baptists

SPECIAL NOTICE

During the 1947 annual session of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager-Treasurer, and Rev. L. R. Ennis, President, voluntarily offered their resignations to become effective September 1, 1947. In offering their resignations, these brethren expressed their personal desires to be relieved of the responsibilities of their offices. Because of these requests, the resignations were accepted.

We, the members of the Board of Trustees, do hereby express our appreciation of the services rendered to the Bible College by Brother Davidson and Brother Ennis, and we pray for the blessings of God to continue upon the school and its future progress.

John L. Welch, Chairman,
Floyd B. Cherry, Secretary

TO HAVE ANOTHER SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

We are announcing to you people throughout the states that there will be a National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention again this year, as you will notice by the program following this article, it will be held with our Free Will Baptist Church in Highland Park, Michigan.

For some reason or other, or perhaps several reasons we haven't had a Sunday School Convention since the National Association convened at Flat River, Mo., in July of 1944, at which time the fourth annual convention was held.

We ought to have a real good con-

vention this year, and I think we will, we should be able to make some very much needed plans for the future of our Sunday School work, the reports that we shall make this year no doubt will be rather vague, but however we want to look forward and not backward anyway.

No doubt, if we Free Will Baptist people would do less parleying over what has been, and bravely face the future with a vision and a determination to advance for the glory of God, we would be a lot farther along than we are.

Pray that we will have a great convention this year.

C. B. Dees,
Publicity Director

NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

to convene with

Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church

242 Victor Avenue

Highland Park, Michigan

July 14, 1947

Theme: Search the Scriptures—John 5:39.

2:00—Devotional - - - - Mr. Eugene Hagley, Huntington, W. Va.
2:10—Appointment of Committees
2:15—Seating of Delegates
2:30—President's Message - - - - Rev. Paul J. Kettelman

"The Bible, the Major Factor in Maintenance of Spiritual and Material Progress in this Convention"

2:45—Special Music, Local Church
2:50—Organization and Education Report - - - Mrs. L. E. Ballard
"The Bible, Foundation for Adequate Superstructure"
3:00—Denominational Enterprise Report - - - Rev. L. C. Johnson

"The Bible, Guide for the Expansion of our Denominational Program"

3:10—Literature Report - - - - Rev. L. R. Ennis
"The Bible, the Curriculum for our Sunday Schools"
3:20—Publicity Report - - - - Rev. C. B. Dees

"The Bible, God's Message for the World"

3:30—Records and Reports - - - - Rev. R. B. Crawford
"The Bible, Revelation of God's Method of Keeping Records"
3:40—Election of Officers and other Business Matters
4:50—Adjournment

St. Claire Bible Class

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THE STRUGGLE AGAINST BAALISM

(Lesson for May 11)

Lesson: I Kings 18:20-21, 30-39.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that Thou art the Lord God, and that Thou hast turned their hearts back again" (I Kings 18:37).

Most prayer which fails of its purpose does so because of a fatal tendency toward selfishness. I believe it would astonish the average Christian to actually count the words and sentences in his prayers and see what proportion of them are purely concerned with the things of self. My health, my home, my family, my daily bread, my sickness or health, my business, my interests, me, me, me! The needs of our church, the vast field of foreign missions, the evangelistic enterprises which carry forward the banner of Christ, the national peril and the need of world revival barely get "honorable mention" in the columns of our daily petitions. One of the strangest anomalies in Christianity is the common tendency to selfish prayer.

This prayer of Elijah, which forms our daily text at this moment, is one of the great prayers of all time. The only time the Prophet mentioned himself in these words was when he asked God to hear him. Why did he want the ear of God? Because he had a whole nation on his heart! There have been great preachers who truly carried a burden for their entire community, but this man was in deep travail of spirit for all his nation. There was a complete indifference to his own future, reward, honor or survival; he was literally consumed with a passion of desire for his people. And the concern was con-

centrated, in turn, upon just one focal center. The man of God was not interested in national greatness or international leadership, and he cared less about the commercial and economic development of his country. His whole soul was burning to bring his nation back to God! His cry was a prayer for a revival! And in expressing that cry Elijah put his finger right on the reason for apostasy and backsliding. The entire cause can be expressed in one short, ugly word—**unbelief**.

II. Home Work

1. Why was there no answer to the cries and prayers of the prophets of Baal? See I Cor. 8:4; Ps. 115:4-7.
2. Why did the prayer of Elijah receive such an immediate answer? Ps. 84:2; I Tim. 4:10; 6:17.
3. What is the moral and spiritual condition of those that trust in idols? See Ps. 115:8; 135:18.
4. What was the cause of the people in general being turned to idols in the reign of Ahab? See I Kings 16:31-33; 18:4; 21:25.
5. Which appeared to be the more earnest in their prayers, the prophets of Baal or Elipah? See I Kings 18:26-29, 36-38.
6. Upon whom rightfully rested the responsibility for the great drought in Israel at this time? See I Kings 18:18.
7. What are some of the conditions of answered prayer? See Ps. 66:18; Mark 11:25; I John 5:14; James 4:3; 5:16-18.

8. Please begin at I Kings 16:28 and read to 2 Kings 2:18. Everyone should know the recorded facts about one of the greatest of Old Testament characters.

9. Please study the lesson comments in our quarterlies. You will find many truths all should learn and then apply to their own lives.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Faith More than Belief

Evangelist C. W. Ruth tells a story that forcibly illustrates the element of trust that enters into true faith.

He tells of the man who a few years ago walked a wire rope across the gorge at Niagara Falls. After this feat was successfully performed, it was reported that he would the next day push a man across the same in a wheelbarrow.

This caused much excitement. The papers had glaring headlines. Many argued that this would be an impossible feat, while a few seemed to think it could be done.

Mr. Ruth presents himself on the streets of Niagara Falls the day of the proposed performance, freely expressing his belief that the rope walker will take his man across successfully. Just at this time the rope walker comes along the street and meets Mr. Ruth.

"I'm certainly glad to meet you," says Mr. Ruth, as they shake hands, "I have been boosting for you all day. I believe you know your business; I say you'll take your man across safely."

"It is indeed a pleasure to meet you, Mr. Ruth," replied the man, "I've been looking all day for a man like you—I want you to get into the wheelbarrow."

The story goes on to state that Mr. Ruth declined to get into the wheelbarrow himself. That was something else! On Mount Carmel, the assembled publicly declared Jehovah to be God, but not too many got into the wheelbarrow.—Selected.

LITTLE THOUGHTS

I hid a selfish little thought,
To think and think about,
I did not know it would be caught,
Or ever be found out.
But it was a little seed,
And it began to sprout!
It grew into a little weed,
And blossomed in a pout.

I hid another little thought,
'Twas pleasant, sweet, and kind;
So, if this time it should be caught,
I know I shouldn't mind.
I thought about it, hour by hour,
'Twas growing all the while,
It blossomed in a lovely flower,
A happy little smile!

—Unknown

TEMPERANCE

This brief discussion is based upon a single passage from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians: "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."

Whenever we hear the term temperance we usually think of it as referring to the problem of alcoholic beverages. That is not always true however. A standard dictionary defines the word: Moderation or sobriety, particularly moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions.

Let us talk for a few moments then about these natural appetites common to all of us.

Everyone enjoys good food. No people on earth quite so well as do we Americans. On this connection though we are guilty of the dual sin of over-indulgence and waste.

It has been said—and rightly so we believe—that Americans throw away more food than some other nations consume. We have developed expensive taste that oftentimes prompt us to discard some of the so-called common foods.

We frequently eat much too much of foods that are less wholesome. Medical science has established beyond question the fact that many of the present day physical ills are the direct result of over eating. Could this fact explain in part why so many fail to attain their full three score and ten years?

The physical body, of course, needs its full quota of nourishing foods but excess food taken over a period of time can be as harmful in its way as too much alcohol.

This practice of temperance could and should carry over into all one's relationships. The theory is summed up in the phrase "temperate living." That means moderation in one's eating and drinking. It means exercising common sense at work and at play. It means practicing the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship.

What kind of individual emerges from the practice of this routine? He has a strong, healthy body, a clear head, steady nerves and a wholesome outlook. He has faith in God and in

his fellowman. He is master of himself.

Now, let us look into the alcohol problem. I am convinced that temperance is not the answer. Total abstinence for everyone seems to be the only solution.

How can this be achieved? Perhaps it cannot with the habitual drinkers of many years standing. Our hope lies in the young people of this and the generations to come.

We must educate them for total abstinence. How? They have been trained in the public schools to respect a scientific and rational approach to all subjects. Because they have had this training we can show them the relationship of alcohol and its use to the problems in which they are definitely interested which affect them directly, and which come within this experience. What are these interests and experiences?

Health is perhaps the most important. Young People are interested in keeping well and strong. They have no patience with anything that prohibits their active participation in all the activities that so engross them today. Most of them have a natural desire to be strong men and women. The actual part which alcohol plays in destroying the body is a very strong argument against drinking. This knowledge can be used a great deal more effectively than death-bed stories on the subject.

The second interest is athletics most normal young people are keenly interested in sports. Providing proof of the devastating effects of alcohol on athletic ambitions is a powerful weapon against intemperance.

Then we can play up the efficiently element. The weakening effects of alcohol on scholarship and upon success in business and professional careers should be a strong point in our teaching. Drinking is not conducive to success in any time of endeavor. Many business organizations will not employ drinking men. Railroad engineers must be total abstainers. So also must air pilots. I think it is rather ironic that brewers used to advise their bartenders to be abstainers. Their abbreviated slogan read: "Sell whiskey; don't drink it."

Patriotism can be another worthwhile factor in our teaching effort. That good citizenship demands abstinence is a strong appeal to boys and girls. They know that poverty, crime, and political corruption are all mixed up in the drinking and selling of liquor.

Let us work also from the standpoint of public safety. Traffic problems affect everyone of us in this day of many automobiles. Every day the newspapers carry accounts of terrible accidents. One-fourth of all these accidents are attributed to drunken driving. How unnecessary is this wanton destruction of human life!

We have yet another method of approach. Most Young People have in them an element of hero-worship. Sometimes we can use no stronger weapon against alcohol than quoting the attitude of men and women whom boys and girls admire.

But most important of all, let us permeate our instruction with the teachings of the Master, himself, than which there are no greater arguments against the use of alcohol.

This article was read by Mrs. A. N. Heath of Cove City, N. C., at the Eastern Auxiliary Convention.

The late Dr. J. H. Jowett said that he was once in a most pitiful perplexity, and consulted Dr. Berry, of Wolverhampton.

"What would you do if you were in my place?" he entreated.

"I don't know, Jowett, I am not there, and you are not there yet. When do you have to act?"

"On Friday," Dr. Jowett replied.

"Then," answered Berry, "you will find your way perfectly clear on Friday. The Lord will not fail you."

And surely enough, on Friday all was plain. Give God time, and even when the knife flashes in the air the ram will be seen caught in the thick-et. Give God time, and even when Pharaoh's host is on Israel's heels, a path through the waters will be suddenly open. Give God time, and when the bed of the brook is dry, Elijah shall hear the guiding voice.—F. W. Boreham.

Talents wisely invested bring big profits.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

SPRINGLE.—On March 14, 1947, God saw best to call to her Heavenly reward our dear loved one, Mrs. Cansas Springle. She was sixty-nine at the time of her death. She had been in declining health for the past few years, but was faithful to her church until the last week she was with us. She was much loved by all who knew her, especially by her Sunday School class of little folks who loved her almost like their own mother. She was so patient, loving and kind with each of them.

She was a faithful member of the Beaufort Free Will Baptist Church, and had an encouraging word for all she came in contact with. She had a living faith in her Lord and Savior, lived close to the Bible and always said she was ready and waiting for the call to go away and be with Jesus. She would encourage us to hold out faithful that we could all be together in that happy meeting that would last forever. She is gone from us but her humble life of prayer will ever live on with us.

The funeral services were conducted from the Beaufort F. W. B. Church by Rev. W. E. Anderson and the body laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers in Ocean View Cemetery.

Those surviving are one daughter, Mrs. George Lewis, two sons, John A. and Raymond Springle.

Her memory will ever be a blessed one to her many friends and loved ones.

—Written by a friend,
Mrs. Rosa Brooks

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

SKINNER

Whereas, our heavenly Father has seen fit to call to his reward one of our faithful members, Brother Frank Skinner; and

Whereas, we are deeply conscious of a vacant place in our church, in our hearts, and community, we the members of Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church, wish to express our appreciation for his life and service. He was a very active church member, and was a deacon of the church at the time of his death, which occurred on May 31, 1946.

Therefore, Be it Resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission to the will of the Father who doeth all things well;

Second, That we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded upon the minutes of our church, a copy given to the family, and a copy be published in the Free Will Baptist paper.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee:

Mrs. Paul Thigpen,
Mr. Albert H. Proctor,
Miss Dorothy Ellis

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

BURRESS

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to take from us Mable Burress, who was a beloved member of the Intermediate Sunday School Class of the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church, we hereby resolve:

First, That a place is left vacant in our Sunday School which no one can fill, but we realize it is better to be absent from the body and be present with the Lord. Therefore we bow in humble submission to His holy will;

Second, That we extend to her family our deepest sympathy and point them to the loving Father who alone is able to console them, and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our Sunday School record book, a copy given to the family, and a copy be sent to the Baptist Press for publication in the Free Will Baptist paper.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee:

Mrs. Paul Thigpen,
Mr. Albert H. Proctor,
Miss Dorothy Ellis

ACCOMPLISHMENT

Nathalie T. Shelton

There is joy and satisfaction
When you know that things are
done;

It is like a graduation
Or a glorious victory won.
It may be just a book you've read,
Or letters long delayed,
Or cleaning out a cupboard,
Or a pile of bills you've paid.

It may be that you made your peace
With some one you abhor
Or you may have done some sewing
That you should have long before.
It may be you achieved great fame
In culinary art,
Or reconstructed last year's hat

And made it chic and smart.

It's all these homely little tasks
That face you day by day.
And when they're hanging over you
They take life's joy away.
But when you rise above them,
Then your mind can feel content,
For there's joy and satisfaction
In each small accomplishment.

From: Gospel Herald

JESUS HELPING

And so by the shore
Of Galilee,
The Master worked
All quietly:
Made the blind to see,
And the lame to walk;
The deaf to hear,
And the dumb to talk.

The leper was cured,
The sick made well;
All the works that He did,
No one can tell.
He fed the hungry,
The weak made strong,
And many a sorrow
He changed to a song.

—Unknown

IN WHAT ARE YOU TRUSTING?

Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment;
Trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you;
Trust in money, and you may have it taken from you;
Trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it; but
Trust in God, and you are never to be confronted in time or eternity!

—The Preacher's Magazine

The waste of time and money has made many a man impecunious.

Better health will be enjoyed when we follow more closely the rules which permit it.

The benefits derived from prayer are so definite and conclusive that there can be no doubt as to its efficacy.

ANSWERING A CRITIC

The other day we talked to the aunt of a red-haired boy of thirteen. She was very critical of him for she had been taking care of him while his doctor father and mother were away at a medical association meeting.

She said: "My, my, what that boy keeps in his pockets! Out of one pocket I took a small solid rubber ball, a top, a top string, five marbles, a harmonica, three broken cookies, two crackers, a picture he cut out of a paper, a slip with his school assignment on it, ten nails, a knife he calls his 'frog-sticker,' the stamped and addressed letter. I told him to mail ten days ago, two all-day suckers, one with the tissue off, and six cents!"

Said I: "Does that seem so terrible to you? I guess I used to be a champion then—for that is not half of what I lugged around in one trouser pocket. And besides all those worldly possessions, let me tell you what his heart carries around all day: Miles of smiles (the brightest and cherriest I ever saw on a boy), dozens of big dreams that show in his eyes when he sits alone, hundreds of funny thoughts about life and duty and sacrifice, heaps of plans for the future when Father and Mother needs his care, great big hopes that will carry him through many a struggle, and a faith in God that is so real that it makes this boy one of the finest chaps I ever knew."

Boys' pockets hold heaps of things. But I somehow think God forgets those pockets and likes to look into a boy's heart!—Unknown.

I'M LIVING NOW FOR JESUS

I've turned my back on Satan, and all he has to give,
I'm trusting now in Jesus, for Him I am to live.
This world has nought to offer but bitterness and strife;
The Saviour gives His pardon, joy and Eternal Life.

Sometimes old Satan hinders, He blocks the path I trod,
He tries to turn me backward—But praise the Son of God,

I gave my heart to Jesus, and He moved in to stay;
He fills my life completely, I'll praise Him day by day.

—By Venie M. Carney

Strong characters are not made in a day; they grow like oak trees.

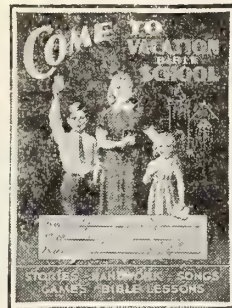
Only when we play the game fairly can we merit a good name.

It is often more profitable to miss a train than to miss an opportunity.

Since the mind grows on what it feeds, it can not be strengthened on rubbish.

Vacation School Supplies

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Announcement Poster

To be placed in store windows, public buildings, and in front of your church, to announce the vacation school to your community. Beautifully printed in red and blue on heavy stock. Size, 18 x 24 inches. Price, each, 25c.; \$2.50 a dozen.

Announcement Dodger

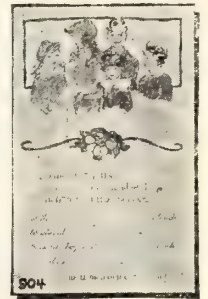
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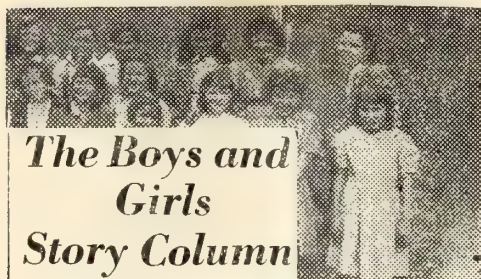
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The Boys and Girls Story Column

TREES AND THEIR MESSAGES

Dear Boys and Girls,

While driving along a country road not so very long ago, we noticed a number of poplar trees. These trees grow in abundance in the vicinity of Cleveland. They are tall and tapered at the top like great fingers pointing toward the sky. These trees grow in long rows, sometimes five to eight in a row. We noticed that about one out of every group was dead. What was the trouble? Our companion in travel told us that the trouble was a blight that overcame the tree and killed it. How sad!

A tree corrupted by blight reminds us of one born in sin, and condemned to death. As soon as the blight hit the tree, it was condemned to death. It did not die the same day, but little by little the blight crept through the tree, and then one day it stood a silent testimony to the thing that gripped it. So it is with boys and girls. All are born in sin and every day we live brings more and more sin, until we are hopelessly lost. But listen to the good news! Jesus saw our condition and willingly came and rescued us from sin, by giving His own life on Calvary's Cross to atone for our sin. As long as we will live without Christ, there is nothing good about us. But as soon as we accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour, our whole being (our life) is changed, and we become a new creature. Read Matthew 7:17.

Other trees we noticed as we drove along were trees laden with apples, peaches and pears. Earlier in the season we saw trees laden with cherries—big luscious fruit! If we wish to be Christians worth while we will cling to the Lord, stay close to His side and listen to His every Word. The Psalmist in Psalm 1:3 says a

good man "shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Would you like to be a fruitful, evergreen Christian? We believe you would. Here is the secret: "His delight is in the Law of the Lord; and in His Law doth he meditate day and night" (Ps. 1:2).—L. L. K.

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A BRUSH ARBOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hilda V. Bowron

There was such a bustling about under the brush arbor. Mary, Nancy and Joe were getting ready for Missionary Clark who traveled many miles to the little settlement in the Pentucky mountains to have a Sunday School every other Sunday.

"We will have to hurry," said Nancy. "He should be here any minute now."

"Here are the flowers," spoke up Mary. "Where should I put them?"

"I think they would look nice on the pulpit," suggested Nancy.

"I wish we had a real pulpit instead of an old tree stump," said Joe.

"And real benches," added Mary.

"And an organ," continued Nancy. "It is so much nicer to sing when an organ is playing."

"Perhaps, if we save our money, someday we can have a real pulpit and benches and even an organ," dreamed Joe.

"We would have to have a building to put the pulpit and benches and organ in. We could not leave them out under this old brush arbor," Mary reminded them.

"Now, I've got the place all swept clean. I hope the wind does not blow any more leaves down before Sunday School is over," said Nancy.

Joe put boards on kegs for seats. "These seats aren't very comfortable. I hope there will be enough room for everybody this time. Last time we had Sunday School, some had to sit on the ground. I have one more bench now."

"Everything is ready," said Mary, looking around the spick-and-span brush arbor.

"Doesn't it look like a real church, only of course it is out of doors instead of in a fine building," said Nancy.

"I wouldn't know whether it looks like a real church or not," replied Joe. "I've never seen a real church."

"I like it better than a real church," said Mary, "because we fixed it ourselves."

"Here comes a crowd of children," called Nancy.

"I wish we could have Sunday School every week, instead of just every other week," suggested Mary.

"I've been praying every day that God would send us a missionary to stay here," Nancy told them.

"I'd like to be a missionary myself some day when I grow up, and go to a little country settlement like this one and have a Sunday School, and tell the people about God and Jesus Christ," said Mary.

"Here comes Missionary Clark," cried Joe. "I hear the horn of his car."

The children ran down the dusty road to meet the car, waving and shouting "Hello," at the top of their voices.

Suddenly they stopped waving and shouting and stood staring. Missionary Clark was not alone. There was a pretty young woman in the car. She was smiling and waving at them in such a friendly way.

"I believe God has sent us a missionary to stay," Nancy whispered in Mary's ear.

And Nancy was right.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? . . . How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!—The Apostle Paul.

Today Christ may be a root out of a dry ground, without form or comeliness; but He will become to you the chiefest among ten thousand, the altogether lovely, the bright and morning star, if you take Him as your Saviour.—D. L. Moody.

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She gave the best years of her life
With joy for me,
And robbed herself with loving heart
Unstintingly.

For me with willing hands she toiled
From day to day;
For me she prayed when headstrong youth
Would have its way.

Her gentle arms, my cradle once,
Are weary now,
And time has set the seal of care
Upon her brow.

And, though no other eyes than mine
Their meaning trace,
I read my history in the lines
Of her dear face.

And 'mid His gems, who showers gifts
As shining sand,
I count her days as pearls that fall
From His kind hands.

—Unknown.

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WHO IS ANTICHRIST?

Esther Stanley

Some preach and teach that anti-christ will come and reign with the elect—God's chosen people, or the Christians, the thousand years, which is spoken of in Revelation, chapter twenty. There are some who speak

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Editorial

THE LIGHT OF MOTHER'S LOVE

Mother's love is said to be the greatest love on earth because a true mother will sacrifice more than anyone else in the world.

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Her Watch-Care

A mother's watch-care and love for her children, both in time of health and sickness, is marvelous to behold, for she considers them most dear to her heart at all times. The good mother is ever busy doing things for the comfort and well-being of the children in her home. She will work and co-operate with her good husband in many ways to see that their children are well cared for at all times. In cases of sickness the true mother will give her greatest attention and make every sacrifice possible that she might comfort and administer to the needs of the sick child in the home. No sacrifice is too great for her to make in all such cases because of the greatness of her love for her children. All great mothers, whether rich or poor, illiterate or cultured, spend much time, and work tirelessly during late hours in the night to see that their little children might be well cared for, relative to the clothes they wear and the food which they need to make their little bodies grow properly and strong.

But the sad side of motherhood is that so very many mothers do not prove true as real mothers to their children. They seem not to have that mother love which God intended for all mothers to have for their loved ones. Many excuses have been given by such mothers for their apparent carelessness and unconcern for their children, but God holds them responsible for their wilful negligence and loveless devotion for their own whom the great Heavenly Father entrusted to their care.

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Her Home-Making Concern

All true mothers have a deep concern for home and homelife. They think of home as their little domain where they can work week in and week out, doing things to make home life more agreeable to everyone in the home and more satisfying to the wishes and well-being of each one of the family. It is a haven of pleasure and rest to the happy mother, although she has to make many sacrifices and self-denials in order to keep the home as she desires it to be for the joy of everyone about her.

The lovely and industrious mother who uses her time wisely and well in her little domain gets a great deal out of life there while she is rearing her children, and seeing that they are properly cared for and obtain a good education at the hands of the State Public School system. Yes, the caretaking and industrious mother seeks to make her home a place of interest, restfulness, and a joy, not only to those of the home but also to the friends and neighbors who drop in for visits and chats to enjoy pleas-

ant sociability with the members of the family. Such interested and industrious mothers are a joy for ever to the husband, the sons and daughters in the home, and also to the good neighbors who are deeply interested in seeing the home attractive and a place of welcome.

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Her Church-Going Interest

In a Christian land as ours, the light of love of the true mother is climaxed in the fact that the good mother, as is described in the thirty-first Proverb of Solomon, is considered, of course, as a real Christian mother. This mother is interested in the church and seeks to make the church for her and her children a place of great interest and much value to them. She is the mother who will work long and hard, and make every sacrifice possible to have her children attend the Sunday School and to go to the church services. She is the kind of mother who seeks to bring up her children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." She wants her children to know the Lord and his goodness unto everyone. Moreover, this kind of mother seeks to lead her children to Christ Jesus who gave His life for lost souls.

True-hearted mothers take their rightful places in the church, and they seek to do their part for the cause of Christ in the church and community. They will support the work of the church in a financial way; attend its services whenever possible for sacred worship unto the Lord; and they will seek to build through the church and the Sunday School, and the Women's auxiliary of the church a greater life for Christ in the community. Such mothers are priceless, their worth to the church can never be estimated in terms of material advantage to the church and community, nor can they ever realize themselves the great good which they do for the cause of lost souls in their community. God only knows what they mean to the lives they touch through the church and the community as a whole.

The tragic thing is: too many mothers show very little concern for the church and what it should mean to their children and friends. There are too many of this type of mothers who leave the church and the Sunday School for the husbands and the children to do as they please—stay home, go to church if they want to, or go to places on Sunday that are not elevating nor conducive to good Christian living. Suffice it to say, there is a great need of more real Christian mothers in this country, with better home conditions and home training of the loved ones in the home.

For the real and true kind of mothers, the light of their love ever shines through the lives of those whom they served most, through toil and pain, joy and happiness. Their reward shall come unto them in another day when the great heavenly Father shall welcome them into the joys of the Heavenly Mansions above.

Christian Motherhood

Eugene L. Gaskill
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Possibly, the spirit of no other celebrated day of the year creates within the mind of the average person as tender and real memories as Mother's Day. To each and every one it embodies something tangible. For one person it is a tender caress on a troubled child-like brow; whereas, for another it is an encouraging word in a period of despair and hopelessness. Regardless of the occasion or need, when one turns to mother for counsel there is a solace enjoyed and a calmness of soul experienced that no other individual can effect.

Though members of the human family are basically the same, emotionally they are entirely diverse. Therefore, the significant recollections of a Christian Mother are as variant with each individual as the individuals are emotionally different. Simply stated, that indistinguishable something that makes mother the ideal of one child's heart would not, many times, embody the characteristics that would endear her to another child of her bearing.

The role of Christian Motherhood offers to all women a challenge—that of rearing children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. How could a more challenging career be conceived? The making and building of a home blessed with children offers love, sorrow, joy, excitement, peace, responsibility, ingenuity and the opportunity of serving humanity. In a nation such as America, blessed with peace and plenty, the women who assume the role of Christian Motherhood have entered God's highest calling for women.

It is the natural way of the human family to indulge in the niceties, frills and thrills of life. However, it is a proven fact that overindulgence with children is a besetting evil and the ultimate result—downfall. Consequently, the decisions of the Christian Mother must be tempered with mercy, garnished with love, encom-

passed with understanding and endowed with wisdom.

Whatever background or formal training a woman may have, for her to give of her best to the world in the rearing of her children, it is necessary for her to enjoy a personal relationship with God. Only through her personal faith in God, through Christ, can she gain the fortitude and wisdom necessary to guide her children in an understanding of life and the supreme mission of man in the world.

To the mother is intrusted the care and general training of the child in its formative years. Since the life of the mother is so closely entwined around that of her child, the life she leads and the ideals for which she stands have a continuous influence on his life even down to his sunset years. The child's ability to face the future and the issues of life wisely and with confidence, as he grows and develops into adulthood, will depend to a great extent upon the principles in which he has been endued by a Christian Mother.

If the life of the mother is one of unselfish service and devotion to her God, family and community, her labors will bear fruit through the desire of her children to emulate her example; whereas, if her life is one of deception, conceit and selfishness the result is prone to be a facsimile of the original. Only eternity can reveal the full success and fruitage of a Christian Mother's endeavors.

In this day of clamor for recognition and prestige many capable and efficient women have by-passed the opportunity of motherhood for a more lucrative career financially. No doubt the immediate compensation and praise received as a professional woman is quite satisfying and a lift to the ego. But considering the overall picture, the life of the professional woman cannot compare with that of the Christian Mother whose happiness and joy in serving God and family are unpurchasable with gold, unobtainable through friends or acquired by pretense.

As with St. John of old, the command, "Prepare ye the way," holds ever true today with the Christian Mothers of our nation, and they find themselves in a position in likeness to that of St. John when he came to bear witness of the Light—"the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Christian Mothers are not the Light but are given of God to bear witness of that Light.

So today we salute the Christian Mothers of our nation, wherever they may be, and urge them to hold their heads high and bodies erect to the Son of God and march onward, for strength and honor are their clothing and they rejoice; they open their mouths with wisdom and in their tongues is the law of kindness; they look well to the ways of their household and eat not the bread of idleness; their children arise up and call them blessed.

ATTENTION PASTORS AND CLERKS

For many years the need has been felt for a full-time FIELD SECRETARY to serve the Free Will Baptist Denomination in our State, and to cooperate, through the State Boards, with the National Association. We have had to delay the services of such a Field Secretary because of the lack of funds to finance this office. It has been thought that if our people were given the opportunity to, that they would be glad to supply the necessary funds for this much needed work. Therefore a New Point has been added to the Star of our SIX-POINT PROGRAM. The New Point is STATE PROMOTIONAL SERVICE.

The month designated for this Point this year is MAY. All Funds should be sent to Mr. Rom W. Mallard, Trenton, N. C., who is the general treasurer of the State Association.

REMEMBER: To do something for STATE PROMOTIONAL SERVICE during the month of May.

M. L. Johnson,
President, North Carolina
State Association of F. W. B.

HOME MAKING

Home making is the great responsibility of every husband and father of this great country in which we live, and without a doubt the kind of homes they make determines the kind of country they have to live in. No country stands higher in ideals than the homes that make it; neither does it get lower in character than the homes that compose it. A country is just what the homes of that country make it.

To have a good country to live in we must have good homes.

In Ephesians, beginning with the 22nd verse of the 5th chapter, Paul is giving the Ephesians instructions as to having a good home. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the savior of the body." The remaining verses of the chapter are ideal for home management. As he is the head of the wife, he is responsible for the home. It is his duty to get a location for the home and the location of the home will have much to do with the success of the home in health, morals, and Christian character. As husband he is responsible for the protection, and that it is furnished with the necessities of life, and that does not only include the taking care of the body but the most important duty is caring for the soul. The body has not long to stay here at the best, but the soul has to remain some where throughout eternity and endure according to the life lived here. If the care has been what it should have been, there is no question but that the endurance will be enjoyable beyond expression.

In Proverbs 22:6 Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." That is saying that the way the child is trained determines the way he is going to live, and the way he lives determines what he will have to endure both in this world and in the world to come. It is evidently true that if the soul is neglected in the home that the endurance of that soul in this world

and in the world to come will not be pleasant, but will be miserable and disappointing.

As Christ was careful to prepare himself for the great responsibility of being the head of the church before he established the church, so it is the duty of every man to prepare himself for the great responsibility of being the head of a wife and of a family, and the kind of preparation he makes will have much to do with the kind of wife, the kind of family, and the kind of home he has.

The great mistake of the past and present has been and is that there are so many husbands who did not give the responsibility any consideration, therefore they made no preparation and the result was awful. It is bad that there are homes in which there is no peace, homes torn up, and children with divorced fathers and mothers, and a country full of envy, strife, confusion, and immorals.

Christ prepared himself for the life that was before him, and he wants us to prepare ourselves for the life that is before us. In Matthew 6:33, he said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." That has reference to the necessities of life. Then in the 22nd chapter and verses 37, 38, 39, 40, of Matt. He said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

This is the preparation we need as the men of our country, and because so many of us have not accepted it, we are meeting heart breaking disappointments in our homes. Not only are we having these sad experiences in our homes, but they are in our communities, in our counties, in our states, and in our nations. The reason is we did not prepare ourselves for life to begin with. It is too late for us to undo what we have done,

but we can use the opportunities as they come our way to help those that have their life before them that they may not make the same mistake. In Numbers 32:23, Moses said to the children of Israel, "Be sure your sin will find you out." Also in Ga. 6:7, Paul said to the Galatian people, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." May God bless us as heads of the wives of today with the ability to help those who are to become the heads of the wives of the future generations to see the realities of these instructions, and also that they may not go into this great responsibility blindly and have to suffer the disappointments, as we are having to suffer them today.

Eld. A. L. Sellers

MOTHER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord at the end of another peaceful day,
We come to Thee.
Giving thanks that you have shown me the way,
Lifting our burdens so heavy please lift me
Higher in your Word in this life every day
Make all my children righteous women and men.
Help them live a Christian life
Through this world of sin and strife.
More of Thee, I beg, have them to shun
Sin of all manner. Christ help them to spurn evil
In their days of sadness, help them to know.
It will be gladness if the right way they go.
Make them strong so they can
Be dependable and a help to their fellowman.
Guide them by thy grace,
and their souls, Christ, I beg of Thee to save.
Another peaceful day, to-morrow, please send,
For all this I ask, in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

Mrs. W. J. Paul,
Columbia, Tenn.

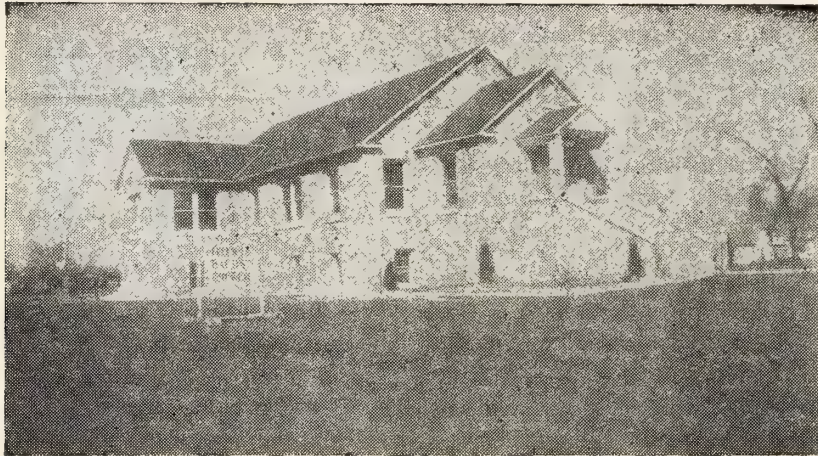
DOING GOOD WORK IN NEW CHURCH

This report is of the Women's Sunday School class of Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Missouri. This report is not sent in for publication that we might gain any honor, but hoping that God might get glory from the work which we are doing at our new church. It is hoped that other churches of our Union Association, and also that the readers of the Free Will Baptist paper might know of our work and get some benefit from seeing what has been done in this church.

Our Women's Adult Class for January, February and March make the

following record: enrollment, 34 members; regular attendance, 17; average attendance, 18; Daily Bible Readers, 10; offering for the quarter, \$21.93; Birthday offering, \$3.88; total offering for the quarter, \$25.81.

We do have a good class with much interest shown in the Sunday School work. Mrs. Viola Upshaw is our teacher, and Mrs. Sada Graham is the assistant teacher. Marie Kelly is the secretary and treasurer. Considering the bad weather which we have had, we have had good attendance for the quarter. We are hoping that our attendance will be much better for the next quarter of the year, as the weather gets better and possibly there will not be so much sickness among the people.



Mountain Grove F. W. B. Church, Mo.

This is the picture of the Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church. It has a basement, five Sunday School class rooms, also a kitchen, rest rooms inside, and is well arranged for our work. Our church membership is 153 on roll.

We are extending a cordial wel-

come to everyone to come and worship with us in this new church. Those of the East, who might be passing through our State and our community, are given a cordial welcome to drop by and see our new church plant. It is located on Highway Number 60.

George W. Scott

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost, as called in the King James' version of the Bible and the Holy Spirit, as in the revised version, is the same person. This Person is the Third Person of the Godhead: God the Father, God the Son

and God the Holy Spirit form the Godhead, "Bodily." The idea that some people have of making a difference between the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit is erroneous and a direct denial of the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This Person is called "The Holy Spirit," "The Spirit of Grace," (Heb. 10:29). "The Spirit of Burning" (Isa. 4:4). "The Spirit of Truth,"

(John 14:17). "The Comforter" and the "Spirit of Truth" (John 15:26). "The Spirit of Life" (Rom. 8:2). "The Spirit of Promise," (Eph. 1:13). and "The Spirit of Glory," (I Peter 4:14).

In our Salvation He is the REGENERATOR of the believer (John 3:3-5) "Born of the Spirit." "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he hath saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit" (R. V. Titus 3:5).

Every believer is "born of the Spirit" and indwelt by the Spirit. "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit" (R. V. 1 Cor. 6:19). The believer is baptized with the Spirit. "For by one Spirit are we baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13). When is the believer baptized in the Spirit? Exactly at the time that he is "Born of the Spirit" and "filled with the Spirit." Notice that Paul says, "By one Spirit are we all Baptized." Not a part of us, but "all of us."

All believers are sealed with the Spirit: "After that ye believed ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13).

During the life of Christ upon the earth He taught men to pray the Father and they would receive the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13): "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Just before He went back to the Father, about the close of His ministry, he promised to "pray the Father and that in answer to this prayer the Father would send the Comforter, "Even the Spirit of Truth" (John 14:16, 17).

In the evening after His resurrection He came unto His disciples and "breathed upon them and said, Receive ye the Holy Spirit" (R. V. John 20:22). Then He instructed them to stay at Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit should come upon them. This was the permanent coming of the Holy Spirit, when the whole body of believers should be baptized once and for all. After Pentecost as long as

the Gospel was preached to the Jews only the Holy Spirit was imparted by the laying on of the hands of the apostles (Acts 8:17; 9:17). When Peter went to the house of Cornelius and preached the Holy Spirit fell on all of them who were listening to the message. "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all of them which heard the word" (Acts 10:44 R. V.) Again listen at the word of the inspired man of God, in the 11th Chapter, and 11th verse. Cornelius says that an angel said, "Who shall tell the words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved?" Notice according to these words, Simon Peter had to go preach the Gospel, before these Gentiles could be saved. "For the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16). So, this Gospel had to be preached to the saving of these Gentiles, like others both, Jew and Gentile. Now, notice these words of Peter, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15). "As I began to speak," Peter says, "the Holy Spirit fell." Not after he had preached and begged for two or three hours. But "as I began to speak."

Notice again that 14th verse of the 11th chapter says, "Words whereby thou and thy house shall be saved." So they were saved when the Holy Ghost, or the Holy Spirit (R.V.) "fell on them." Now will you accept these words, "Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water: but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost." So with their Salvation came the BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST.

The Holy Spirit never crosses Himself. Men get their wires crossed but never so with the Holy Spirit. These Gentiles who were now BAPTIZED INTO THE BODY of Christ, were "complete in Christ." (See Col. 2:10 for completeness.) And don't try to add anything to **Completeness**.

I can see these Gentile sinners, who were anxious for salvation, and as they sat and listened, they could not have listened if they had been up

running around in a state of confusion, but they wanted to hear so they were letting Peter do the preaching and they were listening. As they listened the Holy Spirit fell on them. Their faith caused them to listen, so by grace, through faith the Holy Spirit fell on them. (Read here Ephe. 2:8). Again I say with their faith came **Salvation**, and with their Salvation came **THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST**.

Tongues

At Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit had come in great power, "as a mighty rushing wind, and there appeared unto them cloven tongues." (The Revised version reads, "and there appeared unto them tongues, parting asunder, like as of fire.") Cloven means "parted cleave or split." So these Christians were given tongues so divided that they could impart the message of Salvation, so that all could understand. Then every one understood. Listen: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4 R. V.) "And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, behold are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?"

That is, every one heard the language which he could understand. There was no unknown tongue there. Every body understood. This is different from what is generally spoken of as "tongues" now. No one understands now. At the home of Cornelius, when the Holy Spirit had fallen on these believers, "They heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." The only way that they could tell that they were magnifying God was the fact that they could tell that they were magnifying God was the fact that they could understand. If it had been just a "jabber" with no certain sound, all could not have understood. So the language, "tongues" of that day were different. The language was understandable. People of different nationality could understand. All nations were represented there. They all understood.

MOTHERS OF TO-DAY

We read about the mothers of the days of long ago,
With their gentle, wrinkled faces and
their hair as white as snow;
They were "middle-aged" at forty,
and at fifty donned lace caps,
And at sixty clung to shoulder shawls
and loved their little naps.
But I love the modern mother who
can share in all the joys,
And who understands the problems
of her growing girls and boys;
She may boast that she is forty, but
her heart is twenty-three—
The glorious, bright-eyed mother who
is keeping young with me.

—Unknown

CHRIST AT THE DOOR

He stands at the door of the sinful
heart
Seeking admittance there;
Eager his radiance to impart,
Ready to banish care.
Jesus of Nazareth, hear him talk,
Behold I stand at the door and
knock.
Behold, I stand at the door and
knock;
Open to me, I pray.
Sinner, how canst thou reject and
mock;
Grieving me day by day.
Waiting without I long have been—
Why dost thou never bid me come in?
Think of the hour when I groaned
and died
Writhing upon the tree;
Look at my feet, my hands and my
side—
Know they were pierced for thee.
I vanquished death, but I felt its
shock
Behold, I stand at the door and
knock.
Behold, I stand at the door and
knock,
Turn not away from me;
Open the passionless heart of rock—
I will abide with thee.
O, I beseech thee, unbolt the door,
Ere I depart to return no more.

Lillie S. Berkley—1906.

—Selected by Howard Furbee, Wenona, N. C.

MY LORD AND MY GOD

Preachers, What is the trouble?

An auction sale of bedquilts at our last union meeting in the house of the Lord! "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise" (John 2:16b).

When the news came back from our last union meeting, which was held not even more than one week ago, that there was held in that church an auction sale of bedquilts, my how we did feel. I should like to ask you brother preachers, How do you suppose it makes us, the church members, feel when you who are supposed to be our leaders, to take part in such a thing in the house of God? Does not the Scriptures ask, "How are we to hear without a preacher? And how can you preach unless you are sent?"

The Scripture also teaches us to pay tithes and offerings to the Lord to carry on His work. If everyone who claims to be a Christian would tithe, and be true to God, there would be plenty of money in the Lord's work, and the church members and preachers would not defile the house of God with the sale of anything.

So very many times we have heard preachers kicking against churches sponsoring radio programs to raise money to carry on the work of the church, but in this case we hear of a sale of quilts at a union meeting. I believe that a radio program in the church is just as pleasing in the sight of God as is a box party or an auction sale of bedquilts in the church. We thank God for a man whose name is Hill from Daily's Chapel who refused to take any part in the sale because it was in the church. There was a widow to this union meeting from our church (Deep Run) who said, "When they started, I did want to rise to my feet and to tell them that it was wrong." Well, Sister, Why didn't you tell them?

If you preachers are not going to be any more mindful of God's holy word than that, how on earth can you expect your fellows to do any better? Jesus said, "If any man will

come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). Listen, "All the ways of man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits" (Prov. 16:2).

How the pastor of that church could let that sale be done is beyond me. I do think that some of our preachers, as well as some of the members, need to draw nigh to God and let God draw nigh to them.

Mrs. Ruthie Hardison

MY MOTHER

Mrs. Edwin Roper

Of all the gifts from God to man,
There's one surpasses every other;
She's a woman with a heart of gold—
It is my darling Mother.

When I only a babe of eleven months,
God took away my father;
And left alone, with two others besides,
The care of all fell on Mother.

No braver warrior in days of old,
Ever fought a battle harder;
With a broken heart and care of the home,
She didn't give up—my Mother.

From sun to sun, each day she worked,
To give us our daily bread;
Each night she taught us how to pray,
At church and Sunday School our souls were fed.

The Holy Word of God she taught,
Our tender minds to read;
That as we grew our knowledge would be
Its teachings all to heed.

In sickness she was always near,
To sooth away the pain;
Somehow she found the needed time,
With God's help her loss was gain.

Just what her prayers have meant,
No human tongue can tell;
Her Christ-like character, and lessons taught,

Have helped to save us from hell.

Although she is growing old
And her hair is turning gray;
Each day I love her more and more—
God's greatest gift to me.

Of all the love in this world,
By husband, children, sister or brother,
There's none that can quite compare
With that of my saintly Mother.

MAKING EXCUSES

J. C. Blinson

"And they all with one consent began to make excuses" (Luke 14:18a).

I believe we are living in a day when there is more excuse made than ever before. We as a people and as Christians need to wake up to a sense of duty and be about our Father's business. He tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Let us remember our obligations, and that we are not to sit down on the stool of do nothing and fold our hands. I declare unto you church members that there is something for every one of us to do. God is not pleased with us when we make excuses and fail to do what He would have us to do. According to my Bible these excuses will not stand in the day of judgment. All of us are going to have to give in the account of our stewardship to God.

Would we not like to hear those comforting words that He spoke to the man with the talents? His Lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." (Matt. 25:21). Do not go and hide your talents but use them for the glory of the Lord. Let us realize what He has done for us. He gives us life, breath, and all good things, and even went to Calvary's cross and died a shameful death that we might live. Isn't it wonderful to know that we can live forever? That is what Jesus our Lord did for us.

We are reminded of the words "He came unto his own and his own re-

ceived him not" (John 1:11). Christ wept over Jerusalem. Is He not grieving over America today? Yes, I think He is. The people are so careless and so disobedient to his command. They are so much concerned about material things which will vanish away some day. We need to think on heavenly things which will last throughout all eternity. Let us wake up, dear people, and not be making excuses, but let us hold the light of Jesus a little higher so some poor sinner can see the wonderful light which Jesus would have us to see.

Let us go to the quarterly meetings of the church and to the Sunday School, and to the prayer meetings so that we might be about our Father's business. There is a blessing for everyone if we will go and do our Christian duty in the name of the Lord.

OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more

When once I knock and fail to find you in;

For every day I stand outside your door,

And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Wail not for precious chances passed away,

Weep not for golden ages on the wane;

Each night I burn the records of the day;

At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped;

To vanquish joys be blind and deaf and dumb;

My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,

But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep,

I lend my arm to all who say "I can."

No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep

But he might rise and be again a man.

Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?

Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow?

Then turn from blotted archives of the past

And find the future's pages white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell!

Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven.

Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,

Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

—Anon

—Selected by Howard Furbie

A MESSAGE TO MY MOTHER

Dear Mother, I now will write to you

These following lines with tears,

The days since you left have been but few,

But to me they seem like years.

I miss you so much to night, Dear Mother,

My heart is pained with grief;

Your place can ne'er be filled by another,

Yet—I know you've found relief.

You suffered so much while here at home,

I know you were glad to go

Where suffering and pain is never known,

But Mother, I miss you so.

Just before you left we kissed good-night,

It seemed for only a while,

I, too, shall rise and take my flight, I've just a few more miles.

I know that by now you've seen dear Brother,

And sweet little Sisters, too.

Give them my love, will you, Mother?

Tell them you left me true.

I'm coming soon, keep watching the door,

I'm too lonely here below,
We'll dance around the beautiful Shore,
For as we are known we shall know.

The Lord shall wipe away all tears,
There'll be no more grief and pain,
We'll live together throughout the years,
With Jesus who lives to reign.

Mother, I'm closing now, for this time,

Keep watching the door for me,
I'm coming as soon as I get the sign
From Jesus. Wait by the Sea.

Your daughter,
Venie M. Carney

P. S.—Written August 3, 1945, two days after her burial.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I shall be open for the summer to do lecture work among the churches that may desire my services. Any church or churches, therefore, that shall want me to visit them and give lectures will please correspond with me so that I shall be able to arrange my itinerary for this lecture tour in the State of North Carolina or elsewhere. For the time being, address me at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, or 135-A, Separation Center. I will be here for around five weeks longer.

Yours for Christian service,

Mrs. Judy Caro,
Nashville, Tenn.
135-A Separation Cen.
Care Whaley

ABSTAINER, 103, SAYS DRINKING PALS ALL GONE

When asked to what he attributed his long life, James W. Smith of Forest Grove, Oregon, said, on his 103rd birthday anniversary, that he was not sure, "except that I don't drink. All the other men that I knew that drank, they're gone."

THE MISSIONARY HAT

Mrs. Lizzie McAdams

It is marvelous how the Lord does speak sometimes, when we have attentive ears. A few days ago I was getting ready for our Wednesday morning prayer meeting, and at the same time I was praying for our Missionary Program. I was wishing that I might be able to give more.

Well, the blessed Holy Spirit spoke into my heart and said unto me: "You can wear your old hat again this summer, and give the five dollars which you would pay for a new one to missions." At the same time the Holy Spirit seemed to say to me, "Ask your husband if he will wear his last year's hat, and give to you the price of a new one to missions."

Think of it. I received such a blessing that I could hardly wait for my husband to come and to ask him to join me in this self-denial offering. Well, when I told him of this, he said, "Yes, I can already see you sending to Brother Winford Davis the ten dollars."

This is so real from the Master that I feel led to pass it on to others. Think how wonderful it would be if others would be willing to sacrifice the price of a hat, dress, or shoes, anything, that you had really planned to buy for yourself, and can do without this summer.

Think of it, my dear people, we should be raising thousands of dollars for the mission cause, whereas we are only raising hundreds of dollars for this purpose. Come on dear women, and let us see to it that we send more missionaries to the foreign fields. If we will sacrifice and labor harder for the Master's cause then we will be able to do more for our missionary work in Cuba and in India. I am hoping that many will receive one of Brother Davis' last letters.

The Lord willing, you will see me at the National Association in July, if Jesus tarries and I live until that time, and you will see me with that "old faded hat." I will be wearing it with a soul overflowing with joy because I could have a little more in-

vested in the salvation of precious souls for the glory of God.

The time is too short, dear ones, not to be doing more to get the gospel to the dying millions in other lands. This is with love and prayer that it might touch the hearts of others to give more until our Missionary Treasury shall be overflowing with adequate funds to send to the dear ones who are suffering for the lack of the gospel of Christ. Let us not sit idly by and let the members of our Foreign Mission Board go weeping because of the lack of sufficient funds to supply the needs of the mission fields abroad. Please pray and give to this most worthy cause as you have never done before.

MOTHER

Mrs. Hattie Lee Mills

In the beginning, when God had made man,
He made for him a wife;
They lived together in the Eden land
Until Satan began his strife.

God drove them out of that beautiful land,
But Adam still did love her;
They tilled the soil and worked very hard,
And she, too, became a mother.

Perhaps a mother kind and true,
Loving her two little boys;
She watched them play and fight perhaps,
For they were her pride and joy.

There are mothers today who do not care,
The kind of life they live;
But if they would only stop and think
They would only realize what He gives.

There are mothers today who live for God,
And they love their children, too;
They pray to God to give them grace—
Dear reader, which one are you?

We mothers are not to be worshipped,
Although we're due respect;

Let us worship the Lord who gave her to us
And pray that Mother will always be true.

THE OLD MOTHER

So lonely she sits in her low easy-chair;
Her once busy hands idle lie;
The glint of the sun on her silvery hair
Forms a halo, which comes from the sky.
But life's thoughtless gaiety passes her up
As a number now out of the face.
Let no questioning gaze of the deaf interrupt
The haste of their mad, surging pace!

Yet once she was thrilled with the vigor of life;
Gave unstinted, 'til age called the score.
Not easy to sit idly, knowing the strife
And the joys bring her challenge no more!
And her dim, yearning eyes search the faces of those
Eager-surfing, impatient of pause;
Seeking, questioning, patient, yet lonely, she knows
Hers to wait, with no thought of applause.

Yet her eyes have grown dim in the service of those
Whom she mothered in years now gone by;
Her dull ears will be listening yet, I suppose,
For the voices of youth 'til she die.
Though her lips have grown wise with the toll of her years,
And her ears have grown dulled by life's cares,
Few there are who will share with her gladness or tears,
Glean the wisdom she willingly shares.

But we, who so carelessly hurry her by,
Shall we give her no thought and heed not her soul's cry?

WEEK OF PRAYER OBSERVED

The Powhatan Ladies Auxiliary held its annual week of prayer program the week preceding Easter.

The devotional and special prayer for certain objects of interest to our denomination were remembered, as a member of our society led the opening part of our services each evening.

Rev. G. C. Joyner, a former pastor and an invited guest for the week, delivered us an inspiring message each evening along with his pictures, the subject being, "What It Means to Be a Christian."

Those of you who have never heard these sermons and seen the pictures would do well to see them. They will help anyone to better understand God's plan of salvation and their place to serve Him in this present age, as a Christian. Also help lead sinners to conversion and professing faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. What one sees with the eye stays with him longer than what one hears with his ears. That's why the pictures mean so much to us.

There were several re-dedications to a better Christian life and 2 additions to the Church.

Mrs. Millard Oldham

THE WANDERING BOY

My dad, he tried to make me good

With discipline and such;
And—yes—I guess I needed it—
Well, sometimes awful much.

But when a fellow goes away
In other parts to roam,
It's just the thought of mother's love
That brings a fellow home.

Now, discipline is needed, sure!

And dads are nice also;
But mothers see the best in boys,
Whatever we may do.
And love us! Why, a mother's heart
Will love where'er we roam—
It's just the thought of mother's love
That brings a fellow home.

Lessons learned in hard times are forgotten in good times.

You can not be wholly successful by half-hearted efforts.

WOMEN AND DRINK!

"When I started practicing psychiatry nineteen years ago not more than one out of ten alcoholics who came to me for treatment were women. Now the women are four in ten. Once when a home was broken by alcoholism a drunken husband was nearly always responsible. Now I hear the tale in reverse.

"It is the husband who comes to me, often in tears, to tell how he has tried to meet expenses, tried to take care of the children and failed be-

cause his wife spends her time in bars or fumbles about the house in a stupor . . . Actually, more than two-fifths of all women in jail in America are there because of drunkenness."

Dr. Robert V. Seliger

Civility costs nothing; lack of it has cost many a man his position.

The excesses of youth are as drafts payable in old age.

Great talkers are often little doers.

PROGRAM

BLACK JACK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

May 11, 1947—8 P. M.

PROGRAM

Song	- - - - -	Congregation
Invocation	- - - - -	E. D. Griffin
Selection	- - - - -	Choir
Two Selections	- - - - -	Conway Trio
Two Selections	- - - - -	Bear Grass Trio
Speaker	- - - - -	Rev. J. C. Griffin
Solo	- - - - -	Herman Nobles
Two Selections	- - - - -	Hines Quartet
Presentation of Flowers	- - - - -	Pro. Newman Lewis
	(1) Oldest mother present. () Youngest mother present	
Trio	- - - - -	Mrs. Elmer Dixon, Mrs. James Page, Louise Adams
Duet—"My Mother's Prayer"	- - - - -	Iona Rouse, Mrs. Roy P. Gaskins
Closing Song—"If We Never Meet Again"	- - - - -	Hines Quartet
Benediction	- - - - -	J. S. Dixon

USHERS

Myrtle Taylor Evelyn R. Mills Joyce Stocks Runell Smith

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THE STRUGGLE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

(Lesson for May 18)

Lesson: Amos 5:6-15, 21-24.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

A young student in a London art school wanted to paint a picture of Christ. After two attempts he felt despondent at his failure. He tried to reveal tenderness, sympathy, and manliness, but only expressed hardness and weakness. Then came the Great War, and, leaving his art work, he went to the Front in France, where he was billeted with nine other men in one large room. Some of these men had pinned a lot of vulgar pictures on the wall above their beds. The young artist hated the sight of these pictures, and he determined to try again to draw the face of Christ. His only drawing materials were a postcard, a pencil, and the light of a candle. He worked night after night until the picture was finished, and he found he had at last revealed the tenderness and sympathy he sought. Then he pinned it upon his wall. He watched the other men next morning to see what they would do when they saw it. At first they said nothing, and went out. But they soon returned and tore down the other pictures. As they looked upon the pure face of Christ, they became ashamed of their ugly pictures and the ugly thoughts they expressed.

We might, with profit read I John 3:11-24. The indwelling Christ can make sin repulsive and loathsome. And now memorize the Golden Text:

"Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live" (Amos 5:14).

II. The Lesson Illustrated

In our Sunday School quarterlies, you will find the comments that will help you understand this lesson

which is as applicable now as in Amos' day.

Sin Always Dangerous

For God shall bring every work into judgment.—Eccl. 12:14.

A mining expert in the mountains was celebrating a great find of gold in a feast to which his friends were invited. In the midst of the feast he called his servant and asked him to go down into the cellar and to bring to him something which had been forgotten. The servant was gone for a little time and then returned without the candle which he had taken down. When asked about it he said he had left it in a barrel of sand. Perfectly calm the host arose and walking carelessly across the room he made for the cellar. As soon as the door was closed all calmness left him and rushing across the cellar he snatched the flickering candle, not from a barrel of sand, but from a barrel of blasting powder. In another moment all of them would have been blown into eternity.

No man knows when the day of retribution and of judgment may be upon him.—Watchword and Truth.

Asleep on the Track

Ephesians 5:14

We believe it was Dr. John McNeill who said to a group of ministers, that he once came upon a drunken man fast asleep between the railway tracks and the midnight express was almost due. He said to the ministers: "What would you have done?" It did not take long to think. One said, "Man, I would get him off the track. I would not be mild in dealing with him. I would not invite him to get himself off. I would be rough, and seize him, and by main strength I would drag him off though I dropped exhausted by his side." "And," said the preacher, "that is the state of every unsaved soul—asleep between the tracks, and God's judgment express almost due."—Serving and Waiting.

The Fatal Flower

"Travelers who visit the Falls of Niagara are directed to a spot in the margin of the precipice over the boil-

ing current below, where a gay young lady a few years since lost her life. She was delighted with the wonders of the unrivalled scene, and ambitious to pluck a flower from a cliff where no human hand had before ventured, as a memorial of the cataract and her own daring. She leaned over the verge, and caught a glimpse of the surging waters far down the battlement of rocks, while fear for a moment darkened her excited mind. But there hung the lovely blossom upon which her heart was fixed; and she leaned, in a delirium of intense desire and anticipation, over the brink. Her arm was outstretched to grasp the beautiful form which charmed her fancy; the turf yielded to the pressure of her light feet, and with a shriek she descended, like a falling star, to the rocky shore, and was borne away gasping in death." A life sacrificed for a flower! How like the case of many who, grasping at sin's fatal flower, sacrifice the soul!

These three illustrations show that sin may be dangerous in many ways, but the point is that **Sin is always dangerous.**

A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Dr. William Mayo, speaking for himself and his brother, Dr. Charles Mayo, wisely said, "From 1894 onward we have never used more than half of our income on ourselves and our families; latterly much less. We have both put ourselves on salaries and live within them. All our possessions go out of our family when we die. They are turned over to the Foundation. I would not want my children to be deprived of the fun and benefit of wanting something and going out to fight for it. Our money is holy and must go into the service of that humanity which paid it to us. In this way we can help to pass on the torch."

At a round-table conference always be square in your thinking.

Millions of men never achieve great success, but they can live useful lives.

CRAGMONT NEWS

Time is swiftly approaching for Cragmont Assembly to open. There is much to be done to bring the doors open for a hearty welcome to Cragmont. Some repairs, and some changes must be made. Some new ideas as well as old ones must be put into the work.

Applications

The opening date will be the great date for 1947. Applicants are beginning to enquire for the application blanks. The blanks will be in the mail soon, and after a week, if you have not received one, and you have planned to attend the assemblies, you may have one for the asking by card or letter. All mail will be answered promptly, and soon your application will be ready.

Blanket Drive

The Blanket Drive is going nicely. Many have sent money and some have sent blankets. **Remember**, as soon as you get this done, the quicker you can forget it. Then the sooner will we be able to announce that all campers will not be required to bring blankets for their week. Since the price of the blankets have been announced at such a small amount of \$4.75 each, several local auxiliaries have planned to go over the top with the giving of two blankets. We will need all we can get, so don't slow up sending them. We certainly appreciate every effort that is being made for the blanket drive; because it means that a much less bundlesome load to carry to camp with you.

Something New

You've heard the statement, "Something new has been added," haven't you? We can truly say so now. This was called to the attention of the Manager: Why not have a **FAMILY WEEK** at Cragmont this year? Someone else: "Why not have a **MINISTER'S AND FAMILY WEEK** this year? We are arranging to do both. There are many people of North Carolina who will be unable to attend any of the Assemblies, and there are many folks who would like to take a vacation in the mountains.

There is a number of our ministers who cannot attend the Minister's Conference this year because of certain duties. It can be arranged at another date, so we have added the following Assemblies to be sponsored by your Business Manager-Treasurer.

July 5-12, Family Week.

July 28-August 4, Ministers and their Family Week.

Now, the open dates for tourists and guests are only July 12-28; and August 15-17. These dates are going quickly. Many groups have spoken to the manager about the open date for Classes and Clubs and other organizations. If you are interested, you **Must** make applications at once and guarantee your convenience and comfort for your date and vacation.

Mail

REMEMBER, All mail **MUST** go addressed to Cragmont Assembly, Incorporated, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C. If you are writing to any special person, please add their name because of specific reasons.

Stockholders Drive

We announced in our last news item that we would give the amount which each of the Stockholders raised toward the indebtedness of Cragmont. May I say to the Stockholders; we are proud of your work and truly hope that you will continue to co-operate with us in the future, as well as you have in the past.

There may be some error because money has been sent from several sources not marked for any special Stockholder's credit, so if incorrect, that is the reason:

Mrs. Hubert Dickens	-----\$	100.00
Rev. D. W. Alexander	-----	100.00
Rev. Rashie Kennedy	-----	110.00
Rev. James A. Evans	-----	100.00
Rev. R. P. Harris	-----	100.00
Ramond T. Sasser	-----	93.15
Rev. F. A. Rivenbark	-----	100.00
Mrs. J. C. Moye	-----	100.00
Fountain Taylor	-----	100.00
Rev. S. A. Smith	-----	100.00
Mrs. Walter Rhodes	-----	100.00
Rev. J. R. Bennett	-----	60.00
Rev. R. N. Hinnant	-----	46.14

Rev. R. B. Spencer	-----	100.00
Mrs. N. E. Harris	-----	60.00
Mrs. L. E. Ballard	-----	31.50

Total ----- \$1,390.79
Rev. W. L. Moretz ----- 600.00

Total to date ----- \$1,990.79

May I explain that Brother Moretz is not a Stockholder, but he has shown his great interest by co-operating with the campaign, as well as some others.

We want to express our deep appreciation for the assistance given to aid these stockholders to raise this amount. We trust that Cragmont will sell itself to the people this year, and that it will be much easier to raise the amount coming due in March, 1948.

Pray! Plan! Come!

PRAY much for the success of Cragmont this year. May it go over the top for Christ this season.

PLAN for the Institute during the assembly you wish to attend. Think strongly about the people you will meet. Plan the questions that are problems to you about your organization for discussion. These may be helpful to someone else.

COME to Cragmont and bring Sunshiny smiles and a **Brightsome Cheer**. Bring Christ with you and fellowship one with the other and it will prove a mountain top experience for each who will attend. Come to see the wonders of nature prepared by God,—The Beauties of God's Handiwork—Sight seeing

J. Albert Harris,
Bus. Mgr.-Treas.

MOTHER

Little and bent and frail,
With silvered hair,
And hands toil-worn from years
Of patient care,
Yet from her eyes there glows
Abounding youth—
For hope is hers, and faith
And love and truth.

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

BARROW. On the morning of January 25, 1947, just as the sun began to throw its brightness over the earth, the gentle white messenger of death came and took the pure and spotless spirit of Sister Hattie Barrow home to be with Jesus. She was sick about two weeks, and all was done for her that the doctors, nurses, the children and loved ones could do, but God said, "Enough done on earth, come and enjoy the peace and love of heaven."

She was a life-long Christian, and her church membership was with Oak Grove F. W. B. Church in Craven County. She was born and reared in Beaufort County, and her parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis. In the year of 1902, she married G. W. Barrow, who preceded her to the grave sixteen years ago.

Sister Hattie was found at the church in all services, ready to help to carry on God's work when health would permit. She was the treasurer of the Ladies Aid society for a number of years. She was a kind and loving mother. She leaves to mourn their loss six children, nine grandchildren, two sisters, one brother, a number of nephews and nieces, friends and loved ones.

Her funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. R. C. Kennedy, and Rev. Duff Toler. The body was laid to rest in the family cemetery, beneath a beautiful mound of flowers. We the members of the church, Sunday School, and Ladies Aid society bow our heads and hearts in humble obedience to God who quieteth and taketh away.

Be it resolved that a copy be put on the church record book, a copy be sent to the family, and a copy sent to the Press for publication in the Baptist paper.

Written by Dorcas Barrow

JESSE B. HARRIS OF PIKE ROAD, NORTH CAROLINA

Jesse Bryant Harris, 79, highly respected resident of Pike Road section, passed away Saturday morning at 9:25, March 8, 1947.

He was born June 1, 1867, son of the late Jonathan and Mary Windley Harris of Pinetown, North Carolina. He spent his entire life in Beaufort County.

The funeral services were held from the Pike Road Free Will Baptist Church on Monday, March 10, at 2:00 P. M. The ser-

vices were conducted by Rev. R. B. Spencer, of Ayden, North Carolina, pastor of the church. He was assisted by Rev. M. A. Woodard, of Winterville, North Carolina, Rev. J. E. Wooten, of Ayden, North Carolina; and Rev. J. P. Woodard, of Stonewall, North Carolina. The burial followed in the family cemetery beneath a beautiful display of flowers. A host of friends and relatives were present to pay tribute and respect to the deceased.

He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Jessie Harrison, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Harrison of Plymouth, whom he married on January 26, 1898; four sons, Dr. Henry C. Harris, of Gainesville, Florida; Hilton Harris, of Columbia, North Carolina; Feral Harris, of Washington, North Carolina; and Haden Harris, of Pike Road, North Carolina; two daughters, Mrs. George H. Padgett, of Newport News, Virginia, and Mrs. John D. Kinard, of Wenona, North Carolina.

During the revival in August, 1927, he joined the Free Will Baptist church at Union Grove and was baptized. A short time later he was made elder of the church. He was a faithful member until ill health over took him seven and one half years ago.

All was done that medical science and loving hands could do, but God saw fit to take him away to rest. Truly it can be said that he was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a friend to man. Lord, thou knowest the sorrow that fills our hearts. Make us look beyond this short life, which lasts only through our journey here on earth, and realize that it is the beginning, and not the end.

R. B. Spencer, Pastor

POSEY. On April 15th, 1947, God saw fit to take Mr. Ben Posey, age 55 years. He leaves a devoted wife and four children. Mrs. Mabel Neal, William Posey, of Pine, Georgia, and Hershel Posey of Shelbyville, Tenn., Nolan Posey, of U. S. Army. He died at Shelbyville, Tenn. His body was brought to Columbia, Tenn. His funeral was preached at the First Free Will Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. Wallace Paul. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Bro. Ben loved the church, and when he lived in Columbia was a great worker for our Lord in the Sunday school, Ladies Aid and the church. He often talked to his family about coming back and visiting the little church that he loved, but his health was so bad he wasn't able to do it.

Our sympathy and prayers are for Sister Alma and all her family.

By a friend,
Mrs. W. J. Paul,
Columbia, Tenn.

CARDUL. On December the 26th, 1946, Mr. Johnnie Cardul passed from this life to the Great Eternal City to reap his faithful reward. Bro. Johnnie happened to an accident, and broke his leg three weeks before he died. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Sally McClure and Mattie Cardul. I thought of the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus when Johnnie was taken away.

He lived with his two sisters, and they were devoted to one another. Bro. Johnnie was 58 years old. His funeral was conducted at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Columbia, Tenn. By Rev. Darnell Williams and assisted by the Pastor, Rev. Wallace Paul.

His body was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery to await the return of our Lord.

By a friend,
Mrs. W. J. Paul,
Columbia, Tenn.

GRAY. The death angel visited the home of Mr. Billy Gray, April 27th, 1947, and took his dear companion, Mrs. Sarah Lucy Gray, age 57. She is survived by her husband, and children: J. C. Gray, W. H. Gray, Mrs. Gladys Moss, Mrs. Alex Carthron, Jr., Mrs. Douglas Adams, all of Columbia, Tenn., Mrs. Ed Nelson of Nashville, Tenn., and seven grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at the Second Missionary Baptist church of Columbia. It was conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. S. Wilson, and assisted by the Rev. James Turner. Her body was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery, under a beautiful mound of flowers. Sarah was sick a long time and suffered so much. All was done for her that could be done, by doctors, nurses, loved ones and friends, but she had to go. She said that she wanted to go home. To know her was to love her. She was a good wife, Christian mother and friend.

Sarah is not dead. she has just gone away, To a better home, she has gone there to stay.

Jesus took her; He does all things well,
To that Beautiful City for ever to dwell.

Written by a friend,
Mrs. W. J. Paul,
Columbia, Tenn.

No one knows better than the sufferer how great a handicap ill health can be.

Many noble characters have graduated from the school of Hard Knocks.

If you are right with God you can not be wrong with man.

WHO IS ANTICHRIST?

(continued from page two)

of the antichrist as one being and a beast. But the antichrists are all those who do not believe in Christ—all who reject Him, and serve Satan, the old Devil.

When Christ was here on earth, He told the people there would arise false christs and also false prophets. In St. Matthew's Gospel we read, "For there shall arise false christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (ch. 24:24).

In the First Epistle of John we find that John said that there were many antichrists on earth. In First John we read, "Little children, it is the last time; and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time" (ch. 2:18).

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father, and the Son" (I Jon. 2:22). Then again John said, "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh" (II Jon. 1:7). In First John 4:3, we read these words, "Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

I wanted people to read this so that they would not believe the false teachings that are so prevalent throughout the world today, even in this nation. Parents, if you permit your children to read religious books that are written by some modern writers, please for the soul's welfare of your children be sure that said books do teach true Bible doctrines, and not the poisonous things as so many of them are teaching. My object in writing this message is that it may be beneficial to all that read it and that each of you readers may be spiritually blessed, and that it may redound to the glory of God.

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THE PRODIGAL SON

Arthur B. Chandler
F. W. B. Bible College

The younger son, with saddened face,
Was feeding the swine of an alien race;
His hunger was such that he fain would eat
The husks of corn, which fell at his feet.—

Recalling the days of his wasted youth;
Of superfluities, vain and uncouth,
He thinks how oft he has strown his treasure,
With reckless hand, to the winds of pleasure.

And now, this eve, as he counts the cost,
He knows that more than money was lost;
His pride is gone and his honor too,
And little remains for a lad to do.

The day is spent and his hopes are low,
Remorse is touching his heart of woe;
And, brushing a tear with calloused hand,
He thinks of home and his native land.

And, hoping to serve in a humble way,
In his father's house for a servant's pay,
He makes his way to the father's door,
Determined in full to sin no more.

The father's heart is filled with joy
To see once more his long-lost boy;
He bids them kill the fatted calf,
And prepare a feast in his son's behalf.—

Prepare a feast and spare no cost,
For he is found who once was lost;
Prepare a feast—the table spread—
For he now lives who once was dead.

Let all who dwell for miles around
Sing psalms and make a joyful sound,
And join with us to share the joy
That Christ has saved my wayward boy.

Let all the bells of gladness ring,
Let all the harpers tune the string,

Let all the minstrel voices sing,
To praise the Father, Lord and King.

P R O G R A M

for the

Second Annual Session

of

The Sunday School Convention

of the

West Fork Association
of

Free Will Baptists of Texas

Mount Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church

Buffalo Springs, Texas

May 15 and 16, 1947

Thursday Evening

7:30—Song and prayer

—The appointment of judges

—Scripture reading and president's message

8:00—Program by the Sunday School of host church

8:45—Adjournment

Friday Morning

9:15—Song service and prayer

—Devotions

9:45—Business period

10:45—Recess

11:00—Song service and prayer

—Program from each Sunday School attending

12:00—Lunch hour

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Song service, prayer and scripture reading

1:45—Programs continued

2:45—Miscellaneous business

—Judges' decision on the contest

3:30—Adjournment

Note: All programs are to be about fifteen minutes duration.

By the Committee

ANNOUNCEMENT

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JOHNNIE BRANHAM

P. O. Box 195-B
Wheelwright, Ky.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that there will be delivered on the Second Sunday in May, which will be Mother's Day, a special sermon at the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church. The message will be delivered by the Reverend R. L. Clark of Hamlet, North Carolina. The sermon will be concerning Mother and Mother's Day.

The public is invited to attend this service which will begin at 10:30 A. M. We are hoping to have a splendid day at this church in the honor of Mother. Come and enjoy the day with us.

Miss Esther Polson,
Church Clerk,
Patrick, South Carolina

PROGRAM

of

Sunday School Convention

of

The Martin Association

to be held with

Mother's Home Church

on the

Fourth Sunday in May, 1947

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Morning Session

- 10:00—Opening song service
—Devotions conducted by Mrs. Zula Stinson
—Welcome address by Mrs. Eula Musgrove
—Response by Davis Clenny
10:45—Listing representation of the Sunday Schools
11:00—Convention Sermon by Rev. H. L. Catrett
12:00—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotions conducted by Auburn Bush
—Rendering of programs of various Sunday Schools
—A Talk: "The Value of the Sunday School," by Gwendalyn Clenny
—Round-Table Discussions
3:00—Adjournment

By The Committee

Young Folk's

Scrap Book

Compiled by L. E. BALLARD

*Editor YOUTH'S BANNER

Faith

D. Eayrs

A little girl asked her father to explain to her the meaning of "faith."

He sought to do so, but she still seemed puzzled; so he took her to a shed which had no light except when the door was open.

Along one side was a shelf on to which he lifted her, telling her to do exactly as he said.

After shutting the door, which made the shed quite dark, he said, "Jump!" and without hesitating she jumped, and he caught her in his arms.

He then asked her why she dared to jump when she could not see where she was jumping.

She answered, "Oh! I knew you would catch me in your arms, Father."

So her father said, "Yes, you had faith in me."

At last she seemed to understand the meaning of "faith," for she said, "Oh, yes, I know what faith is. I cannot see Jesus, but I know He is with me all the time, and I know He died for my sins, and I know He is coming again to take all who love Him to be with Him forever.

"Whom having not seen, ye love."—Gospel Stories for the Young.

I'd Rather

Bertha Inwood Michael

I would rather be a "has been"
Who had fought for noble cause,
Although I had lost the battle—
Than to be a "never was."

I would rather toil and labor
For a principal of right,
Than to ride to easy riches
Won by mailed fist of might.

I would rather have a record
Of an honest, humble name
Than to win success and honor
That had caused distress or shame.

"Brotherly kindness" is sleeves rolled up ready to do for those in need of your help—not confined to actions of others, but obeying the Gospel of Christ. "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink."—A. L. Meisinger.

A How Do You Do!

Louise Hannah Kohr

Edwin saw the little girl the first time her mother brought her to his Sunday School room. She had on a blue dress that just matched her eyes, and she was holding tight to her mother's hand.

"Her name is Phyllis," her mother said, "and I think she will be all right."

"Of course she will be all right," Edwin thought. In this lovely Sunday School room, with its pictures and happy children, with its songs and coloring, and with Miss Cramer—the teacher—to tell them about Jesus when He was a little boy, of course Phyllis would be all right. What a funny thing for a mother to say!

Then the mother took her hand from Phyllis' and went away, and Phyllis cried, though Edwin could not understand why she should.

Suddenly he went up and took her small hand in his. For a moment she looked at him, and then she smiled right through her tears.

At home he told his mother later, "As long as I held her hand she was happy at our Sunday School, Mother. I held it strong."

"It wasn't the strength that made Phyllis happy, dear. It was the friendship she felt you give. Friendly hands can often make others happy. Remember that, and always have friendly hands."—Dew Drops.

NOTHING
can take the
Place of a
BIBLE

Thought o' the Day

"If you were busy being glad,
And cheering people who were sad,
Although your heart might ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it."

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GOD IS LOVE

God is love in our brightest sunshine;
God is love in our darkest hour;
God is love when our strength is greatest;
God is love when we have no power.

God is love when the wind is piercing;
God is love in the zephyr breeze;
God is love on the lake's calm surface;
God is love on the wildest seas.

God is love when the hill is steepest;
God is love on the verdant plain;
God is love both in health and sickness;
God is love when we suffer pain.

God is love when our friends are faithful;
God is love if they prove untrue;
God is love when our needs are many;
God is love when they are but few.

God is love so we'll fully trust Him
All through life's uncertain way;
God is love we will sing it gladly
Now and in the Eternal Day.

—A. A. Milne

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Drunken men can not reason.
Therefore, talk to them when they are sober.

A good way to forget your own troubles is to help others out of theirs.

Some divorces may be justified; that from the church never.

Editorial

PRIDE—

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:17). The kind of pride which Solomon was writing about in this verse is that pride which is selfish, bigoted, and puffed up with self-esteem and self-values. Etta E. Shaw says, "Pride of every degree and in every form, robs God of the glory that belongs to Him, and counts the blood of Jesus a needless thing."

Great Babylon was once haughty with pride because of her great wealth and mighty kings. She provoked God with all of her vile wickedness and she fell as a great nation. Her pride caused her woes and her destruction. Pride in the hearts of some individuals has caused their sorrows and downfall. "Spiritual pride is a subtle snare," says God's Revivalist.

Church people should be very careful when it comes to their selfishness and pride. The Reverend S. B. Shaw once said, "We have little doubt that more churches and more Christian workers make shipwreck of faith and fall from grace because of pride, than from any other sin." Such has been the case of some Christian ministers, as well as of some laymen of the church. The Reverend J. H. Jowett says, "As soon as we become prominent, our Lord is never seen." May the Lord save us from self-sufficiency.

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REGENERATION—

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). Salvation, or the spiritual life, is received through faith in Jesus Christ. A person is regenerated, born again, made a new creature in Christ Jesus when he has been forgiven of his sins through his faith in Jesus' power to save him by grace divine. "We never know the love of God, until we get regenerated."—Rev. G. D. Watson.

There is a vast difference between reformation and regeneration: reformation may change the outward man so that he appears to be a different character, but regeneration changes the inner man, and gives him a new spirit, and new outlook upon life. It gives him new hope, new conception of what life really is, and what the future holds for the true child of God. A. A. Erickson said, "A truly regenerate soul is not satisfied until he can find some one who will listen to the story of salvation through Christ Jesus." More real Christian workers are needed today with a zeal to win the lost to Christ.

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BACKSLIDERS—

"Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord" (Jeremiah 3:12). The prophet told the wayward Israel-

ites that God disliked their backsliding from His holy commandments. The Reverend M. W. Knapp once said, "The second chapter of Jeremiah is emphatically a backslider's chapter." The apostle Peter backslid by denying his Lord, but "one look of Jesus reclaimed him" (Reid).

Some of those Christians of the first churches of Asia lost their first love for the Master and grew cold and indifferent in the work of the Christian faith. The Bible speaks of the "falling away" of some from the faith. We wonder if many are not falling away today from their first love for the Master. The Christian faith is being tried in many places and many are turning toward modernism and skepticism. But more of the love of Jesus the true followers of God possess, the more will they be able to manifest their concern toward the backslider to turn him back to Christ and righteousness.

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AUTHORITY TO SPEAK—

Public speech on questions of religion, politics, education, economics, and the like, is a power either for weal or woe—human welfare or personal harm. It can be used for the good of society, or for the destruction of peace and order.

In religious matters, speakers are granted the right to speak the truth, according to the Scriptures, for the good of mankind. They are to condemn sin in all of its damaging effects upon individuals and society, as well as to praise the love and mercy of God for the good of the people. They are to preach the gospel of salvation with the view of saving the lost and spreading the truth of righteousness in the world. Likewise, the purpose of public speech on education, politics, economics, and the like, is to build up in the hearts of the people right ideas of progress and national achievements.

On the other hand, has anyone the right to use public speech to ridicule, censure and make sport of others' misfortunes and shortcomings in life? We think not, however, it is often done by unscrupulous speakers. It has been done, sad to say, by some even in the house of God. Shame on that speaker who would use the sacred stand to ridicule and make light of others before any congregation of people gathered for holy worship. God is not pleased with such methods of abuse, when the sacred stand is designed only for holy purposes. We believe no religious worker, whether preacher, missionary, evangelist, or a lay-leader in the church has the God-given right to stand before a congregation and cast incriminations against the pastor, or the church people and the community. The sacred stand is the place for the proclaiming of the gospel of Christ, and the winning of the lost to Him. It is for the purpose of building up spirituality, peace and love among the brethren, not to tear down and destroy unity, harmony and love.

My Church and What It Means to Me

Gladys Hines
Winterville, N. C.

(The following is an address delivered at the Little Creek Union Meeting by Gladys Hines, and requested that it be printed in the Baptist paper.)

First, What is a church? A church is a body composed of baptized believers in Christ, called out from the world by the preaching of the Gospel, associated under covenant, organized to do team work for the redemption of the world.

Second, What is a church for?

It exists for the purpose of providing in a community a continued witness to the power, love, mercy, and justice of God.

The church exists for the purpose of making a positive proclamation and demonstration that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all people.

The church exists for the purpose of providing a place in which each member may worship, may learn, and may serve.

The church exists for the purpose of providing a loving ministry to and for all human need, whether physical, mental or spiritual.

The church exists for the purpose of seeking and winning to the Lord Jesus "those who are lost" and to His Kingdom "that which is lost."

The church exists for the purpose of providing united action against all those evil forces and influences which tend to hinder man's full development, such as the liquor traffic, war, injustice, gambling, juvenile delinquency, etc.

The church exists for the purpose of magnifying certain great ideas: the idea that only spiritual values are permanent; the idea that human personality regenerated and consecrated, constitutes the real wealth of a community; the idea that freedom, religious, political, economic, are God-given rights and must be preserved; the idea that God desires a "new earth" wherein dwelleth righteousness; and that it can be achieved un-

der the guidance and power of His spirit and through regenerated human beings.

The church exists for the purpose of causing to shine, to the ends of the earth, the Light, that is the Gospel. It must be actively Missionary. If it is not, it is no true church of the Lord Jesus. Missions is the mission of a "body" that is worthy the name of a church of Christ.

We give God opportunity in our lives through prayer and through believing that all evil can be overcome with love. We must give God opportunity through a steadfast faith in the sure triumph of righteousness. We must also give God wider opportunity in our church. The church has given God opportunity. Just think of the countless persons who have been led to Christ and those who have lived for Christ; the success of the missionary program; hospitals, and homes for the aged and dependent, homes for the orphan children. Just think of all the things the church has done to prevent juvenile delinquency. What kind of boys and girls are sent to reform schools? They are not the ones that have been training in our churches. All works of benevolence have taken place because the church gave God opportunity.

The church must know its world, its field of battle, its enemies' strength and resources. The church must know well its field of action and the church must have available a program of defensive action. Christ said, "Go beyond the utmost boundaries." "Bring them in." "Preach, teach, heal." These are words of one confident of winning the world.

Since a war has just ended, let's talk about the church's duty toward the returning veterans.

It is the church's special concern for the complete re-integration of veterans into civilian life, as well as a desire to renew and strengthen its bonds of fellowship. It should be concerned with meeting both their immediate and long term needs and it must confront the necessity of al-

tering and revitalizing its day by day programs to meet them.

Through the chaplains, the church followed the men to every battlefield and every corner of the world.

It is the duty of the church to help the disabled in body or mind to live again as whole persons, though handicapped in certain functions.

The church must be ready to alter details of organization and program in any way which will enable more men and women to be won completely to Christ.

The church has a special obligation to help veterans to understand and clarify, in the light of the Christian faith, the meaning of the war and of the sacrifices in connection with it.

Yes, it is the church's duty to encourage people to stand on their own feet, to stimulate the community to shoulder responsibility for its own welfare, to help those in need, to open wide its doors to each worthwhile activity of the people.

All these things . . . THAT'S what a church is for. Then, WHY do we go to church? Because of habit? Custom? Because John Smith or Mary Jones goes? Or do we go to church because we have an appointment with God? Jesus said, "Assemble yourselves together."

The church is a sanctuary. The church binds us together at the point where we are most loyal, most sensitive, most sublime, and keeps alive in us the spark which cries out in a still small voice that every soul is more than mortal, that, despite man's little self-interested groups, every man is his brother's keeper.

There is beauty in any church service and food for thought in every sermon. The church takes for its text, the Bible, for its model, Jesus Christ.

I need my church. It helps to give me faith in humanity and its destiny. It keeps alive those spiritual perceptions which all too often are almost smothered under the week's load of toilsome tasks.

My church means to me . . . a

place where I can meet my friends and know that I am with the very best people in the community.

It means a place dedicated to the service of my Father, and I have the assurance that Christ meets with us in fellowship as we worship.

My church means that I must not neglect it if I would increase in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding concerning God's plan for me.

My church means that I with my Christian friends can wield an influence in this community that will raise the moral standards much higher than they are now.

My church means a place where my Christian friends and I can live such exemplary lives, that someone on the outside may be led to the church, thereby saving a soul that might otherwise have been lost.

My church means the only way I can get the most out of life here and to receive eternal life in the life to come.

It is my business as a member of my church to witness daily to the fact that God's power, love, and spirit dwells within me.

It is my business to demonstrate daily that for me Jesus is the Truth, the Way, and the Life.

It is my business to assemble in my church with my fellow church members for worship; to sustain the ordinances, the discipline and the doctrines of my church, and to promote its prosperity and spirituality.

It is my opportunity to minister in person to those who are in need, and to do it in the name of Jesus and in the name of my church.

It is also my opportunity to be a winsome disciple of the Lord Jesus, to urge those who are lost to surrender to Him and to dedicate those things I have been calling "mine" to the purpose of His kingdom at home and abroad.

It is my privilege to demonstrate to the world my faith in the eternal verities; to so live and act that others will have to confess that regeneration and consecration are realities and that God, through me, is establishing His Kingdom in the earth.

It is my challenge to join with others of my fellow church members in making His church the most pow-

erful agency on earth to combat all the evil forces of our time. I owe, therefore, to my church all the loyalty and devotion and service of my soul. I owe to it, at least, a tenth of all that God entrusts to me. Otherwise I am an unfaithful steward.

Our church means such an awful lot to us, and do we thank our Father for having such a wonderful church? Do we thank Him for the privilege of going to Sunday School every Sunday? Perhaps some time in your life you have gone to your Dad for an extra nickel or dime. Or perhaps for some toy. It might have taken quite a lot of begging for him to give it to you but when he did you were so thrilled you thanked him time and time again. It is the same way with us today. When a loved one gets ill, we usually immediately go to God in prayer. We pray that He might heal our beloved brother. If God answers our prayers, we thank Him for it. But do we thank Him for the smaller, it seems, but yet so important things of life? Do we thank Him for our churches? Have you thanked Him for the privilege of being in this Union Meeting today?

In conclusion I would like to tell you six things that each of you might do to bless your own life and also your church's life.

1. Increase your own spiritual power by daily prayer and meditation.
2. Attend all church services whenever possible.
3. Invite those not identified with any church in the community to attend church.
4. Help maintain an average of at least a hundred in your Sunday School during the month by your own attendance and by inviting others.
5. Give to your pastor the names of any who should be visited concerning their church membership.
6. Pray for the growth of the spiritual influence of your church and community.

God can use us mightily during these days if we will only let Him.

Be tolerant of another's shortcomings. Human perfection is not of this life.

MY WISH TONIGHT

Venie M. Carney

Tonight—as I sit alone,
The ending of Even-tide
Takes me back to years bygone
When I was just a child.

Mother would rock me off to sleep
Humming a lullaby,
Telling me, "now don't you peep,
Slumberland is night."

Those days are gone, they won't re-
turn,
I'm too old to be a girl,
But oh, my heart does often yearn
For Time to backward whirl.

To backward whirl into the Past,
When my Mother used to sing
The Hymns that shall forever last;
I hear them now, so clearly ring.

Two years, almost, have passed and
gone
That Mother's been away,
The joy she brought into my home
Has slipped as hours of day.

I wish that years could backward
roll
As when childish joys were mine,
When happiness held back, unfold
As it did at "rocking time."

FOLKS ARE FUNNY THAT WAY

Strangely enough the folks most apt
to lend a hand to you
Are those who are already rushed
with countless things to do.
And should bad luck befall you and
misfortune smack you prone,
The ones who'll help you most are
Those with troubles of their own.

The folks whose sunny slant on life
helps heal its smarts and stings
Are often those who know first-hand
the seamy side of things;
And he was right, it seems, who said
that life is what you make it,
It's not so much what happens,
as the way in which you take it.
—Selected by Mrs. Carl Edwards

ABOARD THE STEAMER, SIR JOHN FRANKLIN

Greetings in the Name of Christ:

We have just completed our eight days on the steamer, Sir John Franklin, on our way to Bombay, India. It is now seven P. M., three P. M. Eastern Standard Time. We left New York on April the tenth, and the Lord has been very good to us on our way. When we arrived to New York to embark on this voyage, we spent two most wonderful days in the city. The first night we stayed at the New York Bible School and the second night at The Sudan Interior Mission. The fellowship here was indeed sweet. Too much cannot be said in favor of the Evangelical Foreign Mission Association. The office in New York and the one in Washington have been of untold value to us in many ways.

We have quite a bit of money left on a jeep, and enough promised to finish paying for it. If we get the jeep in America, the NEA will buy it for us at about \$200 saving and get export license for taking it to India. We will, therefore, avoid any trouble with the customs in India. If you have not sent Brother R. B. Crawford a special contribution for our donation to the NEA, please do so at once. This co-operation of Fundamental Orthodox Christian denominations is vitally essential to our work, both in the States and also on the foreign fields.

Now, we are almost within a day sailing of the Strait of Gibraltar. So far I have not missed a meal, and have never felt better in my life, but Mrs. Woolsey had to keep rather close to her room for the first two days out at sea, but she is now enjoying the voyage as any experienced sailor. We passengers find ourselves a congenial group. First, a word about the four non-missionaries: a young English-speaking Christian Chinese who is an engineer on his way back to China. Second, a young Hindu, an international merchant. A newly wed couple is on the ship and on their way to China where the husband will be an officer in a bank in HanKong. The missionaries on the ship are: a Miss Johnson, an Episcopalian mis-

sionary and nurse, who is returning to China. She has just spent two years in Africa working until she was allowed to re-enter China. There is also a Salvation Army captain, wife and small daughter. They are captain and Mrs. Freeman. He is well acquainted with our church people in and near Asheville, North Carolina. Some of these ministers are: Reverends Ellis, Howe, Elkins, Gentry, etc. He also remembers the Reverend Gilton, the pastor of the fine brick church, Moore's Chapel, above Elizabethton, Tennessee. Then there are the Reverend and Mrs. Branch of the Methodist Church who are going out on their fifth mission journey to India. It has been almost forty years since they went out on their first missionary journey. They are past the age of retirement, but are going out to take charge of a large High School.

Please pray much about this work of Free Will Baptists in India which Miss Laura Belle Barnard has been working so very hard to develop into a larger usefulness to the glory of God.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I shall be open for the summer to do lecture work among the churches that may desire my services. Any church or churches, therefore, that shall want me to visit them and give lectures will please correspond with me so that I shall be able to arrange my itinerary for this lecture tour in the State of North Carolina or elsewhere. For the time being, address me at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, or 135-A, Separation Center. I will be here for around five weeks longer.

Yours for Christian service,

Mrs. Judy Caro,
Nashville, Tenn.
135-A Separation Cen.
Care Whaley

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Questions for Seventh Day Adventists to answer "Where is the proof that any man ever kept the seventh day except by special commandment prior to the proclamation of the ten commandments at Mount Sinai? (Gen. 2:2,3; Ex. 16:1-30; 19:1-25; 20:1-17).

"If Christians are required to keep the seventh day, why do you depart from your dwelling on that day, seeing those to whom the law was given were plainly commanded not to so do? (Ex. 16:29).

"If you keep one Sabbath—the seventh day—why not keep them all, the seventh year and the year of Jubilee? Who authorized you to make distinction in favor of the seventh day? (Lev. 25:1-22).

"If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath, how are they to live in cold climates? (Ex. 35:1-3).

"Is it the duty of Christians to put to death those who desecrate the seventh day? (Num. 15:32-36). If a fellow is to be stoned for building a fire on the Sabbath, who is to be the executioner? If you say "No," What will you do with the law? (Ex. 35:2). If you say the penalties are abolished, I answer that the same passages that you use to prove this establish beyond the shadow of a doubt that the law, too, is abolished. If you admit that the penalties are still in force, and the proof that they are unanswerable and invincible, if the law is in force, there is not an Adventist anywhere who can escape the vengeance of a broken law.

"If Christians are under obligations to observe the seventh day, why did Jesus declare that all law and prophecy hang on love, instead of the Sabbath? seeing that the command to keep it is the one in which you hang your everlasting all (Matt. 22:34-40; Rom. 13:8-10).

"Why did not Jesus require the young ruler to keep the Sabbath when numerating the commandments? (Luke 18:18-24).

"If Christians are to keep the law of Moses—the Sabbath—why did the apostles and elders who met at Jeru-

salem leave it out of their address to the churches? (Acts 15:1-29). Judaizers had been teaching among the Christians the law of Moses. The Apostles said, "We have no such commandment."

"If Christians are to keep the Sabbath how are we to account for the open violation of the law by Jesus Christ, who is our example, unless by saying that the power that made the law can take it away, and that He did it? (Matt. 12:1-8; John 7:22, 23).

"If the early Christians kept the Sabbath, why did they break bread on the first day of the week? (Acts 20:7).

"If Christians are to keep the Sabbath day, how do you account for the fact the apostles preached the gospel at Jerusalem, Samaria, to Cornelius the Gentile and to many others without commanding a single individual to keep it? Did they under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, fail to properly instruct their converts? (Acts 2:1-47; 8:1-40; 10:1-48; 16:1-40).

"Do you keep the Sabbath? No dodging, Do you rest or put in the day promulgating your doctrine? Do you not eat food on that day prepared by work on a fire kindled in violation of the law? (Ex. 20:8-11; 25:1-3). Do you offer the burnt offering required by law (Num. 28:3-10)? Do you remain in your house all during the day? If you do not keep the day according to law, you do not keep it at all. If you admit that any part of the law concerning the Sabbath is done away, you are driven to the inevitable and irresistible conclusion that it is all done away. If you deny that any part is done away, you condemn yourself, for you do not keep it according to law. Which way will you take?"—Selected from False Doctrines.

The Jews kept the Sabbath, according to the law. But Christ did not; He broke the law, they said. Because Christ did not keep the Sabbath as they did they condemned Him. Christ said unto them, "Ye are of your father the devil" (John 8:44). So a person can be very legal about days and yet belong to the de-

vil, according to the teaching of Christ.

The essential thing in true Christianity is Love to God and your fellowman. The observing of days can be even an Abomination in the sight of God. "Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination, the new moons and Sabbaths."

Paul said to the Galatians, "Ye observe days, months and times, I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain" (Gal. 5:10, 11). These Galatians were more interested in days than in Christ.

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was on the first day of the week. In the evening of that day the disciples met together. Eight days from then they assembled again (John 20:19, 20, 26). Pentecost was on the first day of the week, fifty days after the resurrection. So it was on the resurrection day that the Holy Spirit came upon the believers in answer to the promise of the Lord. "If I go away, I will send the Comforter." So God chose the first day of the week to fulfill this promise. Paul commanded the Corinthian Christians to "Lay by in store on the first day of the week," and John the apostle "was in the Spirit on the Lord's day," and the evidence is that the First Day of the week is the Day for Christians to observe.

In Leviticus the 23rd chapter, God has recorded eight Feast days. Among these is the "Feast of Pentecost" which is the anti-type of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the body of believers as recorded in Acts 2:1-21. The Leviticus account reads in part: "And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete; Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat-offering unto the Lord" (Lev. 23:15, 16).

The WAVE-OFFERING was offered exactly fifty days after the "wave-sheaf." The wave-sheaf (verses 9-14) is the anti-type of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Fifty days is the exact time from the resurrection of the Lord until the fulfilment of

the promise—the descent of the Holy Spirit. So, the fulfilment was on the first day of the week, "after seven Sabbaths" had passed. The instructions in the anti-type as to the observing of the day is "And ye shall proclaim no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations (verse 21).

The church of Jesus Christ is under no obligations to keep the SABBATH. That belongs to those who rejected the Lord Jesus Christ, and who said, "Away with him." The Lord's day, the First day of the week, belongs to Christians. For we are not "under law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14).

POPULAR TOM

There was a little boy—Tom—who would give his last marble, run errands all day and never grumble, give the best place to somebody else, no matter who, and felt so glad in seeing other folks have a good time that he forgot himself.

Everybody liked Tom. Grandmother smiled all over when she saw him coming. Aunt Laura, who was a busy woman, smiled at him, and said, "Just in time, Tom; run and—." When Tom was away the folks at home would miss him. One would say: "Where is Tom? I wish he were at home." And another, "if Tom were only here!"

Tom was one of the unselfish helpers. Are there any Toms living at your house? Would you be missed when away from home, as Tom was?

—Unknown.

PRAISE THE GOOD

Wouldn't this old world be better

If the folks we meet would say:
"I know something good about you,"

And would treat us just that way?
Wouldn't life be lots more happy,

If we'd praise the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness,

In the worst of you and me!

—Author Unknown

BUILDING

To Fellow Citizens in Christ:

We take this opportunity in extending to you an opportunity to help us in our building campaign if you feel thus led.

Those contributing \$25.00 or more will be mailed a picture of the church upon completion.

Thanking you for every consideration either by gift or prayer,

Yours in Christ,
Beaufort F. W. B. Church,
N. B. Barrow Pastor,
John T. Taylor,
Chm., Building Com.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

RAPER'S ITINERARY

Sometime ago the Superintendent was authorized by the Board of Trustees to employ a Field Representative for the summer of 1947. The next meeting of the Board Rev. William Burkette Raper was recommended and elected. Burkette, as he is known on our campus and wherever he has been, accepted the offer to go to a given number of churches in the interest of the Institution.

The Board of Trustees and the Superintendent believe they have chosen a man who can speak out of experience to you of the work. He was one of the children here for about eight years. His record is unique and his devotion to duty was outstanding wherever he was assigned for work. In 1944 he graduated from Middlesex High School and went soon to the freshman class at Duke University. He expects to graduate from his pre-ministerial studies on 2 June 1947. He will begin his duties with us on June 9.

We trust that you who are on his itinerary will put forth every effort possible to have a large attendance at his meetings. The itinerary as selected was prepared in keeping with his request that he cover as many churches as possible. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Month	Day	Church	County	Conf. or Asso.
June	Mon. 9	Goldsboro	Wayne	Cape Fear
June	Tues. 10	Casey's Chapel	Wayne	Cape Fear
June	Wed. 11	LaGrange	Lenoir	Central
June	Thurs. 12	Kinston	Lenoir	Eastern
June	Friday 13	Moseley's Creek	Craven	Eastern
June	Sat. 14	Core Creek	Craven	Eastern
June	Sun. 15	Gethsemane (11 a. m.)	Craven	Eastern
June	Sun. 15	St. Mary's (8 p. m.)	Craven	Eastern
June	Mon. 16	Bridgeton	Craven	Eastern
June	Tues. 17	Macedonia	Craven	Eastern
June	Wed. 18	Black Jack	Pitt	Central
June	Thurs. 19	Greenville	Pitt	Central
June	Friday 20	Marlboro	Pitt	Central
June	Sat. 21	Spring Branch	Greene	Central
July	Mon. 7	Wilson	Wilson	Western
July	Tues. 8	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe	Central
July	Wed. 9	Dawson's Grove	Halifax	Central
July	Thurs. 10	Hickory Chapel	Hertford	Albemarle
July	Friday 11	St. Paul	Pasquotank	Albemarle
July	Sat. 12	Soundside	Tyrrell	Albemarle
July	Sun. 13	Malachi's Chapel (11 a. m.)	Tyrrell	Albemarle
July	Sun. 13	Gum Neck (8 p. m.)	Tyrrell	Albemarle
July	Mon. 14	Mt. Tabor	Washington	Albemarle
July	Tues. 15	Mt. Zion	Washington	Albemarle
July	Wed. 16	Piney Grove	Washington	Albemarle
July	Thurs. 17	Union Chapel	Washington	Albemarle
July	Friday 18	Mt. Olive	Washington	Albemarle
July	Sat. 19	Corinth	Martin	Albemarle
July	Sun. 20	Rose of Sharon (11 a. m.)	Martin	Central
July	Sun. 20	Shiloh (8 p. m.)	Beaufort	Central
July	Mon. 21	Free Union	Beaufort	Albemarle
July	Tues. 22	Trinity	Beaufort	Albemarle
July	Wed. 23	Belhaven	Beaufort	Albemarle
July	Thurs. 24	Sidney	Beaufort	Albemarle
July	Friday 25	Union Chapel	Beaufort	Eastern
July	Mon. 28	Selma	Johnston	Western
July	Tues. 29	Smithfield	Johnston	Cape Fear
July	Wed. 30	Everett's Chapel	Johnston	Western
July	Thurs. 31	Johnson Union	Johnston	Cape Fear
August	Friday 1	Hopewell	Johnston	Cape Fear
August	Sun. 3	Oak Grove	Sampson	Cape Fear
August	Mon. 4	St. Paul	Sampson	Cape Fear
August	Tues. 5	West Clinton	Sampson	Cape Fear
August	Wed. 6	Shady Grove	Sampson	Cape Fear
August	Thurs. 7	Robert's Grove	Sampson	Cape Fear
August	Friday 8	Corinth	Sampson	Cape Fear
August	Sat. 9	Bethel	Johnston	Cape Fear
August	Sun. 10	Pine Level (11 a. m.)	Johnston	Western
August	Sun. 10	Union Grove (8 p. m.)	Wayne	Western
August	Mon. 11	Kenly	Johnston	Western
August	Tues. 12	Micro	Johnston	Western
August	Wed. 13	Pleasant Plain	Johnston	Western
August	Thurs. 14	Holly Springs	Johnston	Western
August	Friday 15	Branch Chapel	Johnston	Western
August	Sat. 16	Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	Western
August	Sun. 17	Piney Grove (11 a. m.)	Johnston	Western
August	Sun. 17	Rains Cross Roads (8 p. m.)	Johnston	Western
August	Mon. 18	Pleasant Hill	Wayne	Western
August	Tues. 19	Spring Hill	Wayne	Western
August	Wed. 20	Stoney Creek	Wayne	Western
August	Thurs. 21	Pleasant Grove	Wayne	Western
August	Friday 22	Antioch	Wayne	Central
August	Sat. 23	Daniel's Chapel	Wilson	Central
August	Sun. 24	Stoney Hill	Nash	Western
August	Mon. 25	Flood's Chapel	Nash	Western
August	Tues. 26	Free Union	Nash	Western
August	Wed. 27	Mt. Zion	Nash	Western
August	Thurs. 28	Piney Grove	Nash	Western
August	Friday 29	White Oak Hill	Nash	Western

(All Services begin at 8 p. m. unless otherwise stated)

"AND WHEN HE CAME TO HIMSELF"

(Luke 15:17)

This is a very timely thought in this fast age when it seems the world is money crazy and running wild seeking after worldly pleasures.

We can never do any thing to lead souls to Christ until they come to themselves and see they need a Savior. Did you ever see a man with a bank account, plenty of material possessions, going out to borrow money from his neighbor? A housewife does not go out and buy a large supply of groceries when she has plenty in her kitchen, nor does a man call for the doctor or undertaker until one of his family gets sick or dies.

Neither will a man or woman seek Christ as their Savior until they see themselves as sinners and lost without God.

No doubt the prodigal son needed the help and advice of his father at the time he left home for he plainly showed he was not capable of living his own life and spending his own money, but he could not see the need of help until all he had was gone. When he realized his condition no one even had to ask him to go back to his father.

Many times we wonder why we don't prosper in material wealth like others do, but our loving Heavenly Father knows just what it will take to keep us humble before Him and he supplies what is for our own good.

The Devil has various means of keeping people from seeing their need of Christ. One is self-righteousness. So many live such a good clean life and are not contaminated with the sins of the world until they think they are as good as the man or woman in the church. If this class could only let the sunshine from Heaven shine on their lives they would quickly see their need of the cleansing power of God.

Many a housewife has had the experience of, maybe a week or so of dark cloudy weather. They would sweep and dust, as far as they could see their house was perfectly clean but let the sun shine out, possibly on a Sunday morning and they almost

felt like staying home from church and cleaning house.

The same is true of our lives. We can see so much good in our selves and all looks clean to us, but if we can see as God sees us there is dust and lint in every corner.

Another of the Devil's plans, and this is especially true with young people to make them think they have plenty of time. So many think a young boy or girl cannot afford to give up the best part of their life just to be a Christian.

When they are young, can get out and have a good time why settle down so young? There is plenty of time when they grow older. The Devil never makes it plain that life is uncertain, death is sure and after that the judgment. If our unsaved young people could just realize that if there was no Heaven to gain nor hell to shun still there is more pleasure in a real devoted Christian life than this world could ever offer them. In Matt. 11:28-30 we read, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Many times we hear Christians say that a Christian life is a hard life to live, but this is not in accord with Christ's promises. Sure "man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble," but being a Christian does not make life harder for us. If we really love God all we can do and give for him will be a pleasure, not a sacrifice.

This thought has been to the unsaved, seeing their need of a Savior, but we as Christians need to see our need of spiritual food and closer communion with God. When a little child is born into the world much attention is given to its food, that it receive the right amount of certain vitamins that the body will grow and be strong. How many times do we as Christians fail to get the proper spiritual food for our soul? For our natural bodies we would not think of eating just one kind of food but we take a variety that the body be properly proportioned, but so many Christians will either attend church, prayer meeting, or the S. S., but it is just too much to go to them all. They can't see the need of study, prayer

and praise. The food we fail to get from God will soon be supplied by the Devil and many times, like the prodigal son, we are faint and weak when we come to ourselves.

May God help us to wake up.

Mrs. Sarah McCoy,
67 E. Grand,
Highland Park 3, Michigan

MYSELF

Author Unknown

I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know;
I want to be able, as the days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the
eye;

I don't want to stand with the setting sun
And hate myself for the things I've
done.

I don't want to keep on a closet shelf
A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself, as I come and go,
Into thinking that nobody else will
know

The kind of person I really am;
I don't want to dress up myself in
sham.

I want to go out with my head erect;
I want to deserve every one's respect,
But here in this struggle for fame
and pelf

I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and
know
I'm bluster and bluff and empty
show.

I never can hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I hear what others may never know;
I never can fool myself, and so
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self-respected and conscience free.
—Contributed by Thelma Sheppard,
R. R. 1, Kalispell, Mont.

Hardened hearts are often softened when seasoned in the school of bitter experience.

Sinful thoughts may rise, but never let them reign.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

REPORT FOR APRIL,
1947

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Cape Fear Association

Daly's Chapel	\$ 8.00
Riverside	9.85
Cape Fear Union	60.00
Bethel, Johnston Co.	30.00
Lee's Chapel	3.79
St. John, Wayne County	5.00
Goldsboro	20.00
Cape Fear Aux. Con.	38.82
Casey's Chapel	15.65
Powhatan	6.00
Tee's Chapel	10.00
St. Paul	12.92
Robert's Grove	5.00
Yelverton's Grove	3.06
Corinth	6.70
Total Cape Fear Receipts	\$ 234.79

Eastern Conference

Pilgrim's Rest	\$ 9.00
3rd Union	50.00
5th Union S. S. Convention	15.40
Carteret Co. Union	43.62
Gray Branch	5.00
Edward's Chapel	5.00
5th Union	75.00
Warden's Grove	8.90
Dublin Grove	7.06
Kinston	55.00
Core Creek	35.00
St. Mary's	17.84
Davis	7.50
Union Chapel	47.69
Sidney	3.64
Beaufort	40.86
Snow Hill	15.00
Whaley's Chapel	7.75
Sarecta	3.75
Morehead City	10.00
Sandy Plains	9.36
Sneads Ferry	2.66
Beulaville	8.33
St. John's Chapel	11.00
Smith's New Home	4.30
Total Eastern receipts	\$ 528.66

Western Association

Elwood Lane	\$ 13.00
Black Jack Grove	5.00
Friendship, Johnston Co.	12.73
Oak Grove, Durham Co.	26.26
Kings Chapel	12.00
Hillsboro	8.60
Calvary	41.45
3rd Union	5.00
Union Grove, Durham Co.	50.00
Tippetts Chapel	7.27
Hansley's Chapel	66.35
Selma	30.00
1st Union Meeting	100.00
Edgemont	30.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Stancil's Chapel	1.62
Total Western receipts	\$ 419.28

Central Conference

2nd Union Meeting	\$ 74.06
4th Union Aux. Convention	50.00
Little Creek	5.00
LaGrange	5.80
Hull Road	13.43
Kings Cross Roads	5.88
Sweet Gum Grove	5.00
Bethany	7.78
Reedy Branch	10.00
Winterville	13.50
Rocky Mount	3.92
Gum Swamp	4.26
Deep Run	1.00
Friendship, Jones Co.	30.00
Central Aux. Convention	23.00
St. Delight	2.40
Greenville	30.62
Aspin Grove	6.00
Rose Hill	8.20
2nd Union S. S. Convention	50.00
Total Central receipts	\$ 319.85

Pee Dee Association

2nd Union	\$ 10.06
White Oak	2.00
Beaver Dam	5.30
Total Pee Dee receipts	\$ 17.36

Rock Fish Association

New Hope	\$ 5.50
Rockfish Union	7.27
Total Rockfish receipts	\$ 12.77

French Broad Association

Avery's Creek	\$ 11.68
Cedar Hill	10.00
Mountain View	26.00
Horney Heights	5.00
Total French Broad receipts	\$ 52.68

Jack's Creek Association

Low Gap	\$ 22.00
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Miscellaneous

Refunds	\$ 528.82
Mrs. Siddon Sherrod	15.00
Farm, dairy, garden cash sales	860.51
Y. P. Friend Subscriptions	11.00
Duke Endowment	2,623.57
John Wilkinson	35.00
Chaplin and Mrs. Chester Pelt	20.00
John Huff (Parent)	10.00
N. C. State Aux. Convention	40.00
Vocal Union Choir, Pine Level	25.77
By: Vera Morris, R-2, Vanceboro	5.72
Selma Furlough	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	3.00
Furnie Page (Parent)	20.00
David Taylor	12.25
W. A. Jackson	6.00
Alarka	2.70
Mrs. J. Bascom Brigman	5.00
Total Miscellaneous receipts	\$4,228.34

CLOTHING FUND

Central

Antioch	\$ 30.00
Black Jack	30.00
Ayden	30.00
Piney Grove, Pitt Co.	30.00
St. Delight	30.00
Friendship, Greene Co.	30.00
Total Central clothing fund	\$ 180.00

Western

Hansley's Chapel	\$ 30.00
Marsh Swamp	30.00
Friendship, Johnston Co.	30.00
Little Rock	30.00
Wilson	30.00
Micro	30.00
St. Mary's	30.00
Total Western clothing receipts	\$ 210.00

Cape Fear

Cape Fear Aux. Convention	\$ 30.00
Prospect	30.00
Total Cape Fear clothing	\$ 60.00

Albemarle

Sunbeam Bible Class of Malachi's Chapel	\$ 30.00
Malachi's Chapel	30.00
Albemarle Aux. Convention	30.00
Welcome Bible Class, Malachi's Chapel	30.00
Total Albemarle clothing fund	\$ 120.00

Miscellaneous

Tabernacle, Goldsboro	\$ 50.00
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Eastern Clothing

Arapahoe	\$ 37.50
Kinston	30.00
Bridgeton League	30.00

Moseley's Creek	35.00
Vocal Union of 3rd Union	40.00
Whaley's Chapel	30.00
Jr. Dept. St. Mary's	30.00

Total Eastern clothing fund ----\$ 232.50

French Broad

Swannanoa

\$ 35.00

Jack's Creek

Low Gap

\$ 8.00

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND

Albemarle Aux. Convention ----\$ 35.82

Albemarle Union

175.15

Total

\$ 210.97

CHAPEL FUND

Central

Black Jack

\$ 10.00

Edgewood

10.00

Elm Grove

13.39

Friendship, Jones County

35.40

Aspin Grove

10.00

Total Central

\$ 78.79

Eastern

5th Union of Eastern

\$ 32.00

Western

Edgemont

\$ 50.00

Total General Fund

\$5,835.73

Total Clothing Fund

895.50

Total Albemarle Cottage Fund ..

210.97

Total Chapel Fund

160.79

Grand Total

\$7,102.99

Donated Commodities for April

Black Jack L. A. S., household furnishings	\$ 50.23
Casey's Chapel, Food	6.50
Daniel's Chapel, L. A. S., clothing and household supplies	12.98
Mrs. Bessie Bowling, clothing	63.60
Gethsemane L. A. S., clothing	22.76
State Hospital, Food	19.80
Total	\$175.87

Next to a back-seat driver in a car
is a back-seat timekeeper at church.

No church will be a thinking
church, until it is a reading church.

Some people can draw others to
them as easily as they can draw
water.

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Alice E. Lupton, Editor

SPECIAL NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES

At the request of the officials of
the Woman's Auxiliary of North
Carolina, we are advising the local
treasurers of the North Carolina
Auxiliaries to send their mission
money direct to Mrs. Georgie Frost
Barnes, Treasurer, Lucama, North
Carolina, instead of sending their
mission money to Rev. J. W. Alford,
Treasurer of the State Association,

for missions. Mrs. Barnes is the pro-
per person to receive the money
raised for missions through the
auxiliaries of the State.

The editor's announcement in a re-
cent issue of the Baptist paper con-
cerning the mission money for North
Carolina was not to embrace the mis-
sion money raised by the auxiliaries
of the State. However, it is thought
that some misunderstood this an-
nouncement given by the editor. This
note is to make clear that all North
Carolina auxiliaries are to mail their
mission money direct to Mrs. Barnes,
the State Treasurer for the Woman's
Auxiliary.—Editor.

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PROGRAM

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Thursday, May 22, 1947

Convening with

Edgemont Church

1211 E. Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

Program

THEME: "Exalting Christ"

10:00—Devotions—"Exalting Christ through Self Surrender"— (Romans 12:1 or Romans 8:1) - - - - -	Mrs. M. E. Godwin
10:15—Welcome - - - - -	Mrs. L. H. McDade
—Response - - - - -	Mrs. H. C. Adcox
10:20—President's Message - - - - -	Mrs. J. C. Griffin
10:30—Exalting Christ through the Written Word and Enlistment - - - - -	Mrs. M. A. Woodard
10:40—Exalting Christ through our Youth - - - - -	Mrs. L. E. Ballard
10:50—Exalting Christ through Missions - - - - -	Mrs. Alice E. Lupton
11:00—Exalting Christ through Records - - - - -	Mrs. J. C. Sasser
—Brief business period	
11:30—Message in Song - - - - -	Rev. and Mrs. Robt. Woodard
—Convention Message - - - - -	Mrs. Judy Caro
—Tribute to Deceased - - - - -	Mrs. Bruce Barrow
12:10—Lunch	
1:10—Exalting Christ through Benevolence (Playlet) - - - - -	Mrs. J. A. Evans
1:25—Exalting Christ through Material Blessings - - - - -	Mrs. E. G. Holland
1:35—Exalting Christ through Serving the Orphan - - - - -	Mrs. J. C. Moye
1:45—Exalting Christ through Field Work - - - - -	Mrs. Lizzie McAdams
1:55—Special Music	
2:00—Exalting Christ through Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Cragmont - - - - -	Mrs. Bagley Morris
2:10—Exalting Christ through Giving - - - - -	Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes
2:20—Business period	
3:20—Installation of Officers - - - - -	Mrs. Etta Frost Renfrow
3:30—Benediction	

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

THE FALL OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

(Lesson for May 25)

Lesson: 2 Kings 17:5-12, 22, 23; Isaiah 28:1-4.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Ps. 1:6).

During the Irish rebellion of 1798, the "Welsh Horse" were the most dreaded by the inhabitants of the island of any in the whole force of British invaders. One day, a company of these troops, riding through the town of Shorey, suddenly surrounded a church where a congregation had assembled. One frightened cry, "The Welsh Horse!" "The Welsh Horse!" ran from lip to lip, and started every one to his feet; but there was no possibility of escape. The captain dismounted, and marched into the midst of the unarmed assembly. As he strode up the aisle, an old man, one of the few who retained proper presence of mind, called on the minister to pray. The minister, Mr. Thomas Campbell, standing in his pulpit, repeated in a strong clear voice the forty-sixth Psalm: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed . . . The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah." Struck with a strong awe, the trooper captain stopped in the aisle. He stood still and listened to the end. Then, to the astonishment of all, he bowed, and, turning abruptly about, walked out of the door. The next instant, the whole company were galloping away as rapidly as they had come."—Selected

The central thought of the lesson is that the destruction of the Northern Kingdom was unnecessary. Had

Israel followed after righteousness, God would have protected her against the armies of Assyria.

II. The Lesson Illustrated Which Crowd

It happened this way. The Editor was staying in a large hotel in one of the great cities of America. The orchestra was playing a waltz entitled: "Three O'clock in the Morning." It was being played most sensuously and fascinatingly. As a big fellow, who had far too many drinks in him, left the dining room, he was giving himself to the music, his big physical frame swaying to the even sinister strains of the music. With bleary eyes and loose tongue he said: "That's right, 'Three O'clock in the Morning.' That's my kind of music, I belong to the three o'clock in the morning crowd, don't you mister?"

To this we replied: No, I do not belong to the "Three O'clock in the Morning" crowd, the "Three O'clock in the Afternoon, crowd." "What d—' ye— mean, 'Three O'clock in the Afternoon' crowd, mister?" To this the reply was: "It was three o'clock in the afternoon when Jesus Christ died for our sins and I belong to His crowd." "Oh," said the intoxicated fellow and went out.

There is a large "Three O'clock in the Morning" constituency everywhere. They dine, they dance, they drink, they dress and they dare. They riot, they revel, they resist all pleading of the Spirit of God. They like the abandon of a "Three O'clock in the Morning" sort of music. It feeds the passion, it intoxicates the flesh and inebriates the blood. It is the "Three O'clock in the Morning" crowd.

It is the crowd that is given over to the devil, the flesh and the world. Such were some of you, but you are delivered, you are washed and you are redeemed! You belong to another company, the company which may be described as the "Three O'clock in the Afternoon" crowd. They are the crowd who were at the Cross with Him when He went there and died for them. It is the hour when He cried—"It is finished." Our song is:

**"At the Cross, at the Cross
Where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart
Rolled away!"**

To us, the strains of "The Old Rugged Cross" are ten thousand times more beautiful than the siren spasms of "Three O'clock in the Morning." We do not ask for the sensuous to satisfy us, we need the things of the Spirit. While the other crowd waltzes, we witness. While they parade, we pray. While they dance, we dedicate. While they swing around on dancing feet, we are alone on bended knee. While they give themselves to lust, we give ourselves to love. There is a big difference between the "Three O'clock in the Morning" and the "Three O'clock in the Afternoon" crowd. There is as much difference as heaven and hell!—W. L. Tucker, D. D.

The people of the Northern Kingdom had nearly all joined the **Three O'clock in the Morning Crowd**, and the Golden Text tells what will happen to them. **"Shall Perish."** How dreadful!

Now just study all the valuable lesson material in our quarterlies. Thank you.

The F. W. B. League quarterlies will help the younger people to find the **Way of the righteous.**

NOTICE

May I urge each Ladies Auxiliary to please send blanket money to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C., as soon as possible. The time is very short until the first assembly which meets June 9th. As you have learned through the columns of the Baptist, our Manager at Cragmont can purchase first class blankets for \$4.75 each.

The pledges made at District Conventions were only 65, and we need many more, so if you feel that you want to help in a bigger way, it will be greatly appreciated.

May each one of you be blessed for doing your part in helping Cragmont carry on the assemblies for 1947.

Kenly Auxiliary

UNION MEETING

The Union of the second district of the Central Conference of North Carolina convened with Little Creek Church, Greene County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1947.

Devotions were led by Rev. Albert Harris, and prayer by Rev. W. B. Nobles.

After a few well placed remarks by the moderator, Rev. D. W. Alexander, the following was transacted.

We had a splendid union, every church representing, and several good talks for the good of the union, especially one by Rev. J. E. Wooten on the "Meaning of the Lord's Supper." Another talk was given by Gladys Hines on "My Church and What It Means to Me."

A new resolution was accepted that has to do with all allocation of funds as follows:

Resolution

Resolved: That all former methods of appropriating union meeting funds shall be rescinded except as designated on envelope;

Second: That all funds shall come to Union in lump sum to be divided by rules herein stated except needy ministers' fund;

Third: After necessary expenses of Union such as Clerk's fee and any other necessary expense shall be deducted from the total Union fund. The remainder shall be appropriated as follows according to the six-point program: Orphanage 40%, Education 10%, Superannuation 10%, Missions 10%, State promotional work 10%, Church Finance Association, Inc., 10% to be applied on stock.

Resolved:

Fourth: That we discontinue the finance committee. All funds to be divided and appropriated by treasurer.

Fifth: That an offering be taken just before noon at each Union—the entire offering to go to Orphanage.

At noon we were invited on the yard to a splendid spread dinner.

We re-assembled after dinner, had good singing by the congregation, a special number by Rev. Albert Harris. Also a short program by the

Elm Grove Junior Choir led by Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr.

The Union sermon was preached by Rev. R. B. Spencer, using as his theme: "Facing the Facts," which was a timely message.

The Rocky Mount church invited us to hold our next session with them. It was voted unanimously to do so.

There was a rising vote of thanks given to Little Creek Church for the hospitality shown the Union.

The treasurer's report was accepted as follows:

Total receipts from all sources	\$185.70
Paid out as follows:	
Needy Ministers	\$ 32.00
Collection for Orphanage	36.46
Clerk	5.00
Orphanage (apro.)	37.60
Christian Education	9.40
Missions	9.40
Superannuation	9.40
Church Finance Asso.	9.40
State promotional work	9.40
Total paid out	\$158.06
Balance in treasury	\$ 27.64

The Union adjourned to meet with Rocky Mount in June.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, Mod.,

E. C. Hines, Clerk

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

W. F. FERRELL, NORTH ZULCH,
TEXAS

On April 27, 1947, God called from earth the spirit of W. F. Ferrell at the age of 69 years. Although he had been in ill health for a number of years, his going at this time was unexpected.

Funeral services were conducted at Willowhole Cemetery by Rev. C. B. Thompson, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, and a former pastor of the deceased.

Though he knew his life was most spent And his body wrecked with physical pain; He was ever active in the Lord's work, While waiting his Heavenly Home to gain.

To many his life was a blessing,
As he traveled through the years;
And because of his trust in God,
To him, death held no fears.

How sad and lonely the home will be,
And our church will miss him so;
But the Master called, "Come unto me,"
And he was prepared to go.

Effie R. Hibbetts

MRS. ESTHER FRANCES WILSON

It is with a sad heart that I try to write of the passing of my Mother.

God in his infinite mercy removed from this world the spirit of our Mother, Mrs. Esther Frances Wilson, better known as Aunt Frank, on Monday afternoon at five o'clock, March 24th, at her home on Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina.

She was the daughter of Westbrook and Esther Smith Lee of Johnston County, and was born January 25, 1856, making her stay on earth 91 years, 1 month, and 29 days. She was the last survivor of a family of fourteen children.

Mother was first married in February, 1879, to Isaac Eldridge, who died in 1882. To this union were born two children, who died at a young age.

In September, 1885, she was married to George R. Wilson, who died June 1914. To this union four children were born: three sons, Coy R., Leon, and Jesse O., and one daughter, Viola Wilson.

Mother had been totally blind for almost 18 years, and was an invalid of constant suffering for several years. It was miraculous, to those who knew her, how she lived under such intense suffering for such a long time. But God had a purpose, His will be done.

She had been a member of Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church for fifty-one years.

She lived each day as if it was her last day. It was so hard to give her up, but God knew best. We are sad and lonely since Mother left us.

Her funeral was conducted March 26th, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Shady Grove Church with Rev. Minot Godwin officiating.

Her body was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery at Dunn under beautiful floral offerings, which covered her last resting place.

—Written by her daughter, Viola Wilson

Unless good intentions are followed by fruitful deeds, they avail nothing.

Seek wisdom and guidance from God, that you may avoid life's pitfalls.



The Boys and Girls Story Column

FISHING FOR JESUS

Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you like to go fishing? I can imagine some of our boys and girls shouting: "Yes!" When the Lord Jesus wanted some men to work with Him while He was here on earth, He chose some fishermen who were busy at their work. "And Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother. * * And He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:18, 19). Some of our dear boys and girls feel they are too young to "fish for souls," that is, to work for Jesus, but I want to tell you about an experience a great preacher of the Gospel had.

Dr. T— was holding a revival in a large city. One night a great big man, who had attended the meetings, got saved. The preacher was delighted, and thought in his heart: "I've caught a big fish for Jesus." But the same evening two little boys stopped him on his way out of the church and asked him to tell them how to get saved. So the preacher sat down with the boys and carefully explained the way of salvation. He led them to the Lord. He wrote their names in a book: Henry Harris; Charlie Harris. The next night a young lady came to be saved and she said her name was Miss Harris. He told her there were two little boys who had been saved the night before, and their name was Harris. She said they were her brothers and they had brought her to the meeting that night. The following evening a woman, older than the other came and got saved, and when the preacher asked her her name she replied: "Mrs. Harris." He told her of the two boys and she said they were her

sons. "They gave me no rest until I came to the meeting." On the night of the last meeting, the preacher led a tiny curly-haired boy to the Lord and his name was George Harris. He was the baby brother of Charles and Henry. They first had won their own family to the Lord. And no doubt they won many others to Jesus also. They did not consider themselves too small to do something for Jesus, but did what they could. They obeyed the Lord, followed Him, and brought others to Jesus. Are you willing to be a little fisherman for Jesus?—L. L. K.

A NEW NAME

A. P. Fitt

A little girl was found on the street in a basket. She had no father or mother to care for her, and good people took her to the hospital, where she was brought up until she became a good-sized girl. They named her Mary Lost.

When she grew old enough to become a Christian, (and that was as soon as she was old enough to know right from wrong,) she gave her heart to Jesus, and He gave her a new heart and made her a new creature. Then she wanted a new name. She went to the superintendent of the Home and said: "Please don't call me Mary Lost any more."

"What shall we call you?" said the lady who had charge of the Home.

"Call me Mary Found," she said; "I used to be Mary Lost, but I am lost no longer. Jesus has found me, and I want you to call me Mary Found." A new name He will give to all who love and serve Him.—The Prairie Overcomer.

WELCOME TO EDMONT

The Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, and the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary convention welcome you to Durham for the convening of the State Auxiliary convention which will meet at this church on Thursday, May 22, 1947.

Any person planning to attend this convention, who will need entertainment overnight, will please notify Mrs. J. T. Peele, 1210 Worth Street, Durham, North Carolina, and state the number of guests in the party.

Edgemont Church is located at 1212 East Main Street, and waits with typical "Tar Heel" hospitality to entertain the ministers, representatives and guests of the convention.

Rev. Henry Melvin, Pastor

TITHING

1. It is Scriptural—approved of God in the Old Testament and supported by Christ's words in the New.
2. It is a good start in the individual's life.
3. It is spiritual, for personal faith is called into play.
4. It is businesslike, for there is definiteness, progressiveness, and system.
5. It is a crushing blow against selfishness.
6. It causes the giver to take the initiative in Christian giving, rather than holding back one's response until the money appeal is made.
7. It commandeers all alike in quality giving.
8. It frees the church from the disgrace of deficits.
9. It enables the church frequently to plan for an enlarging work.
10. It safeguards the spirituality of the church by eliminating drives for money.
11. It establishes the individual as a financial steward, accountable to God.
12. It gives confidence in the practice of prayer.
13. It awakens thought as nothing else, regarding time and service for God.
14. It elevates worship to the high plane of rounded-out sincerity.
15. It makes giving a principle and no longer a spasmodic expression.
16. It is likely to result, as it has with many others, in our giving being more than a tenth of all our receipts.
17. It means less of the comforts and pleasures of life that money can purchase, but the power to enjoy

those that are left is expanded.

18. It creates in our lives a commanding position over others in the matter of giving. We can use the most effective weapon of example.

19. It makes us twofold before God, our hand held out to give as well as receive.

20. It destroys the domination of circumstances.

—Selected by H. E. Willis

NOTICE TO ALL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

At a session of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference held in the church at Kinston, N. C., on May 1st, 1947, the following motion was passed:

On motion all preachers of the Eastern Conference be asked to sever immediately all connections and relationships with Clare Vandenberg, and the Clerk of this Conference be asked to notify all churches and preachers of said Conference not to use the service of Clare Vandenberg.

On motion all ministers and churches of the Eastern Conference who have heretofore used the services of Clare Vandenberg are hereby exonerated.

On motion that part of these minutes in regard to Clare Vandenberg be published in the Baptist paper.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon,
Chairman,

Rev. J. R. Bennett,
Secy. Pro. tem.

WANDERING CHILD!

Wandering, wandering child,
Come Home, come Home today;
Wandering, wandering child,
Why have you gone astray?

You left a life so free
And wandered into sin;
Oh, child, will you tell me
Why you did this to Him?

The Jesus who bore your sin,
Upon that cruel tree,
Bids you to come to Him.

Oh, why, Oh, why can't you see?

Come wandering child,
Come Home before it's too late.
Come wandering child,
Let Jesus plan your fate.

He'll plan your life's pathway
In loving kindness true;
He'll give you strength for each day,
This Jesus who died for you.

Judy Caro

To Helen Keller

O child with a woman's nature,
O child with a woman's mind!
Misfortune has been your fortune,
Yet God He doth loose and bind.

I gaze on your winsome features,
That tell me your heart is true,
And Helen, dear Helen Keller,
I long to be more like you.

Your eyes have not looked on evil,
Your ears have not heard of sin—
Thank Heaven! Your soul is guarded,
And wrong may not enter in.

And, like the unsullied lily
That softly unwraps each fold,
Your life has grown out and upward,
And blossomed in white and gold.

And oft when myself I am weary,
And life little progress shows,
The voice of the Teacher whispers:
"Consider how this one grows."

—Lillie S. Berkley.

—Selected by Howard Furbee

OPINIONS

When you're forming your opinions,
Do it carefully—go slow
Hasty judgments oft are followed
By regretting—that, I know.
And in arguments be careful
Not too quickly to decide—
Try to look upon the subject
From the other fellow's side.

—New York Sun

"Be thou faithful unto death, and
I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev.
2:10).

SIMPLE, LITTLE THINGS

It's the little things we do and say
That mean so much as we go our way.
A kindly deed can lift a load
From weary shoulders on the road,
Or a gentle word, like summer rain,
May soothe some heart and banish
pain.
What joy or sadness often springs
From just the simple little things!

WHAT HE COULD NOT PACK

"Having no evil thing to say of you." A young minister was leaving a North County town, and was bidding an old lady good-by. "Well, sir," she said, "you'll be busy packing up your belongings, I expect?" "Yes," he replied. "I have only a few things to get into boxes now."

"There's one thing you won't be able to pack up, sir," said the old lady; "you'll have to leave that behind." "I don't know—whatever is that?" questioned the minister. "You can't pack up your influence, sir," she answered quietly. That is true; whether influence is good or bad, we leave it behind when God's call comes.—The Christian Herald.

GUESS MY NAME

1. I am a plain man, who dwelt in tents.
2. My mother helped me deceive my father.
3. I had a son who became ruler over Egypt.

What is my name? (Answer next week.)

Last week's name was Gabriel. Read about him in (1) Luke 1:19; (2) Luke 1:13; (3) Luke 1:30.

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These required: Bible, note book, pencils, personal clothing and toilet articles, two sheets, one pillow case, one blanket. These optional: camera, swim suit, bath robe (required if swim suit is brought), tennis shoes, outdoor clothing, spending money.

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INTERMEDIATES—12 through 15

June 9th through 21st

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Send your application and registration fee of \$2.00 to Rev. Henry Melvin, 1212 E. Main St., Durham, N. C.

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LABORERS

God gives us work and blessings with the giving:
No labor done for Him is done in vain.
To us the task which seems of least importance
May in His sight be found of greatest gain.

God gives us work and keeps a faithful record:
"A cup of water given in the Name
Of Christ, our Lord's," may reap a richer blessing
Than some great deed that brings us earthly fame.

God gives us work, He "made us in His likeness":
"Co-laborers with Him," we shall not fail.
Through Him Who came to do His Father's business
Shall flow the strength that ever must prevail.

God gives us work, "So all things work together
For good" for those who will His blessings ask.
No service in His Name goes unrewarded.
He consecrates each great and humble task.

—Jessie Bell Thabes

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What the world needs today is more divine and less distilled spirit.

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Editorial

"HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS"

Once again we wish to call attention to Miss Laura Belle Barnard's book, "His Name Among All Nations." We see from the April report of the National Foreign Mission treasurer (which report is published in this issue of the Baptist paper) that only sixteen dollars were received from the sales of the book for the month of April. This is discouraging, to say the least, when so many of the church organizations should be using it in their study groups, not to say anything about the individual church members who should have a copy of this book in their homes for general reading for each member of the family.

May we insist that the different local Woman's Auxiliaries of the various Free Will Baptist churches over the country order, as soon as possible, the needed copies of this book for their monthly study courses in their regular monthly meetings. This book is certainly suitable for mission study in those monthly meetings, along with other books which have been recommended for the auxiliary study courses. We urge church and Sunday School libraries to order sufficient copies of this book for use among the Sunday School and church people. It will be of great help to everyone who will read this book in becoming better acquainted with Christian missions. Sunday School and League Institutes would do well, we believe, to purchase copies of this book and use it as a text on missions in their study classes.

In addition to the personal good that individuals will receive by possessing and studying this splendid book, the profits derived from the sales of the book will go to support the Foreign Mission program. Moreover, the Foreign Mission Treasury is seriously in need of adequate funds to carry on its foreign mission program. Every dollar of profit gained by the sales of this book will mean that much going into the mission treasury for the mission cause. May we urge everyone to receive a double blessing by purchasing copies of this book in the very near future. To be able to own a copy and read it with a love for missions will be a blessing; and to invest some money in this way will be a blessing to know that you are doing that much to bless the mission cause.

Send right away your orders for this book to Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, National Foreign Mission Board, Monett, Missouri. He will be very glad to fill every order mailed to him for copies of this good book—"HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS."

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SERVICE MEN IN ALASKA

Dr. Mark A. Dawber, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Council of North America, has just recently revealed some startling facts about immorality of service men in Alaska. In his study of the conditions of

morals among service men, he censured severely Army authorities for condoning certain bad immoral practices of the service men in Alaska. In speaking of the appalling conditions, he said, "the most deplorable vice conditions I have ever seen anywhere" are found among the men there. He further stated, "If American boys are to be sent to Alaska as part of the program for war defense, then the American parents of these boys should rise up immediately and demand a house-cleaning. Only those who have personally observed such conditions can begin to imagine the extent of the devastation of morals and spiritual ideals that has taken place in Alaska." Dr. Dawber further stated that "Alaska has the highest per capita expenditure for liquor of any country in the world."

According to Dr. Dawber's findings in his mission study, the city of Ketchikan whose population is about 6,000 spends nearly \$5,000,000 per year for liquor, but spends only about \$130,000 for the education of its children. Moreover, the conditions in other cities of Alaska are on par with the city of Ketchikan.

The young men in the Armed service of this country, and away from home and neighborhood environmental conditions where they were reared, certainly should have the very best of moral and spiritual care given to them by proper authorities, and qualified religious leadership. They not only need but deserve the best of guidance for the making of true manhood while they are giving their time and talent to the cause of the nation. We believe it behooves the leadership of the Armed forces to see to it that those young men get the best spiritual and moral training possible while serving under their care and leadership. The best soldier to his home and country is the one who fears God and respects human rights. The most noble Army officer is the one who loves God and seeks to serve humanity for the well-being of those under his care and supervision.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

All orders for Sunday School and League literature should be placed very early now as the time for the shipment of the same is drawing close at hand. Many of the publications are now ready, and the others are being printed rapidly so that when the orders come in they can be filled without any delay.

As the orders, on the whole, are becoming larger and larger, some of the publications are being increased over previous publications for the purpose of being able to meet the demands of the Sunday Schools and the Young People's leagues in the various churches over the country. We want to thank the good people for their generous patronage, and wish to ask that even others try our literature by purchasing a goodly supply for the third quarter of the year, and see how you like it.

God's Saving Power Keeps

(II Timothy 1:12)

For a number of years I had been fighting off the call to preach; I had offered any number of excuses and substitutes, but God would not accept any of them. I became so burdened that I just had to do something about it. On the night of January 27, I went into a vacant room and offered my services to God to use as He might see fit: I said, "Lord, here I am; if you want me to preach put the words in my mouth and I will say them; lead me to your work, and I will do my best to perform it."

The next day I bought an evening paper. Across the front page these words were written: "Target Slayers Get Death in Electric Chair." The jury had only required four minutes of deliberation before arriving at this verdict. The paper told all about the crime. One of the boys lived here in Nashville, and the other lived somewhere in Illinois.

As my wife and I were reading the account in the paper, we could not help feeling sorry for the boys and being able to see some semblance of good in them. Most of all we felt sorry for their mothers—oh, how they must be suffering! The paper gave the address of the boy's mother that lived in Nashville. My wife and I felt a definite call to visit this woman in her hour of sorrow and affliction and extend our sympathy and the consolation of our prayers to her. We knew that in this hour of indescribable sorrow, she needed the comfort of prayer. Our first effort, due to an error in address as published by the paper, was unsuccessful; but on our second attempt we managed to locate her residence.

She proved to be a fine looking young woman, but you could tell that she was deeply burdened by this tragedy. We told her why we had called, and she seemed to appreciate it very much. With the exception of two other ministers, we were the only Christians who had been to see her up to this time. We talked to

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her about the saving power of Christ and revealed to her the great comfort that comes to the soul when one has accepted Him as their personal Savior. We had a word of prayer with her and then went home.

On Monday Brother Barrow (the Dean of the Bible College), two students from the college, and I went to the prison to see the inmates and tell them about "The Plan of Salvation." The Warden gave us permission to visit the "death row" each Tuesday afternoon to carry the Gospel to the prisoners. (At that time they had five men who were condemned to death.) Each Tuesday since then I have been taking a group of four students from the school to talk to these people. If all boys could have an opportunity to talk to these men whose crimes have brought them to this position, there would be a marked decrease in the criminal wave that is covering the country.

When we visit the prison each of us talk to a separate individual. We have only thirty minutes to spend with them, and in this manner we are able to bring the Word to a larger number. One day after I had finished talking to the man whom I had come to see and was waiting for the others to get ready to leave, I felt the presence of the Lord, and an inner voice seemed to say, "Go and speak to that man in the other cell." I hesitated for just a moment, and that voice seemed to repeat, "Speak to that man."

I went over to his cell and introduced myself. He told me that his name was "Duboise"; that he had been convicted of murder and had only three more weeks of life remaining. I asked him if he knew the Lord and had faith in His saving power. He told me that he was trusting in the Lord, but that some way it just seemed that his sin was too great to be forgiven. I assured him that he was mistaken in his assump-

tion, for there is no crime or sin that is too great to be forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ. I informed him that Jesus Christ had come to this world and suffered the misery of the cross so that sinners like him could be saved. When the time came for us to go I promised him that we would be praying for him and intreated him to pray for himself. This he promised to do.

On my next visit to the prison I found him very much discouraged; he was holding first one and then the other responsible for his fate and was very bitter toward them. I pointed out the fact that Christ, even though He was crucified unjustly, did not condemn his persecutors but prayed for their forgiveness. He agreed that it was best to take the attitude with Christ. I asked him if he wanted me to read the Bible to him, but he said that he had been reading and preferred to just talk about it. We talked about several passages of Scripture, and I explained them to him to the best of my ability. He seemed to think that he had done everything that was necessary in order to experience Salvation; but, somehow or the other, he did not feel the consolation that should accompany it. It is very serious business when you know that the destiny of a man's soul throughout eternity is dependent upon your ability to correctly interpret the Scripture to him, so I prayed for divine guidance in my explanation. We had prayer together, and I left him very much encouraged.

Expecting this to be our last trip as he was to be electrocuted on Thursday, March 13, we went back to the prison Tuesday; but as the guard let us in he said, "Duboise has been given thirty more days." As I approached him I said, "I have good news for you." He replied, "Yes, I know, I have been granted thirty more days; that is not good news; that is only thirty more days of torment." I told him that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord, and you have told me that you love the Lord; God has a purpose in granting this reprieve. We spent the rest of the time in pray-

er and talking about the goodness of Christ.

During the next week, I prayed that the assurance of Salvation would be granted to this man. The students at the college also prayed to this end. On my next visit I found him down in spirit again. After passing the time of day we got down to the subject of his soul's salvation. He looked at me with such pleading eyes and said, "I feel that God can forgive and save me, but I do want the assurance that I am saved." If you have ever been eating an ice cream cone in the presence of a small and hungry child, whose eyes seem to say, "Please give me some," you know just about how I felt. I prayed for God to give me words that would bring solace to this heart that was so hungry for the Gospel. I read the 23rd Psalm and John XIV to him. I did my best to explain them in such manner that he would be able to grasp their full significance and find the consolation he was seeking—the assurance and joy of knowing beyond the shadow of a doubt that Jesus Christ had saved his soul. We had a final word of prayer before I was forced to leave.

I prayed harder than ever throughout the next week. On my next visit he had a group of questions pertaining to Salvation and wished me to answer them for him. Brother Barrow had accompanied me on this trip, and as he has a more comprehensive knowledge of the Scripture than I, I asked him to help me explain the questions for Duboise. As Brother Barrow was answering the questions, suddenly a big smile spread over the features of Duboise and he exclaimed, "I am saved already!" He was the happiest man I have ever seen—joy and thanksgiving seemed to actually radiate from his face. Brother Barrow and I were almost as happy as he. We all knelt and gave thanks to our Lord and Savior for the wonderful revelation of His saving power that had been manifested in our presence. We left him very happy and rejoicing in the Lord.

On the next trip Brother Robert Kennedy of Beulaville, North Carolina, who was visiting the school, accompanied us. He talked with Bro-

ther Duboise and later remarked that it was really a spiritual treat to see a man so happy in the Lord.

When I visited the prison the next time Brother Duboise had some good news for me; he had been baptized during the past week and was still rejoicing in the Lord. We spent the remainder of the time talking about heaven and what a beautiful place it must be. When I was getting ready to leave I asked him if there was anything that I could do for him. He told me that he would appreciate it very much if I would write to his three brothers and tell them about Jesus. He asked me to tell them just what Jesus had done for him, and that he was anxious for them to find the joy and consolation that comes with the saving knowledge of Christ. He wished for his brothers to share in his newly found happiness. He asked me if I could come back to see him again. I told him that I would write to his brothers, and that if it could be arranged with the authorities, I would bring a quartet from the school to sing for him on the last night. We obtained this permission; so on the night of the execution a quartet from the school, including Reverend Miley of Missouri, Reverend Wilson of Oklahoma, Reverend and Mrs. Scott of Missouri, and my wife (Mrs. Ethel Whaley of North Carolina), accompanied me to the prison to hold a short service for Brother Duboise.

When we arrived at the death cell we found his wife at the door holding the hand of her husband. Brother Duboise seemed to be happier than at any previous time. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to us for coming to see him. We sang several old hymns, had a word of prayer, and I spoke for about ten minutes from the 23rd Psalm and John 14:2. As I was quoting "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil," he said, "Amen, I am not afraid, for I know that God is with me." Throughout the remainder of the night he repeated over and over how happy he was and how kind Jesus Christ had been to save his soul.

After we had finished our service we were invited to stay until the ar-

rival of a minister of one of the churches here in Nashville. While waiting for the arrival of this minister we sang several old hymns and talked with him about spiritual things. The minister arrived at about nine o'clock. While he was talking to Duboise he asked him, "Are you sure that you are saved?" Brother Duboise never hesitated but straitly replied, "Of course, I know I am saved"; he pointed his finger toward me and said, "There is the man who told me about Jesus and helped me to find Salvation." This thrilled me very much—not that I deserved or wanted glory—but that God had been glorified through my efforts. We left the prison at about ten o'clock with the evidence of God's saving and keeping power that I will never forget.

After we had left the prison the pastor of his home church, Reverend Maddock of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, came and spent the rest of the night with him. Brother Maddock relates that Brother Duboise became happier all of the time. He said that when Brother Duboise prayed, he gave thanks to God for allowing the death penalty to be imposed upon him; he said that if this had not happened, and he had met death by some other manner the chances were that he would have spent eternity in hell. He said that his only regrets were that he had such a short time to give in service to Christ and the grief that his death would bring to his loved ones. He was asked what he would do if he could start life over again. He said that he would attend Sunday School and Church, seek a saving knowledge of Christ, and live a good Christian life. He said that he would stay away from pool rooms and whiskey, for it was due to these two things that he was facing death tonight.

At about four-thirty o'clock his wife kissed him good-bye, and he was led to the execution chamber. After he had been seated in the chair and the straps fitted into place, the switch was thrown, but no current came through the lines. A storm during the night had damaged the lines, and it required about fifteen minutes to make the necessary repairs. During

this time Brother Duboise remained constantly in prayer—thanking God for saving his soul and giving him the courage to face death unafraid. His last words before the switch was thrown were: "God is still with me." The second time the switch was thrown the little death-house rocked as if in the tremors of an earthquake, and the soul of Brother Duboise, confident and willing, went out into eternity to be with Christ.

On the following Saturday his funeral services were held, and my wife and I attended. His remains still bore evidence of the joy that he had found when he had been saved—the smile of confidence, of perfect faith, and of joy was still present upon his face.

Reverend Maddock rendered the funeral oration. He delivered a touching and soul-stirring message. After the service was over one of the brothers of the man who had just been buried came up to me and thanked me for all that I had done for his brother. He told me that he was looking to the same Christ who saved his brother for the salvation of his own soul.

We still make our weekly visit to the prison. We are sure that our gracious heavenly Father will further award our efforts in carrying His Word to these lost souls. We beseech the prayers of all Christians to help us in this great and important undertaking. The prison warden and the guards have been very kind and considerate to us. We feel sure that our heavenly Father will reward them for the cooperation and consideration that they have shown to make it possible for the Gospel to be carried to these men.



Truth is not only violated by falsehood, it may be equally outraged by silence.—Amiel.

As long as spiritual values hold sway we need not fear ruin or utter decay.

The greatest Broadcaster known to the human race is God.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Religion Without Christ

I find numbers of people who have religion, but there is no evidence of Christ anywhere or at any time in their religious belief. Churchanity, without Christ is dangerous—in fact it is damnable. It is a pretense. It paves the way to hell. Christ said, "Ye must be born again." No Christianity without the New Birth. The New Birth comes by simple, unfeigned faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him" (I John 5:1). With the new birth comes the adoption into the family of God. John says, "Now are we the sons of God." Not going to grow into that state sometime in the future, but right now are members of God's family.

No Longer Lovers of Sin

When we become members of God's family—indeed—we no longer love sin. God is our Father. Our Father hates sin, so His children hate sin. Man will not follow that which is offensive to him. Sins offend the true Child of God. (As Homer Willis said last week, "God takes the want to out and the child of God "is dead to sin, but alive to the Lord Jesus Christ." The very appearance of sin is distasteful. Sin is a "foul breath" breathed out of the mouth of Satan. Sin becomes "exceedingly sinful." A true Child of God will not practice sin. At the very time of birth he falls out with sin. He is opposed to sin, as much then as he ever can be. He can and certainly ought to grow stronger and be better prepared to resist sin, but the hatred for sin is as great at birth as ever.

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit," said the Lord Jesus. So flesh will always remain flesh, just as long as life on earth endureth. The flesh is weak." "The flesh profit nothing" "All flesh is as

grass," Paul said. "There is no good thing in my flesh." It matters not how beautiful you may be. God looketh not on the outward appearance of man. God looks at our hearts. "Blessed are the pure in heart."

The person that hates sin with all his heart, and loves Christ Jesus with all his heart is the beautiful person in God's sight.

Salvation

Church membership will not save you, my friend. Baptism—deep water burial—will not take you into heaven; neither will your sprinkling. Partaking of the Lord's supper—the Sacrament—nor your "mass" will put you into fellowship with God and heaven. Washing the saints' feet will not save you. Your self-righteousness will not please God. It is filthy rags in God's sight. If every self-righteous person could see himself, just like God sees him, I believe that he would be ashamed of himself and stick his head down in shame and confess his sins and seek to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, I believe in church membership. I believe in it because the early Christians united in fellowship in bodies known as local churches. These churches had officers, bishops, elders and deacons, etc. It is foolish to think that you could have officers without an organization—that is downright ignorance. Yes, they built churches, organized churches and elected, and ordained officers. The third chapter of First Timothy tells us about "bishop and deacons" and their qualifications.

"And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them unto the Lord, on whom they believed" (Acts 14:23).

Paul left Titus in Crete that he might ordain elders in the church and "Set in order" that which needed to be set right.

"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city as I have appointed thee" (Titus 1:5).

These critics who disbelieve in organized bodies of believers are out of line with the holy Scriptures. When one comes to my door and I find out that he is of that class that would do away with churches, I have the grace to show him the way out.

Yes, I believe in churches, because the Scriptures teach the fact. I believe in every ordinance of the Bible, as recorded and taught in the New Testament, by the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles, and brother that includes washing the Saints' feet as commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ did it, and said, I "ought to do it" and that is why I believe in it. I have no other reason. But brother, if you are not born again, washing of feet will not save you. You better get first things first. Start right and then you will be right. You can live right. You can die right. Don't play with your soul. Don't flirt with the Devil; neither with the Russellites.

AN ACT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION

In view of the fact that one by the name of Clare Vandenberg, representing himself as an evangelist, has caused much confusion in some churches in eastern North Carolina, and has denounced our doctrine and many of our ministers publicly, we, the executive committee of the State Association of the original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, in session on May 14, 1947, do recommend to every church and minister of the original Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina, that they have no dealings with the said Clare Vandenberg and accord him no recognition or privilege in connection with our church work.

Signed:

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"THE LIPS THAT TOUCH LIQUOR SHALL NEVER TOUCH MINE!"

A Splendid Slogan for Every Young Woman

By GEORGE W. YOUNG

You are coming to woo me, but not as of yore
When I hastened to welcome your ring at the door;
For I trusted that he who stood waiting me then,
Was the brightest and truest, the noblest of men.
Your lips on my own when they printed "farewell,"
Had never been soiled by the "beverage of hell,"
But they come to me now with the Bicchanal sign,
And the lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine.

I think of the night in the garden alone,
When in whispers you told me your heart was my own,
That your love for me faithful ever would be,
Unshared by another, kept only for me.
Oh! sweet to my soul is the memory still,
Of the lips that met mine, when I answered "I will,"
But now for your lips no longer I pine,
For the lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine.

Oh, John! how it crushed me, when first in your face,
The pen of the "Rum Fiend" had written "disgrace,"
And turned me in silence and tears from that breath,
All poisoned and foul from the chalice of death;
It shattered the hopes I had treasured to last;
It darkened the future and clouded the past;
It shattered my idol and ruined the shrine,
For the lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine.

I loved you—oh, dearer than language can tell,
And you saw it, you proved it, you knew it too well;
But the man of my love was far other than he
Who now from the saloon comes reeling to me;
In manhood and honor so noble and right,
His heart was so true and his genius so bright,
And his soul was unstained, unpolluted by wine;
But the lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine.

You promised reform, but I trusted in vain,
Your pledge was made but to be broken again;
And the lover, so false to his promises now,
Will not, as a husband, be true to his vow.
The word must be spoken that bids you depart,
Though the effort to speak it should shatter my heart;
Though in silence, with blighted affection, I pine,
Yet the lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine.

If one spark of manhood within you remain,
Go fan it with prayer till it kindle again;
Resolve, with God's help, that your future shall be,
From all kind of liquor entirely free;
Then when you have conquered this foe of your soul;
And manhood and honor have taken control,
My heart will again beat responsive to thine,
And your lips free from liquor will be welcome to mine.

(As so many girls and young women since Repeal of Prohibition are now drinking beer, cocktails and other liquors, every young man who does NOT drink should say to them, "The lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine.")

—In The Civic Bulletin

MORALITY VS. RELIGION

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him" (John 3:1, 2).

We notice here that Nicodemus did not say, "Rabbi, I have heard that you can walk on the water, and can cause the deaf to hear, the blind to see, and even raise the dead to life." Perhaps Nicodemus might have been present for the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee when Jesus turned the water into wine. I do not doubt but that he was at Bethany, trying to comfort Mary and Martha after their brother Lazarus had died and was buried.

Yes, Nicodemus could truthfully say, "We know no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." Perhaps someone may be wondering by now just what a Pharisee was anyway. Well, a Pharisee is a person who is about half-way between a scribe and a hypocrite, for Jesus said, "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, and hypocrites; ye devour widows houses and for a pretense make long prayers."

Well, to make a long story short, a Pharisee is like anybody else who thinks their morality will give to them a passport into the glory world without the new birth. When Jesus began to talk to Nicodemus about the new birth, Nicodemus wanted to know "How can these things be"? Morality is fine as far as it goes, but it will not save a soul from hell. A person can be moral and not be religious, but they cannot be religious and not be moral. The moral man will go to the judgment, but his self-righteousness rage will not suffice, for the men who crucified Jesus passed as moral men but were condemned for their lack of faith.

J. F. Fillingim

Let your reaction to repeated misfortunes stamp you as a man of courage and strength.

BELOVED PASTOR HONORED
IN DEDICATION

Rev. W. B. Everett

There was a record attendance at the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, N. C., when the new Hammond Organ was dedicated in honor of the Pastor, Rev. W. B. Everett, Sunday morning, April 13th.

Rev. Mr. Everett was the first all-time pastor of the church for five years, from October 1913-1918, when the church was in its infancy and struggling for existence. His second call came in the fall of 1935. The work and progress that has been accomplished under his leadership, has been outstanding, both in his first pastorate and the past twelve years. In dedicating this organ in his honor, the church hoped to show only a little of their appreciation for his untiring services.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, the Director of Religious Education of the Church, delivered the dedicatory message using the 150th Psalm as her scripture lesson, following two organ solos by Lyman Seymour of Raleigh, who was visiting organist.

Following a dedicatory prayer led by E. L. Mallard, several guests made remarks honoring the Pastor. The theme of each of these talks was, "Mr. Everett is the greatest humanitarian ever to live in the historical and beautiful city of New Bern." It was stated that he does more good in a days time than many ever do in a complete lifetime. He is ready at

all times of the day or night to go out of his way to help anyone who needs the least bit of help. Among those paying tributes in behalf of the beloved pastor were the Mayor of New Bern, L. C. Lawrence, City Alderman Ray Henderson, Sr., and Mrs. John D. Whitford, head of the welfare department.

Representatives from various departments of the church also made short talks telling wherein their pastor has helped them in their respective branches of church work. They included R. O. Godley, Sr., who is the only deacon remaining of the charter members of the church; W. R. Sandlin, superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, senior deaconess; Mrs. William Gaskins, director of the young peoples organization; and Mrs. D. W. Hancock, representing the Women's Auxiliary. A telegram from Rev. James A. Evans, superintendent of the F. W. B. Orphanage in North Carolina, conveying his tributes to Mr. Everett and letters from Rev. J. R. Bennett, former pastor and Mrs. Mack Koonce of New Bern, complimenting the pastor, were read by Mrs. Ballard.

The St. Clair's Memorial Sunday school class, sponsor for the organ was recognized as a group and was represented in contributing the organ to the church by Robert Godley, chairman of the purchasing committee. Will Williams is the teacher of this class. The organ was accepted on behalf of the church by U. W. Daugherty, church clerk.

The pastor gave his response to the praise bestowed upon him by the speakers of the occasion in a brief talk at the conclusion of the program. He stated that he felt "so unworthy of the many honors" that the speakers had given him.

The church was decorated with spring flowers and the organ music played intermittingly throughout the service.

(This article contributed by L. Beverly Ballard, Staff Writer for the New Bern Sun-Journal.)

According to the act sown so will your reaping be.

IN VIEW OF THE SHORES OF INDIA

Greetings in the name of the Master to friends in the various sections of U. S. A.:

As the shores of long suffering India come within range of our natural vision, we see mental pictures, at least, of heart aches, disappointments, exhaustion, physical ailments and hardships that will be ours to endure, but the Lord has said, "My grace is sufficient for you." Thank God, our Christ is not only sufficient for us, but He is sufficient for the teeming millions of people of India.

Although we are anxious to be up and about our Father's business, and at the work whereunto He has called us, it is with some degree of reluctance that we have made ready to leave the ship. Both the passengers and the personnel of the ship agree that we have had, during the entire voyage, the calmest weather, as well as the most pleasant of any voyage of their entire experience on the sea.

The food on the ship has been good, plentiful and varied. We have had many happy times with our fellow missionaries, as well as with the other passengers, and the ship's personnel. We have had three mid-week prayer meetings, and three Sunday morning services aboard the ship. Quite a few of the crew have been in attendance upon these morning services. God has been very near and dear to us in these services. There being three of us ministers on board, we each took a service to direct. There had never been a religious service of any kind conducted aboard this ship before, however, everyone seemed to be willing to help in every way the moment we brought it to their notice.

When we first came aboard, poker game in the mess hall (the assembly room on the ship) each night was a regular and never failing feature. Although no complaints were made, for the past two weeks we have seen no signs of gambling. Our Hindu friend was, at first very critical about Englishmen and Americans, and Christianity in particular, however, he has attended our meetings,

and last Wednesday night, he voluntarily read some Scripture references. May God continue to work with those on board the ship who know not God's Son as their personal Saviour.

Do not fail God by omitting to pray each day that a specified labor will be immediately opened up to Free Will Baptists in India. And as soon as God answers this prayer, as He most certainly will, we shall need those fine young people who have already declared their willingness to accept God's call to labor in India on the behalf of our Foreign Mission Board.

We praise the Lord for the fact that the work in Cuba is growing in leaps and bounds, and all of this is direct answer to prayer. Of course, carrying on the two mission fields, one in India and one in Cuba, will mean a tremendous increase of the expense account to maintain the work in both fields for the cause of God. However, remember that it is not an insurmountable obstacle in the sight of God. Pray definitely that God will impress each Free Will Baptist member to give as he or she is able, and that God may impress some ten persons in the United States to give one thousand dollars each to the mission work: five thousand each to the Cuban work and five thousand to the work in India. I fully believe that our Mission Board Treasury will be able to meet at all times the needs of the two fields because it is God's work, and it must not and cannot fail, if our people will trust Him and do their part.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey,
"Shamrock"
Kotagiri, South India

MEMORIES

"Dear Clara," wrote the young man, "Please pardon me, but I'm getting so forgetful. I know I proposed to you last night, but really forget whether you said yes or no."

"Dear Tom," replied the lady, "So glad to hear from you. I knew that I had said no to somebody the other evening, but had forgotten who it was."

A FEW WORDS ABOUT MOTHER

I am so glad I can say I had a wonderful Mother that taught me to love and serve God, and I can remember so many times she prayed for me and I know of a truth the great God of heaven and of earth still remembers her prayers for me. It makes me feel glad to be informed that our president was taught and reared up by a good mother. It is a wonderful blessing to a boy or girl to have a Christian mother that prays for them.

I have great sympathy for boys and girls who have a mother that won't ask God to save their child and just let them drift on down to a demon's hell. If she would just realize how they would look and feel when the Lord tells them "depart from me ye workers of anitiquity for I never knew you." But the Devil has got them blinded; he is all they know. They don't know the Lord. If the blind lead the blind, they will all fall in the ditch together so says his word. If people could realize how great the Lord is, it does not matter how good a mother you have, and how willing she is, he will do more for you than mother can do as he has more power. He can raise you when you are sick and can save your soul when you die and will give you an eternal home in the heavens if you will trust him. The night doesn't get too dark nor the weather too bad for him to watch over you if you will trust him.

O! boys and girls, if you haven't got a Christian mother that will point you out the way to heaven, turn to God and live right yourself and pray for your mother that she may see her error before it be everlastingly too late, and trust God to help you save your mother. I know you would hate to see her going into a demon's hell.

This is hoping this letter will cause some mothers to consider where they are leading their children and try to save their children that they might have a home eternal in the heavens not made with hands.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

B. E. Coxwell,
Woodville, Florida

FROM SMITH'S NEW HOME

It has been quite a time since I wrote any news from our church. We have regular church services on Saturday nights before each fourth Sunday, and on Sunday at eleven o'clock, also we have S. S. each Sunday around ten o'clock. We have a good Sunday School with good attendance and we are proud of it.

Our Ladies Auxiliary meets on Friday night before the fourth Sunday. Our April meeting we met with Mrs. Verdie Hill in Pink Hill. We had a very good meeting and a real interesting lesson was taken from our Year Book of programs. Several of our members said they enjoyed that meeting better than any meeting of late. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Rachel Taylor, trusting we will have a good meeting and good attendance.

Rev. Clinton Lupton of Bayboro, N. C., is pastor of our church. He was with us on the fourth Saturday night and Sunday in April and brought us two real interesting sermons. We had good attendance each service.

On Sunday at the close of service the invitation was given, and five came forward and united with the church, it did not seem like a regular church service, it seemed more like a revival. We are always glad to have services of this kind.

Bro. Thurman Smith, a licensed minister was with us on Sunday night and brought us a good message. The week preceding Easter we observed the week of prayer at our church. Rev. W. B. Everett of New Bern was with us and preached each night. He brought us a good message each time and we had a very good attendance. We enjoyed having him with us so much and want him to come again whenever convenient. We are always glad to have our different ministers come in and preach for us, and welcome all people to come in and worship with us.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard,
Deep Run, N. C.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

TEXAS STATE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE ORGANIZED

On April 22, 1947, a number of the F. W. B. ministers of the State of Texas met at the Waco F. W. B. Church for the purpose of organizing a ministers' conference of the F. W. B. of the State of Texas.

The meeting was called to order by the State Association moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton, and after devotional and an explanation of the purpose of the meeting, the officers of the conference were elected, namely:

Rev. M. L. Sutton, President; Rev. C. B. Thompson, Vice-President; Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Secretary; Rev. Clarence J. Hearron, Treasurer.

The ministers' conference will meet in its next session on Tuesday following the first Sunday in October, 1947, at the Waco Church. Even with this first session, it is evident that the ministers' conference will be invaluable in creating a stronger bond of fellowship among the ministers in planning and in steering the work of the State program, and in bringing about a more solid support of the National Program.

Alvin Halbrook, Secretary

'TIS THE VOLUME THAT COUNTS

'Tis the volume that counts, whether in business, labor or money. It takes pennies to make dimes; dollars to make hundreds; and hundreds to make thousands; and thousands to make millions. It takes minutes of labor to produce work; hours of time to achieve great accomplishments; and months of labor to build great plants. It takes money to build homes, educate children, and to support life activities. It is the volume that counts, and that produces results in the world of business.

Few acres of grain make a few dozen of bushels of harvested seed, but hundreds of acres of grain will produce thousands of bushels of garnered grain for food consumption. Few hands make light work and small increase, but many hands, laboring faithfully, will produce great gain in the end. Many people work-

ing at a task of tremendous importance for many days effect results in great magnitude for the good of the country. It is the volume that counts.

It takes money to support missionaries on the foreign fields. The greater the amount of money given for this work the more missionaries will it support. And greater the interest of the people in the home land in the mission cause, the greater will be the volume of money given for this cause. It is the volume that counts. Yes, it is the homes that count, the churches that count; the Sunday Schools that count, when added up to a large total, and with their increased volume of giving, that will increase the volume of support for the foreign missionary cause. Many drops of water will fill a cup, but it takes millions to make a lake. And so, many dimes will make hundreds of dollars but it will take thousands of dollars to support missions and advance the cause of Christ in the world.

Willing hearts and glad minds will do much toward furthering the cause of righteousness in the world, but it will take millions of God-loving people to evangelize the peoples of the earth. It is the volume that counts in any case. More true Christians there are in the world the more good there will be done on earth. And vice versa, the more criminals in the world, the more vice and harm will be done to humanity. More destruction will be done as more criminals are made by bad society. Christian living seeks to remove evil from the land, whereas sinful living seeks to corrupt the good and deluge the world in chaos.

Let the volume for good increase and the world will grow better; give more thought to the missionary causes, and the Gospel of Christ will find its way into the hearts of more people; and the volumes will have force and produce great results in the days to come for the glory of the Lord.—The Exchange.

Human thought and action produce unexcelled results when based upon godliness.

UGLY AS SIN

A. R. Flowers

We sometimes hear the expression, "As ugly as sin." To sound-minded Christian people it is true, for nothing is more ugly than sin when the light of goodness falls on it, either in an individual or in people generally. Christ's whole life was a revelation of goodness, and it is by that goodness that He would have His followers show others the way of the Christian life.

The Samaritan woman exclaimed, "Come and see a man which told me all the things that ever I did." Simon Peter said, "Depart from me for I am a sinful man." The light of goodness had been turned on. Christ said, "I have loved you, and I set you an example, by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples; if ye have love one for another." Somebody in speaking of the late Dwight L. Moody said, "Great men influence the world in three ways; by what they say, by what they do, and by what they are." Great men are always good and dependable. In fact, there is no other greatness.

The preacher, the teacher, and the Christian worker in any capacity will find his or her influence growing as they advance in the merits of the work. It is unthinkable that our Lord could have used others than good men on the day of Pentecost. Is it not on good people that Pentecostal power has ever fallen? In the hours of the transformation of Saul of Tarsus the words of Ananias to him were, "Thou mayest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost." The distinguishing characteristic of one of the leading laymen of the Apostolic church, Barnabas, was a good man and filled with the Holy Spirit, and of faith.

Good intentions are very mortal and perishable things; like very melon and choice fruit, they are difficult to keep.—C. Simmons.

If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.—J. F. Clarke.

SCREW LOOSE SOMEWHERE

Albert L. Aldrich says: "When I spoke to 800 students in a State University I was informed that the Bible should not be mentioned in that school. The same afternoon I was also invited to talk to about 800 men in the State Prison and the Warden asked me to give them Bible Truth.

One of the states passed a law that the Bible could not be read in its schools, and the same state passed a law that a Bible should be put in the cell of every criminal. What reasoning! A fence at the top of the precipice is a lot better than a hospital at the bottom."

While they live, they damn and condemn and ridicule the preacher; when they are dying, they send for him—too late. When they are living their only thought is for their fleshly body; when they are dying they suddenly think to rub "Aladdin's Lamp" and expect Heaven to appear—but they get only what they have lived—Hell.

—Selected

HANGING A PICTURE

Did you ever think as you hung a picture,
Of the difference it can make,
How a weary soul it can revive,
Or a merry heart it can break?

Two young men married once,
Each one loved his blushing bride,
But one hung a picture of a half-clad girl,
The other a plaque, "The Lord will provide."

Each day when their work was done,
They both felt they were tired.
One looked up and whistled at his pinned up girl,
The other said, "I'm glad my Lord will provide."

And as they'd sit each in his home,
Their minds, of course, would roam,
One said, "Wife, business sends me off";
The other said, "Thank God for a home."

Each wife tried to do her best,
And they really did their part.
One was so happy, she always smiled,
But the other carried a broken heart.

You see the pictures on the wall
Told what each man desired.
The little plaque meant so much
To a man who had really tried.

But don't forget the pinned up girl,
She was doing her part well.
She had made an unhappy home,
Her victim was on the road to Hell.

And as the days turned into years,
Each picture had its cause impressed.
One man cried, "Why am I cursed?"
The other said, "How well the Lord has blessed."

And no one knew the reason why
These life-long friends began to part.
For the pinned up girl with the help of the Devil
Had given her man a lying, jealous heart.

They held no more their friendly chat,
Each man stayed in his own yard,
The good man just couldn't understand
Why his neighbor's heart had turned so hard.

But could the little pictures have spoken,
This story I'm sure they would have told:
The half-clad girl made a heart of stone,
But the little plaque a heart of gold.

So, when you start to hang a picture,
Think twice before you do,
What kind of influence will it have
On other people—and on you!

—Anon.

Getting an idea should be like sitting down on a pin; it should make you jump up and do something.—Simpson.

The milk of human kindness is most effective when free of adulteration.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

JUDAH'S UNSTEADY COURSE

(Lesson for June, 1)

Lesson: 2 Kings 19:5-7, 32-37; 20:12-17.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Is. 35:15).

We need to be reminded of our dependence upon God. I believe the key to the situation is to be found in the fact that we have forgotten our utter dependence upon God. Jesus informs us that without Him we can do nothing. (John 15:5). Again in Zech. 6:4, God tells us that it is "not by might nor by power; but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Solomon tells us to trust in the Lord with all our might and lean not on our own understanding. (Prov. 3:5).

I fear we have forgotten the effectualness of prayer. Prayer, earnest prayer, persistent prayer, and prevailing prayer, is the thing that will bring the revival we need, and get us out of our spiritual famine. Prayer moves the Hand that moves the universe. Elijah prayed **Earnestly**. I recall reading in a leaflet published by the Great Commission Prayer League: "In a certain town there had been no revival for many years. The church was nearly run out. The people were unconverted. Spiritual desolation reigned. There lived in the town an old blacksmith, who stammered so greatly in his speech that it was painful to hear him attempt to talk. At work in his shop his mind became greatly exercised about the condition of the church; his agony was so great that he locked the door and spent the afternoon in prayer. He prevailed with God. He then obtained the reluctant consent of his pastor to appoint a meeting,

but with no hope on the preacher's part of any attendance. But the room was more than filled. All was silent for a time until one sinner broke out in tears and begged, if any one could pray, to pray for him. Others followed, and it was found that persons from every quarter of the town were under deep conviction—all dating their conviction from the hour the old man was praying in his shop. A powerful revival followed. This old stammering man prevailed and he had power with God."—Defender Magazine.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. It is good for a country when its ruler seeks the counsel of a Prophet of the Lord (II Kings 19:5).

2. The Lord considers every attack upon His people as an insult to Himself (vs. 6).

3. Sometimes the Lord gives temporary victories in order to make the final defeat of the enemy all the more impressive (vs. 7).

4. God is able to effect deliverance from the most difficult situations without any struggle or fight on our part (vs. 32).

5. When God defends a city, or a home, or an individual, no enemy is strong enough to bring any harm to it (vs. 34).

6. God can annihilate any army of men arrayed against Him by simply taking the breath out of their nostrils (vs. 35).

7. Sometimes enemies come to us under the guise of friendship and seek to discover ways of undermining us (20:12).

8. It is never wise to reveal the true source of our spiritual strength to any but those who are one with us (vs. 13).

9. What does the Lord see in our houses and in our lives as He looks down from Heaven upon the children of men? (vs. 15).

10. The faithful servant of the Lord is entrusted with messages of rebuke and warning as well as with words of assurance and comfort (vss. 17, 18).

11. The wise student will study carefully all the lesson material in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies.

12. Hezekiah trusted in times of danger but became proud and foolish when a time of peace and prosperity came to him.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Going On to The Top

"Once," said a minister, who had traveled a great deal, "I was one of a party of holiday makers who were making the ascent of Ben Nevis.

"We had scaled the first ridge, and were climbing slowly up a steep shoulder of the mountain, which seemed to us, as we viewed it from below, that it must be the summit. We found, however, that when we got to the top there was still a higher peak to be conquered.

"One member of the party, whose stoutness made the climb an unusual exertion and effort, gave up on seeing the height towering up into the clouds.

"'It's no use,' he said to the others. 'You can go on, but I'm going to call this the top'."

If you were to ask that man if he had climbed Ben Nevis, he would say "Yes," but he had not reached the highest point; he was content with the lower heights.

It is often the same in life. Everyone knows of the folk who content themselves by living up to the standard of their neighbours, or the people who move in their immediate circle.

—Selected

What a lesson for all of us. Hezekiah climbed high but he could have gone higher. Had he kept on climbing 2 Kings 20:12-15 would not have been written. In some respects, old age is a time of danger from a spiritual standpoint. Why?

A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else.

Some people are like ice—rather slippery.

INTERMEDIATE ASSEMBLY AT
CRAGMONT

By R. P. Harris, Camp Director

The boys and girls of Intermediate age should be planning now for their trip to the mountains. June the ninth is the day when the camp will open. This is Monday after the second Sunday. Please mark your calendar and make those preparations now. The camp will last thirteen days counting the first and last day. You will leave camp on Saturday morning June 21st. This means that you will pay for only twelve days at \$2.50 per day, or \$30.00 for your vacation.

Registrations should be sent to Rev. Henry Melvin, 1212 E. Main St., Durham, N. C., and two dollars (\$2.00) registration fee must accompany the registration.

Remember that ALL INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE boys and girls will attend these twelve days. Please note this and do not forget, for you will not have another chance, as a group, to attend the assembly this year.

We have been able to secure a staff of workers which will help you to enjoy yourself in many ways. They will assist you with your spiritual aims and also help you in your recreation and fun.

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., offers you the very best opportunities and we are expecting you to meet us there on Monday, June 9, 1947.

HOLDING THE ROPES

The incident is related of a young couple, when bidding farewell to their home country church as they were about to leave for an African field, known as "The White Man's Grave," the husband said "My wife and I have a strange dread in going. We feel much as if we were going down into a pit. We are willing to take the risk and go if you, our home circle, will promise to hold the ropes." One and all promised. Less than two years passed when the wife and the little one God had given them succumbed to the dreaded fever. Soon

the husband realized his days, too, were numbered. Not waiting to send word home of his coming, he started back at once and arrived at the hour of the Wednesday prayer meeting. He slipped in unnoticed, taking a back seat. At the close of the meeting he went forward. An awe came over the people for death was written on his face. He said, "I am your missionary. My wife and child are buried in Africa and I have come home to die. This evening I listened anxiously as you prayed, for some mention of your missionary to see if you were keeping your promise, but in vain! You prayed for everything connected with yourselves and your home church, but forgot your missionary. I see now why I am a failure as a missionary. It is because you have failed to hold the ropes."—Missionary Tidings.

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN
MISSION TREASURERRECEIPTS DURING THE MONTH OF
APRIL, 1947

Rev. C. J. Hearn, Belmead, Tex.	\$ 5.00
Ina Church of Illinois	25.20
Ray Settle, Ina, Ill.	30.00
Delores Hale, Bonnie, Ill.	20.00
Albert Adams, Bonnie, Ill.	10.00
Union F. W. B. Church, Johnson City, Tennessee	5.00
White Oak Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina	2.50
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Okla.	10.00
Casey's Chapel Church and Auxiliary of North Carolina	30.00
Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland Association of Tennessee	25.00
Bethel Church of Tenn.	4.70
Mt. Elon Church of S. C.	17.00
White Oak Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina	5.00
Bethlehem Church of Tenn.	15.28
Lansing Gospel Temple, Lansing, Michigan	120.00
Shady Grove Church of Tenn.	12.00
Ft. Worth Texas First Church	21.50
Lelean Association of Arkansas	18.20
W. J. Gibbs, Pamplico, S. C.	25.00
Lebanon Church, Effingham, S. C.	6.65
Glennville Church of Georgia	18.30
Mrs. Rose A. Nipps, Colorado Springs, Colorado	5.00
Mrs. Goldia Dunn, Hartville, Mo.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hartfield, Los Angeles, California	50.00
Tulsa Oklahoma First Church	10.00
First F. W. B. Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee	15.75

Moore's Chapel Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Huffmah, Strafford, Missouri	5.00
Open Pond Church of Georgia	20.00
State of Georgia, by C. J. Harvey	21.30
Central Texas Quarterly Meeting	50.83
Ladies Aid of Kinston, N. C.	12.00
Hazel Dell S. S. of Illinois	7.50
Woman's Auxiliary of Cordova, Alabama	5.82
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, South Carolina	10.00
Opie Hargrove, Columbia, S. C.	5.00
Sibyl Robinson, Wyckoff, N. J.	5.00
Caseys Chapel Auxiliary of N. C.	5.00
Holston Hills Church of Tenn.	3.35
New Home Church, Tulsa, Okla.	7.00
Rev. Cecil Campbell, Wheaton, Mo.	5.00
State of Okla., by D. B. Hellard, Treasurer	32.76
Marie Starr, Creswell, N. C.	1.00
East Tupelo Church, Tupelo, Miss.	28.53
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention	43.59
Prospect F. W. B. S. S. of Ala.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Edge, Texas	1000
New Harmony Auxiliary of Mo.	20.25
Washington St. Church, West Gastonia, N. C.	18.00
Wolverine Association of Mich.	174.94
Horney Heights Church, Asheville, N. C.	10.00
Antioch Church of Miss.	18.00
Dublin Grove Church of N. C.	2.00
Rev. J. R. Davidson, Nashville, Tennessee	3.00
Ollie E. Fambrough, Neptune, Tennessee	2.00
State of Georgia, by C. J. Harvey	25.00
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treasurer	1,313.26
State of Missouri, by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer	259.65
Clayton Texas Church	5.40
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hancock, Tulsa, Oklahoma	1.00
Lizzie McAdams, Davis, N. C.	10.00
Huey Gower, Nashville, Tenn.	40.00
Daileyville Church of Ohio	25.00
Received from sale of books "His Name Among All Nations"	16.00
James Ralph Barnes, Lucama, N. C., for set of pictures	4.00
<i>Designated funds during April</i>	
Caseys Chapel Church and Aux. of N. C., for Miss Barnard	10.00
Total	\$2,761.26

WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer.

Many a rich man has a poor character.

To bear and forbear are commendable qualities.



The Boys and Girls Story Column

CONVERTED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Alice Purves Allan

"My name is Ian, and my age is eleven. I was converted on January 1st, 1944. It was through Mr. Mc-Alpine I was converted. He was addressing a few soldiers at Bellevue Chapel when I trusted the Lord. I thought if God had come I would be left, so I said,

'Lord Jesus, I will trust Thee,
Trust Thee with my soul,
Guilty, lost, and helpless,
Lord Jesus, make me whole.'

"Before I was saved I went to the pictures, but now they have no attraction for me.

"Ian."

This is the story of the conversion of a little Scotch lad who lives in the city of Edinburgh. Is it not lovely to realize that he has made this important choice?—the greatest anyone can ever make in this world.

Should the Lord Jesus come tonight, Ian shall have no fear. For now that he has come to Him, all shall be well. Ian is ready **now** to be caught up at any moment if the Lord comes before he dies.

Are there any more wise little boys and girls, who like Ian Scott (for his name is Scott as well as his nationality), desire that they shall not be left when Jesus, the Son of God, comes in the air to take all those who love Him up to His beautiful, happy Home in Heaven, to live with Him forevermore?

Ian was wise; he also was humble. He realized that he was unfit for Heaven; that he had not trusted in Jesus. Any little boy or girl who thinks he or she is **good enough** for Heaven, is greatly mistaken, if not already in Christ. (This means, if

not converted; or, if he or she has not yielded the heart to Christ.)

Notice the happy **result!** Ian used to like to go to pictures; now he has no desire for them. When Jesus comes into the heart

He Is So Attractive

that the wickedness we used to enjoy has no attraction for us. No picture on earth is as lovely as the face of Jesus! Artists have **tried** to paint His likeness; but the most clever of them all has miserably failed we know; for His face is **so very beautiful and bright** that the sight of it caused a man who lived in Bible times to fall at His feet as dead. His name was John—one of the disciples of Jesus he was, too. (Look at Revelation, chapter one, seventeenth verse.)

If, like Ian, you will come to Jesus, **by faith** you shall see a picture of His beautiful face.

—Selected

STANDING OF STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN RELATIONSHIP TO EXPANSION PROGRAM OF BIBLE COLLEGE

Commendation to the Old North State for the way in which she has gone over the top in keeping up with her quotas on the allotment made to her for the expansion of the college. However, it will be well to remember that the average per capita allotment in the several states was \$1, while North Carolina's was only 75 cents. Nevertheless, your systematic way of going about the task is the secret of your success rather than the low per capita allotment. May your success thus far prove to stimulate you for greater achievements in support to this cause in the future.

It has been said, "Our college program is the revolutionizing force for our denominational life." There is no doubt in my mind of the truth in the statement. What I want to say is, "If there is to be a revolutionizing program a training program is to play the greatest part in bringing it about." The more one invests in such a program of training for our talent the more will be the profits from the investments. Have your in-

vestments justified fat dividends thus far?

You may have the benefit of the experiences of the business management by the use of a good systematic plan, which may be tried well among your thirty thousand communicants, three hundred churches, and two hundred fifty ministers, by writing for materials and instructions for their use. All such inquiries should be mailed to J. R. Davidson at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn.

Finally, I want you to take a look at your achievements as represented in the following figures, and you may also observe your prospects as represented therein.

Total Allotment	-----	\$20,000.00
Total Credits, 4-30-47	-----	\$12,202.63
Amount ahead of Schedule 5-1-47	-----	\$552.00
Balance Due by 12-31-48	---	\$7,245.37
Monthly Requirements through 12-31-48	-----	\$362.27
Monthly Requirements for 300 Churches	-----	\$1.50
Will Give Surplus of	-----	\$1,754.63

Yours for continued action,

J. R. Davidson,
Treas.-Business Mgr.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I shall be open for the summer to do lecture work among the churches that may desire my services. Any church or churches, therefore, that shall want me to visit them and give lectures will please correspond with me so that I shall be able to arrange my itinerary for this lecture tour in the State of North Carolina or elsewhere. For the time being, address me at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, or 135-A, Separation Center. I will be here for around five weeks longer.

Yours for Christian service,

Mrs. Judy Caro,
Nashville, Tenn.
135-A Separation Cen.
Care Whaley

A good thing to banish is sin.

A REMINDER

The Free Will Baptist League encampment has been in operation for ten years. And what do you know about the encampment? What it is, and what it means to the cause? Have you ever studied a F. W. B. L. Manual?

I have attended several camps, and have enjoyed every meeting attended. Our children are taught Bible Doctrine, Missions, Evangelism, Sunday School, and League work, the fundamentals of salvation and all that follows.

I am sure every student attending encampment, (if they absorbed half of the teaching of these instructors) they are well able to organize, and carry on with a League or Sunday school. Can you?

At first our camps were held at various churches, later at an abandoned C. C. Camp. Finally through the efforts of Rev. C. J. Harvey and some of his friends, for the last two years, we have been able to camp in a new block building, erected on Greenwood free will baptist church property in Mitchell County, Georgia, having our classes in Greenwood church. The next session will convene June 15th, 1947, (at this camp) and close June 27th, 1947.

In the afternoon of the last day of camp we hold our League convention. As a Free Will Baptist of Georgia, will you attend this coming session?

The following will act as instructors, in this session: Rev. J. N. Barnes, Blakely, Ga., Bible Doctrine; Miss Mary Edna Brown, Dothan, Ala., (a former student of this encampment), Evangelism; Miss Marie Ivey, Blakely-Jakin, Ga. (a former student and now President of this encampment), Sunday school and League work; Miss Edith Duke, Leary, (She too, has served with us in various capacities), Dietitian and Recreational Leader; Mr. Wallace B. Griffin, Leary, Ga., Music Instructor.

There will be a fee charged for board. I am sure it will not be more than it would cost you to feed your child at home.

I am also sure you would not expect those instructors to give their

time and talent in this work, so we are asking each church to send a donation in support of this work to Rev. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga., treasurer of finance committee. We will need around \$300.00.

Will Your Church Help?

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Were you taught these things when you were young?

Is your child using every opportunity for advancement offered it? I am sure you did the best you could to prepare yourself when young, but our children have many more opportunities than we. Then let us help them to use each opportunity as it comes that they may be better qualified than you or I.

W. B. Griffin,
Encampment Manager

TRAINING CAMP
INFORMATION

The next session of the Georgia Free Will Baptist League encampment will be held at Greenwood training camp, eight miles southwest of Camilla, Ga., on Camilla-Bainbridge highway. It will convene June 15th and close on June 27th, 1947.

Fee: One dollar per day and we furnish groceries. Fifty cents per day, and you bring your groceries.

You bring your bed linens, what-

ever toilet articles you will need, paper, pencil and Bible.

Any one wishing to help support the encampment, may do so by contributing cash or foods of any type. And you may rest assured it will be appreciated by the officials of this encampment.

For any further information, write me at Camilla, Georgia.

C. J. Harvey

SMALL CHANGE

The elder Oliver Wendell Holmes was small in stature. One day he was present at a meeting which happened to be attended by a number of rather tall men, thus making his diminutive size conspicuous by contrast. An acquaintance jestingly remarked, "Well, Dr. Holmes, I should think you would feel rather small among these big fellows."

"I do," replied the genial Dr. Holmes. "I feel like a dime among a lot of pennies."

It is the final test of a gentleman—his respect for those who can be of no possible service to him—William Lyon Phelps.

Isn't human nature funny? If you tell a man that there are 270,078,934,341 stars in the universe, he'll believe you—but if a sign says "Fresh Paint," that same man will only be convinced by personal investigation.

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June 9 through Aug. 31

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THE PURPOSE

Is to provide training, inspiration and development of Christian character to the leadership of the Church. Studies in Bible, church music, Sunday School and League administration, religious drama, handcraft and the Woman's Auxiliary will be offered.

WHAT TO BRING

These required: Bible, note book, pencils, personal clothing and toilet articles, two sheets, one pillow case, one blanket. These optional: camera, swim suit, bath robe (required if swim suit is brought), tennis shoes, outdoor clothing, spending money.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

INTERMEDIATES—12 through 15 June 9th through 21st

Courses in Bible, music, missions, Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League organization.

Cost for 12 great days, \$30.00, which includes room, board, nurse's fee, athletic fees and hospitalization insurance.

Send your application and registration fee of \$2.00 to Rev. Henry Melvin, 1212 E. Main St., Durham, N. C.

JUNIORS—9 through 11 June 21st through 27th

Courses in Bible, handwork, music and story hours.

Cost for these 6 great days \$15.00 which includes same accommodations as listed for intermediates.

Send your application and registration fee of \$2.00 to Rev. Henry Melvin, 1212 E. Main St., Durham, N. C.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE June 27th through July 3rd

Courses in Bible, denominational programs, inspirational messages and pastoral methods.

Cost for these 6 great days \$15.00. Send your application and registration fee to Rev. Henry Melvin, 1212 E. Main St., Durham, N. C.

GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS

From July 3rd through August 3rd, Cragmont will be open to guests. Family groups, individuals, and couples are invited. The rate will be \$3.50 per day for room and board.

Groups of 20 or more during this period will be entertained at the special Assembly rate of \$2.50 per day for room and board.

Make all reservations for this period with Rev. J. Albert Harris, Mgr., Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C.

SENIORS—16 through 24 August 4th through 16th

Courses in Bible, missions, music, religious drama, Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League administration will be offered.

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Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide
Oh, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, oh, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me;
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
Vile, and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make me, keep me, pure within.
Thou of life the Fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee:
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

—Charles Wesley

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Time is like money; the less we have of it to spare, the further we must make it go.—H. W. Shaw.

Human happiness depends mainly upon the improvement of small opportunities.—J. L. Basford.

Playing the man pays better dividends than playing the fool.

Editorial

A MAN'S WORTH

It has been well said, "A Great man's good deeds live after him." This is also true of a man whose bad deeds live after him.

The man whose life was lived in accomplishing noble purposes for mankind never lived long enough to see the full fruits and the ultimate good of his untiring labors. This was true of Abraham of old, of Moses, the Apostle Paul and other Bible characters. Their deeds and accomplishments for the cause of humanity and the glory of God live on and on. Their records of earthly accomplishments in the spiritual realm have a permanent place in God's holy kingdom in the midst of the heavenly angels. In other days, men have lived and served the true and living God, whose sacrificial deeds live on and on in the hearts of multitudes of people in Christian lands. Their names are Luther, Calvin, Livingstone, Carey, Wesley, Knox, and many others of those days when the Protestant Faith was finding its way among the people and impressing its wonderful teachings upon the hearts of believers.

In other fields of labor, apart from the religious, men of business, of politics, of education, and the like, have left behind them records of achievements that still bear their names. Civilization has been made better by their having lived, served and sacrificed for the cause of mankind. Their vision, inspiration, interpretations, and purposes to achieve success won for them lasting records which became useful to the passing generations. As they lived they little knew what time would tell of their names in the history of mankind. They were benefactors to such as could and would greatly profit and be blessed from what they had left to the world.

But what about the men whose records behind them are the reverse? What did they leave for the good of mankind and the glory of God? How did they take life and what did it mean to them? Their names are legion, and their records are too dark for comment. Instead of having added to the advancement of civilization, they detracted, hindered, destroyed and blighted many good prospects of human life. They were workers of iniquity, conceivers of crime, and parasites of society. Yes, their foul deeds live after them, too, and when they are gone, their records are not forgotten. The great wise man said, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). Such is true of those who waste their lives in worthless things, as it is of those who spend their time in profitable endeavors. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." How true, some reap thorns, while others reap flowers.

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SUMMER CAMPS

The purpose of Young People's Institutes and Summer Camps for our church is three-fold, namely: reli-

gious, educational and recreational. These gatherings of adults and the young people to these summer recreational centers serve to stimulate interest in the educational, religious, and social activities of the church. The past experiences of those attending these summer camps were pleasant, wholesome, and greatly beneficial in many ways.

The Georgia encampment this year will be held at Greenwood Training Camp, eight miles southwest of Camilla, Ga. It is located on Camilla-Banbridge Highway. It will open on June the fifteenth and close on June twenty-seventh. A good attendance is expected at this camp this season. A splendid course of study has been arranged by the director and other officials of this camp. Wholesome recreation, as well as daily religious services, will be provided for those who attend the camp. Young people and adults who will avail themselves of this encampment will derive much good from the study courses and the fine fellowship which they will obtain at the camp.

The Assemblies at Cragmont, Black Mountain, North Carolina, will open on June the ninth. The first assembly is for the Intermediates of the Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Schools. They will have two weeks of study, recreation, mountain climbing, sight seeing, and evening religious exercises. Great efforts have been made to give the Intermediates this year splendid courses of religious training during these two weeks while they are at the Assembly.

When the Intermediates leave the Assembly, the Juniors of the Sunday Schools and of the Young People's leagues will be at the Assembly for one week for their recreation, study and joy-making around Cragmont. The director and the official staff have many good things in store for the Juniors during the week they are at the Assembly. It will certainly be a treat for every Junior who can make this trip to Cragmont. They will go to the Assembly on June 21, and leave on June 27.

The Ministers' Conference will open at the Assembly on June 27, and continue until July 3. This will be a great week for the ministers. It will be a joy for the ministers to get together at Cragmont and enjoy a week of fellowship, recreation, study and meditation.

The Seniors or the young people of the church will have their assembly, beginning on August 4 and closing August 16. They will find great things in store for them, planned by the director and the official staff, when they arrive at Cragmont on August 4.

The women of the Auxiliaries of the church will hold their convention at Cragmont, beginning on August 18, and closing on August 25. This will be a great week for the women of the church. They had a great convention last year at Cragmont, but they are planning a greater program for this convention. No one should miss this week of sweet fellowship and sacred study.

Greetings from Cuba

Winford Davis

Dear friends to our missionary cause:

I am writing to you this time from Cuba. Having landed here at Pinar del Rio last night, May 14th, about 8:00 P. M., I came in by way of New Orleans on the Chicago and Southern Airlines. Had a very splendid trip across. The weather was clear and nice. The airship was a four-motored fifty passenger ship. It was as smooth or even smoother riding as the nicest train. The 680 miles from New Orleans to Havana was made in three and one half hours.

My stay here will necessarily be short. Perhaps no longer than this week only. I came on special business concerning our Cuban mission work, which matter I have been planning to take care of for some long time; but only recently did we finally get all detailed legalities completed so that this transaction concerning our school farm here might be taken care of. It has been a long tedious procedure; but I am happy to report it is all coming to a finish here in the Provincial capital of Pinar del Rio very satisfactory.

This visit, though short, is proving to be a great inspiration to me. I am going to return with renewed interest, which always proves to be true every time I visit the mission field. I see a marked improvement since my visit here three years ago. Some gratifying improvements have been made, and are being made, on the field, and this is especially true concerning the buildings at the school. I wish you could be here to see all this and to visit this fine student body and faculty. I wish you could see the classes in session, and see the fine young men's quartet in training under Sister Willey and hear them sing. They are indeed beautiful singers. I wish you could observe the manifest interest being shown around the premises in pushing along the various buildings now

in the making. I would be happy if you could be impressed as I have been with the high moral standard maintained, the perfect deportment, and general orderliness of the entire setting. Here the authorities speak and the attendants heed. It is not done in harshness; but is done in keeping with Christian principles and in the spirit. I am not at all reluctant to say that we the board of foreign missions are definitely behind them in this manner of Christian Discipline. When our Cuban boys and girls from the school go into the city of Pinar del Rio with their school uniforms on and then manifest Christian behaviour they are looked up to and most highly respected. Are you not proud of this? Certainly you are. We all are. I look at all this and joy floods my soul. I am made to say, "Thank God." Oh, how humble and how close to Him it makes me desire to be. I think of our forward steps toward India, and again I say, "Praise the Lord." Then my thoughts turn and I think of the continued struggle we seem to have getting our people back in the states to step up with their financial giving as they should, and as they **must** do if we carry this mission program forward, and then the dark cloud seems to hang low. But I look up by faith in Him who is over and above all, and the cloud seems to be rifted. The light breaks through. Then I say, as I have said through these late years, "Lord I know you are going to invision our people. I know they are going to rally." So we and the missionaries are laboring with this faith in God, and this confidence in you.

Our mission treasury is in much better shape than it was two months back. Let's give it a big boost between now and the National Meeting at Detroit in July. Will you cooperate with us?

Divorce from sin is profitable to all.

A CALL TO CENTRAL CONFERENCE CHURCHES

As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and also through the request of the Business Manager of the school, Rev. J. R. Davidson, I am asking the churches of the North Carolina Central Conference to arrange to make very soon their educational offerings to the college. June is education month.

We, the members of the Board of Trustees of the college, will hold a special meeting on June 3, to elect a new president and a new Business Manager, and also to transact other important business concerning the school for the coming year.

Now, while the financial report for the State of North Carolina, made by Brother Davidson in last week's Baptist paper makes a good showing of what the State has done toward raising funds to meet its allotted quota, yet the business manager, and the Board members want to see the State complete its quota very soon. We certainly desire to thank the churches for the splendid contributions which they have made thus far for the cause of the college.

So, let the churches of the Central Conference raise and send to Rev. Rashie Kennedy, State Treasurer, Goldsboro, N. C., very soon their liberal offerings so that the much needed expansion of rooming space for the students can be made available in the near future at the college.

Since I am a member of the Central Conference, and also since Brother Davidson, who retires as the present Business Manager of the college September 1, 1947, both of us, and likewise the entire Board of Trustees of the college, will appreciate it if each church in the Central Conference will raise a donation right away. Of course, the other churches of the other conferences and associations of the State are urged to do the same thing, and to send their offerings to Brother Kennedy, State Treasurer.

R. B. Spencer,
Member of the Board of
Trustees of the College

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions

Superannuation — Publication and Literature

REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD

Executive Secretary

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Nashville, Tennessee

WHY HAVE A NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS?

The 1946 session of the National Association voted to launch a campaign to secure funds for National Headquarters for Free Will Baptists. Why was such a move started? There are many reasons; we shall mention only a few upon which we believe all will agree:

First. Those who know of the recent growth in our denomination recognize how much we have run upon sentiment and fervor for the present moment. The time is now at hand when competent organization must come to its own. Not only is it important that every department of our National Association move on, but the method whereby we move on is important. Well defined plans for progress must be presented to our people; this can best be done through a central office.

Second. Other denominations have found it to be very practical and necessary to have a National Headquarters. Ask any of them who are not only growing materially but spiritually, and in every instance they will tell you they are wholeheartedly for headquarters. Free Will Baptists have no National directory of ministers and churches. We need to be able to tell any person in any state where we have work, what is the location of the closest church of their faith. Such a record would be kept in National Headquarters.

Third. Doctrinally it will be a blessing. We are having radio programs going out as the "Voice of Free Will Baptists" or "The Free Will Baptist Hour." Why not have a headquarters where the program will be the official voice of Free Will Baptists? I do not recognize the voice in some instances as being true Free Will Baptist doctrine. We shall

preach only from headquarters what you have voted to place in our treatise as Free Will Baptist Doctrine. We can make it a positive program for our people in every state that they will honor and gladly support. I am for such a radio program, and yet give the local minister his right to preach the gospel by radio as he has done in the past; but, I honestly believe a real radio program sponsored by Free Will Baptists would be appreciated and supported by the local radio preacher.

Fourth. Eventually operating expenses of the denominational departments will be reduced. We now maintain different offices in different states. We can have one building where all the work will be coordinated. Publicizing of the work can be more effective, each board will continue to have its program of work, but it will be accepted and expounded by all departmental boards—a uniform program for all our people. It will help unify knowledge gotten out to our people.

As to expenses, the office will help maintain itself by your cooperation. Recently I had a conference with two leaders in our denomination who wanted to buy approved books by Free Will Baptists, through our denomination, to the amount of one thousand and five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00). Remember this money is ready to be used only in a district quarterly meeting of a district association; not even a district association or a state association is backing this quarterly meeting. Who will get those profits? These people said they wished the National Association would get the profits from such a purchase. Isn't that nice? And don't you also wish the National Association, through its National Headquarters, were in a position to get the books those people need? Doc-

trinally, it is essential; financially, it would bless us and them in such an order.

Fifth. It is what you want, now, isn't it? Many have urged such a move to be started; our people do want a National Headquarters, they are willing to work to that end. They can give you other reasons for wanting a headquarters. Such reasons—and the working order of the headquarters will be incorporated within the charter. You in every state have the right to help establish, maintain, and control the affairs or work of your National Headquarters through your National Association of Free Will Baptists. You do want the doctrines of the church proclaimed effectively during these latter days. You do want it done through proper methods; you do want your denomination to have a program where it can direct itself to God's glory and to the greatest good to the greatest number. I believe if such steps are not soon undertaken and recognized by our people, we will soon see signs of decay and disintegration among our people in their organization to do the task for which they only have a right to exist.

There is an account now in a Nashville, Tennessee bank known as "National Headquarters Fund for Free Will Baptists." Will you soon send in your amount ear-marked, and may we have more than fifteen thousand dollars, the initial amount, raised by June 30, 1947. Please send all funds to me. Our Lord is depending upon you; do not fail Him.

Rev. Robert B. Crawford,
Exec. Sec. and Treasurer

When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words, than thy words without heart. Prayer will make a man cease from sin or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer. Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan.—Bunyan.

Does adversity make you sad? Be patient! Prosperity will bring you gladness.

LOVING JESUS

By Mattie Mae Beacham

I want to call attention to the following passage of Scripture. "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (Jon. 14:15). If I were to choose a subject for the first part of this article, I would choose "keeping His commandments."

Each of us loves the things which will please those whom we love. They become a pleasure to us for the simple reason that we know we make our loved ones happy by doing them. Jesus is so precious to us because He gave his life for us while we were lost in sin. Our love for Him is frail and feeble when compared with his love for us. He is saying to many today, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

The first question we are to ask ourselves is: How can I know His commandments? He has given to us the greatest and the dearest Book in all the world, and in it is written the instructions as to the way we should live. It is His love letter to His children. He commands us to search the Scriptures, for in them is to be found the words of eternal life. It reveals Christ to us in all fullness. When we have a friend whom we love dearly, we desire to know that friend intimately. We wish to be with that friend all we can, and to know her likes and dislikes. The Scriptures reveal to us Christ, and all of God's commands, and also His promises and gifts for those who love him.

If we really love the Lord, no matter what important things we may be doing, we will take time to study His holy word. We will want to commune with Him, and this is one way in which He speaks to us. But sometimes we are prone to neglect these things, little realizing how we grieve the great heavenly Father. Sometimes some people have the deepest desire to read God's holy word, but love for other books leads them to leave off the reading of the Bible. Let us stop just where we are, and each one examine himself to see the guilt that there is found by neglecting the reading of the Bible. We should put God's word first, and other reading matters second

place. It is natural for us to like to read other books that are clean and wholesome, and when they uplift our souls. But there is no book that can take the place of the Bible. May we ask the dear Saviour to help us to overcome our weakness.

The enemy of our souls knows that if he can present something that is more interesting to us than is the Bible, then he will be drawing us from the teachings of the good Book. Our souls will not receive from other reading things half so good as those spiritual things which we can get from the reading of the Bible. Our Master who knows all things seeks to protect us against the reading of books that do us very little good. He knows what we need better than we do ourselves, therefore, we should think about His words, linger over them, and then obey them.

We remember that Thomas doubted to the point that he said, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger in the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." But later on when the Lord appeared unto him, he believed and said, "My Lord and my God." Jesus said unto him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." How sweet were those words! We do not have to see the real Christ to believe, for His word is sufficient if we will accept it as our guide and consolation. Let us follow Him and walk in His way, that we may believe He will guide us every step of the way.

A CLOSER WALK WITH THE LORD

We know that our time here on earth is but a shadow which soon passes away. We should make every effort, therefore, to follow in the right way of living this life. Are we as parents setting the right examples before our children, and do we love our neighbors as ourselves? Do we do unto others as we would desire them to do unto us? Are we doing what the Lord says for us to

do, or are we doing just like we see fit to do?

The Master said for us to pray for our enemies, and to do good to them that despitefully use us. The Lord said that if my people who are called by my name would repent and turn from their own sins, he would hear from heaven, and that he would forgive them of their sins. He said that he would heal their land. But most people use all kinds of pretenses as excuses to get around doing the things God wants done. We do many things to no avail, but it would be less trouble if we would be willing to serve the Lord with gladness.

Who are the mothers today who are trying to live as the Bible says they should live? It is certainly abominable for the women to disobey God and not bring up their children in the way they should go. Then, too, women should wear modest dress. The good Book says that it is a shame for a woman to cut her hair. The Lord gave it to her for a covering. There are many who are guilty before God for this one thing, and it does seem that our preachers are afraid to preach the whole gospel along this line. But if they are ready to tell us of our shortcomings, then we are ready to quit and not to hear that preacher any more. What a shame!

As the rich man opened his eyes in hell, and as he wanted Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn his brethren, old Abraham said, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them." Moreover, Abraham told him that there is a greater one than Moses, meaning the Lord Jesus. We have the open Bible and should study it for guidance and consolation. It tells us that there is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death. So, let us take the Bible and search it, for Jesus will go all the way with us if we will follow in the straight and narrow way.

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If you want to get red in the face let the sun do it.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Not Saying but Doing that Counts

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

Brother, are you in the center of God's will? It pays to take an inventory occasionally, and see where you stand. You may think that you stand all right, and yet it may be possible that you are very much slipping into a state of backsliding, and you can even get to such a state as to lose the joy of your salvation. David went that far and had to cry unto the Lord, "Restore unto me the joy of my salvation."

That Promotional Work

May is the month which is set apart by the State Association of North Carolina for the churches to take and make offerings to support the State Promotional Program, but we have not heard very much about the work. But we should think and act quickly regarding this matter, for the month of June is Christian education month for our churches in the State. Every church and every auxiliary society, and every Sunday School should remember these offerings.

Is it God's will that these things be done for His glory? If it is, then remember that it is not talking but doing that counts for God.

WHAT NOW OF THE GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY?

On his return from a recent trip to Latin America, Dr. Samuel Guy Inman warned that United States foreign policy in Central and South America is moving dangerously toward arousing enmity among the nations south of us and of sabotaging the progress made thus far toward inter-American unity. Dr. Inman said:

The chief fact about the Inter-American Movement today is its moribund state. Great advance was

made at the Chapultepec Conference two years ago. But since then the United States has refused to have the promised Rio Conference to implement the Act of Chapultepec.

Every Latin American country believes that Argentina should be brought back into full partnership in the Pan American Union. Democratic countries below the Rio Grande do not like Peron dictatorship any more than they do those of the Dominican Republic, Honduras, or Paraguay. Nor do they like the dominance of any one country in continental affairs. But unless the inaction of the last two years is turned into a forward move, with Argentina as well as all other countries working together, the Pan American Union may soon apply for a place in an old folks' home.

It will hardly be possible for Washington to sustain the position that it is not justified in cooperating with Peron, if, at the same time, it plays with the notably dictatorial regimes in the Balkans and the Near East.—World Alliance News.

THE SPADE UNCOVERS THE BIBLE

By Judge Hall

Very few church-going people take time to keep up with the movements and dangerous influences of modern criticism. But those who do keep up with such teachings often become alarmed at the spread of opposition to God's word. Even in many of our colleges and universities, where our young people go to be implanted with ideas, the Bible is being passed up daily as a book of ancient myths and legends.

After World War I there was a wide-spread effort among Christian colleges and divinity schools to unearth evidences in Bible lands, and since the close of the last world struggle, these have been renewed by many workmen with no small costs. The science of archeology has leaped into prominence as an interesting new science. It means the study of ancients, the prehistoric races of mankind, and some one has aptly de-

fined it as the science of the pick and spade.

One "myth" which the Bible has been charged with is the story of the Hittites. Critics and teachers say there's no mention of them in other ancient writings, but the Old Testament has quite a little to say of the Hittites, now believed to be only a mythological people of the Bible.

Recent discoveries are unearthing Hittite cities, artifacts, vases, pottery, and writing tablets of brick and clay; and among other things they have found a treaty made between a Hittite king and an ancient king of Egypt. Discoveries prove that they were a great nation up to the time of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. After that archeologists find no more evidence of them in southern Palestine. As the by-product of rock salt, sulphur, asphalt, etc., lead them to believe, that was a wide conflagration, that destroyed or drove Hittites from the country; hence they were lost to other history than the Bible. 'Tis believed that they fled west, as most nations and tribes do; for in Asia Minor evidences of a Hittite empire is being unearthed.

Much other evidences proving hitherto misunderstood data of the Old Testament are being discovered. King Solomon's great stables for his horses and chariots have been found half-hidden in undergrowths and drifting sands near Beersheba; also his warehouses for his Red Sea shipping fleet, which critics have tried to laugh out of court. But for a newspaper article I cannot take space for details. I know these are more interesting by far than the statements of general discoveries, but require more space. However, I am rejoicing to know that the Book of Books stands

"Unscathed by critic's shot and shell,
Or the vain shafts of the infidel."

—In General Baptist

Whither goest thou? To church?
Thou hast chosen wisely and well.

Control your emotions lest you become a victim of hopeless despair.

ONLY A ROSE

(Nobody Loves Him.)

Some time ago—many years—I preached a sermon in a large penitentiary. I went down there to give the boys a message. The chaplain showed me through the great prison, and I shall never forget an incident that took place. I must tell you the story relating to the incident.

Some time before my visit to the prison, a train pulled out of a city station whisking away to prison a great burley fellow handcuffed to the sheriff. He was of powerful build, 6 feet, if he was an inch; broad of shoulders, and hard-visaged; well past his prime. The lines and scars of his iniquities were not only indelibly stamped on his soul—they stood out on his countenance. As the train came to a division point, the sheriff suggested that they step out on the platform; and back and forth they paced on this hot and sultry afternoon.

Over on the other side of the platform, a little girl from one of the finest homes of that community, walked with her mother. She was just a slip of a girl that might have well fitted into the picture of any fairyland—a nine year old child with hair like finest spun gold, and eyes of blue—a protected and cherished and tenderly reared home-girl of the best type.

The sight of the prisoner, pacing up and down that platform CHAINED, impinged upon that child's consciousness with a TWINGE OF PAIN, as the force of A BLOW! Slowly it was received and accepted into her childish consciousness. "Mamma," she said as she looked up at her, "why have they got that man CHAINED to another man?"

Her mamma replied, "Hush, child, don't look that way! I don't like you to see things like that. I'm sorry I came down to the train."

But there is no staying the curiosity of a little girl—"But mamma," she repeated, "why is one man chained to another man?"

"He is chained to another man because HE is a prisoner, and they are taking him to prison."

"What is a prisoner, mamma, and what is a prison?"

"Don't ask so many questions, child."

"But why don't you tell me?"

"Well, he has been a bad man—a wicked man. And they brought him before a judge, and now he is being taken away to live in a little cell."

"What is a judge, mamma, and what is a CELL?"

Then the mother, as was best fitted to the little girl's ears and mind, explained the punitive system under which government is carried on, law enforced, and order and property are conserved. The child took it all into her heart—it beat against her soul; and she reacted with tender pity and love, And ANGUISH OF SOUL, her eyes filled with tears!

"And can't get away if he wants to? Will his mother ever go down there? Will she live down there with him?"

"Why, no child! I don't suppose anybody loves a man like that."

"NOBODY LOVES HIM?"

The thought of a man unloved of a single soul, in the wilderness of a cold, cruel world, BROKE the heart of that little child; and in the impulse of an urge, born of a love as sweet as a rose, plucked from the bouquet in the mother's corsage, (before a hand could stay her) she traversed the space between, and stood by the side of the man whom nobody loved! She handed the prisoner the rose, and said, "If you please, MISTER, I love you!—and God loves you too."—and back she raced to her mother's side.

In the moment of vexation, the mother shook the little girl, but the glory in the soul of the girl flushed her child face and surged through her heart. I don't believe the mother ever heard the climax of the story—(This brings us back to the 'incident' I mentioned at the beginning.)

Well, I delivered my address—and, after dinner, he said, "Would you like to attend the Christian Endeavor meeting?" I assured him it would please me very much; and so we did.

When the leader came to the platform, the chaplain said, "I'm going to tell you that man's story!" I looked away to where the leader

stood—and he appeared to measure every inch of SIX FEET OF REGENERATED MANHOOD!

Somehow, his appearance was OUTSTANDING! He came a step forward on the platform; looked that crowd in the eyes, and "Glory to God!" were his first words in a tone as clear as a bell—while some few voices responded, "Amen."

"Now we will sing for our opening number, 'Jesus Lover of My Soul,'" and responsively, the prison band struck up till you could hear the strains through all the penitentiary, and I heard them singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul" to the tune of "Silver Threads Among the Gold." I never heard anything like it before—and have never heard anything quite like it since! The prison band discoursed it—FIVE HUNDRED THROATS blended! The jubilant song pealed forth—

"Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind."

The leader bowed his head in prayer, opened his Bible, and brought a message of SALVATION.

After the service was over, the chaplain told me the story:

"I found him in his cell—(they told me he was 'hard-boiled')—he was sitting on the edge of his bunk, AN OPEN BOOK in his hand. He was crying. I looked in and saw it was THE BIBLE. I motioned. They came, turned the key in the lock, opened the door, and let me in. I sat on his bedside, and said, 'Friend, what are you reading?'—and he said, 'Nothing,' chaplain, I ain't readin' nothin'. I was just lookin'.' 'What are you looking at?' He opened the book, and there were the petals of a RED ROSE, crushed between the leaves of the Bible! He said, 'Chaplain, the little kid on the platform—just a little girl—she came runnin' over, and she gave me that, and she says, 'I love yeh; and God loves yeh, too!'—and nobody ever talked to me like that before.'"

A RED ROSE—and the chaplain said it was the easiest thing in the world to lead that man to the foot of

the cross! Jesus came into him (I am not talking figuratively—I am speaking LITERALLY)—Jesus came into him. His body became the temple of the Holy Ghost—and I heard him leading that Christian Endeavor Society meeting that afternoon! I heard five hundred prisoners singing “Jesus Lover of My Soul” to the tune of “Silver Threads Among the Gold.” The chaplain said, “That man has won more souls to Jesus than any chaplain we ever have had. HE’s a power for God in this place.”

Can’t you see it now, brother: the way of the world and the way of Christ? The one and the same man (and yet not the same, because he became A NEW CREATION)—laid on the shelf, while he was leading a criminal life; but now, radiating from the man’s life as a center, Christ’s glory had come into that prison, and the man He had spoken peace to, was rejoicing in the power of Christ to save—yes, to save TO THE UTTERMOST.

“Christ died for our sins . . . and rose again.” I Cor. 15.

“Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ & U R saved.”

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—Selected by Mrs. R. C. Bell

Why does man have pride in his works and in his merits, which are in no way pleasing because they are good or have merit. Not our works make us good, but our good nature, nay, rather the good nature of God makes us and our works good. They are not good in themselves. They are good only if God reputes them to be good.—Martin Luther.

If honor be your clothing, the suit will last a lifetime; but if clothing be your honor, it will soon be worn threadbare.—Arnot.

It is better to bear a cross than to be cross.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am an ordained minister of the Gospel of Christ, and a member of the Western Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of North Carolina, and that I am now serving Yelverton’s Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Smithfield, North Carolina, Route 1, on the First and Third Sundays of each month.



Rev. E. F. Chrisco

This is further to announce that I should like to have another church or churches to serve, to fill up the time on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month, for the coming church year.

Any church or churches that might be interested in securing my services for the coming year, can get in touch with me by addressing their communications to the following address:

Rev. E. F. Chrisco,
101 King Street,
Burlington, N. C.

If you want to sleep don’t do it while the pastor is preacher.

Watch your remarks if you would prevent a sting more painful than that of a bee.

THE DEVIL GOES-A-FISHING

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters

The Devil is always trolling,
This world’s his fishing pond;
Oh, he has bait of every kind
To entice the rushing throng.

There are the many entertainments,
On the Lord’s Day—What a shame!
And so many seem so thoughtless
Of the Day, and His Dear Name.

There is the ever popular show,
With technicolor and then—
Occasionally a religious picture
To draw the Christian in.

Then the Devil has the whiskey store
In the business part of town;
So when people go a shopping,
They can easily drop around.

There’s the dance hall softly lighted,
With the band playing there.
Is it to the glory of the Lord
When the dancers pay their fare?

There are the beaches—how degrad-
ing!
With all the sin and vice,
Yet, church folks go and take their
young
Then marvel—it is so nice!

Why, the Devil has so many baits
He must be proud of them.
When he sees so many church people
Joyously patronize all for him.

How sad to hear Christians say,
“Why, these things are no sin,”
When the Bible plainly tells us
Love not the world, nor the things
therein.

Then, how old Satan must rejoice,
And fairly chuckle with a glee,
For if these things and countless
others
Are not of the world—really what
is?

Beauty of character comes from
close fellowship with God.

Not how long, but how well, you
live, is the test of a life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Albemarle Sunday School convention met with Free Union Church in Beaufort County on March 30, 1947. The meeting was opened with the song, "Blest Be the Tie." Rev. J. Albert Harris conducted the song services. The devotions were conducted by Henry Webster who read the scripture lesson from the fourth chapter of Nehemiah. Prayer was offered by Albert Harris.

The president then gave his message, and he brought out the fact that we should always glorify the name of Jesus. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called and the following were present: L. E. Ambrose, D. M. Radcliffe, T. F. Davenport, M. A. Woodard and J. A. Alexander. The visiting ministers were Clinton Lupton, of the Fifth Eastern union meeting of the Eastern Conference; Rev. Albert Harris of the Second Union meeting of the Central Conference, Rev. James A. Evans, of the First Union of the Western Conference, Rev. L. E. Ballard, of the Second Union of the Central Conference, and Rev. O. M. Hilburn of the Piedmont Association.

A motion was made and carried that Rev. O. M. Hilburn be added to the list of ministers of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention. The list of Sunday Schools was called and those responding were as follows: Sidney, Mt. Olive, Belhaven, Mt. Tabor, Sound Side, Malachi's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Union Chapel, Free Union, (Beaufort Co.) St. Paul, Gum Neck, Free Union Tyrrell Co.), Shiloh, Trinity, Fairmont Park, Va. The total contributions for the orphanage, \$315.28; for convention expenses, \$17.00; for missions, \$26.00; for Christian education, \$10.00.

Rev. J. Albert Harris made a talk concerning Cragmont Assembly, speaking of the dates for the different conferences that will be held there this year. We were favored with special music by the Free Union quartett, the number entitled, "Child Come Home." We were also favored with a solo by Rev. J. Albert Harris,

and Rev. L. E. Ballard offered a word of prayer.

Rev. James A. Evans from the orphanage brought the morning message. His scripture lesson was taken from John's Gospel, tenth chapter, tenth verse. An offering was taken for the orphanage to the amount of \$56.00, making a total for the orphanage \$371.28.

In the afternoon session the devotions were conducted by Rev. O. M. Hilburn who read the scripture lesson from I Corinthians 3:9. He brought us a very timely message. Rev. L. E. Ballard made a talk on the subject: "The Advantages of a Graded Sunday School and Worker's Council." We were again favored with some special music by the Free Union Quartett, the number being, "I Will Meet You in the Morning." A letter was read from Mr. J. R. Davidson, acknowledging his receipt of \$12.50 for the Bible College.

A motion was made and carried that we send our education money to our State Treasurer, Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Goldsboro, North Carolina. A motion was made and carried that Brother Daniel Furlough's expenses be paid to the meetings of the Church Finance Association, Incorporated. A motion was made and carried that our treasurer handle the mission money that is sent in for mission through the Sunday School convention.

A vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the hospitality shown this convention. A motion was made and carried that Free Union Church in Tyrrell County be given \$25.00 to be applied on their building fund. Another offering was taken for the orphanage, and a motion was made and carried that \$12.29 be taken from our convention expense money to make \$400.00 for the orphanage.

The meeting adjourned to meet on June 29, 1947, with Fairmont Park Church, in Norfolk, Virginia. Then the convention was dismissed in a word of prayer by Rev. L. E. Ballard.

Oscar Webster, President,
Alice Webster, Secretary

MISSION ITINERARY FOR MRS. LEE WHALEY AND MISS ZALENE LLOYD

The Foreign mission board of the National Association and the North Carolina mission board are working together in the interest of missions. The boards have employed Mrs. Whaley and Miss Lloyd to work during the summer in the interest of Home and Foreign missions in North Carolina.

You will notice the itinerary for each one of these girls to see if, and when, they will go to your church.

It is not possible for them to visit each church in the state during the summer. If they are not scheduled to visit your church this time maybe they will later. Please send your offering anyway to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, N. C.

Mrs. Lee Whaley has been in training at our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. She is preparing to do full time mission work after she has finished her training. Your church will be blessed by having her visit it.

Miss Zalene Lloyd has been in training in our Bible College and has made application to go help Miss Barnard with the mission work in India. Her application has been accepted by the Foreign Mission Board, and she will be leaving as soon as the mission Board is financially able to send her. Miss Lloyd will be a blessing to your church when she visits it.

The offering taken on the itinerary will be equally shared with Home and Foreign Missions. Give as the Lord directs. "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive." Acts 20:35.

It is hoped that the churches on the itinerary will do every thing possible to make the visit a success. Let us work together to make it so. Your kindness and cooperation will be greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless your work for Him.

Rashie Kennedy, Director,
713 Simmons Street,
Goldsboro, N. C.

MRS. LEE WHALEY MISSION ITINERARY

Eastern Conference

Monday, June 9, Gethsemane, Craven County.
 Tuesday, June 10, Friendship, Jones County.
 Wednesday, June 11, Pilgrim's Home, Jones County.
 Thursday, June 12, Smith's New Home, Lenoir County.
 Friday, June 13, Snead's Ferry, Onslow County.
 Saturday, June 14, Folkstone, Onslow County.
 Sunday, June 15, Lanier's Chapel (11 a.m.), Duplin County.
 Sunday, June 15, Beulaville (8 p.m.), Duplin County.
 Tuesday, June 17, Sarecta, Duplin County.
 Wednesday, June 18, Snow Hill, Duplin County.
 Thursday, June 19, Dailey's Chapel, Lenoir County.
 Friday, June 20, Grant's Chapel, Wayne County.
 Saturday, June 21, Indian Springs, Wayne County.
 Sunday, June 22, May's Chapel (8 p.m.), Wayne County.
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Cape Fear Association

Tuesday, June 24, St. Paul, Sampson County.
 Wednesday, June 25, Oak Grove, Sampson County.
 Thursday, June 26, Shady Grove, Sampson County.
 Friday, June 27, Robert's Grove, Sampson County.
 Saturday, June 28, Corinth, Sampson County.
 Sunday, June 29, Lee's Chapel (11 a. m.), Sampson County.
 Sunday, June 29, West Clinton (8 p. m.), Sampson County.

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MISS ZALENE LLOYD MISSION ITINERARY

Eastern Conference

Monday, June 9, Morehead City, Carteret County.
 Tuesday, June 10, Edward's Chapel, Carteret County.
 Wednesday, June 11, Free Union, Carteret County.
 Thursday, June 12, St. John's Chapel, Carteret County.
 Friday, June 13, Pilgrim's Rest, Carteret County.
 Saturday, June 14, Welcome Home, Carteret County.
 Sunday, June 15, Russell's Creek (11 a.m.), Carteret County.
 Sunday, June 15, Holly Springs (8 p. m.), Carteret County.
 Tuesday, June 17, Sound View, Carteret County.

Wednesday, June 18, New Bethlehem, Pamlico County.

Thursday, June 19, Mt. Zion, Pamlico County.

Friday, June 20, Trent, Pamlico County.

Saturday, June 21, Oriental, Pamlico County.

Sunday, June 22, Warden's Grove (11 a. m.), Pamlico County.

Sunday, June 22, Dublin Grove (8 p. m.), Beaufort County.

Tuesday, June 24, Core Point Chapel, Beaufort County.

Wednesday, June 25, Smyna, Beaufort County.

Thursday, June 26, Oak Grove, Craven County.

Friday, June 27, Palmetta Chapel, Craven County.

Saturday, June 28, Reunion Chapel, Craven County.

Sunday, June 29, Antioch (11 a. m.), Craven County.

Sunday, June 29, Wintergreen (8 p. m.), Craven County.

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SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists for April, 1947.

Receipts

Balance on hand April 1, 1947	--\$2,089.73
Regular receipts for April	----- 200.41
Total to account for	-----\$2,290.14

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated	
Ministers	-----\$207.50
Operating expense	----- 27.10
To National Board	----- 43.33
Total paid out	-----\$ 277.93

Balance on hand May 1, 1947 ----\$2,012.21

Receipts Itemized

Friendship (Johnston County)	-----\$ 1.00
Cape Fear Union Meeting	----- 44.00
Carteret County Union Meeting	----- 10.00
Goldsboro League and S. S.	----- 10.00
2nd Western Union Meeting	----- 2.00
Rocky Mount S. S.	----- 7.19
2nd Central Union Meeting	----- 9.40
4th Central Aux. Conv.	----- 5.00
State Aux. Conv.	----- 49.39
Albemarle Union Meeting	----- 3.04
Hopewell L. A. S.	----- 6.14
Reedy Branch S. S.	----- 5.00
1st Western Union Meeting	----- 25.00
St. Delight S. S.	----- 2.40
Bethany S. S.	----- 2.00
Core Creek S. S.	----- 8.85
Washington St.	----- 10.00

M. L. JOHNSON,
Chairman-Treasurer

SOME NOTED OPINIONS ON THE EFFECTS OF BEER DRINKING

"We can prove with mathematical certainty that as much flour as can lie on the point of a table knife is more nutritious than eight quarts of the best Baravian beer."—Baron Liebig, the great German chemist.

"The prevalent use of beer is deplorable. Beer drinking makes men stupid, lazy and incapable. It is the cause of all the radical pot politics that men talk over it."—Chancellor Bismarck.

"Beer is a far more dangerous enemy to Germany than all the armies of France."—Von Moltke.

"I have treated nearly 7,000 cases of inebriety and eight-tenths of that number originated from wine and malt liquor."—Albert Day, M. D., Washingtonian Home at Boston, before Prohibition came.

"Those who use beer as a beverage rapidly fall victims to epidemic diseases and recover with difficulty from bodily injury."—Richard Eddy, M. D.

"Most drunkards commence on beer and wine and finally drink the stronger beverages. A beer drunk is the worst kind of a drunk."—L. D. Mason, M. D.

"Every drop of beer that goes into a man's stomach diseases it, and creates an irresistible appetite for more."—P. V. Nasby, editorial in the Toledo Blade.

"Neither beer, wine, nor spirits has any claim to be considered a valuable or useful article of diet."—Norman Kerr, M. D.

Chide not the man who envies you.
Unknowingly he sings your praises.

Human endeavor is futile when it
passes the limit of human strength.

Man's records are often faulty.
God's records are always faultless.

Do you feel old at fifty? How did
you spend your youth?

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

A RELIGIOUS REVIVAL IN JUDAH

(Lesson for June 8)

Lesson: 2 Kings 22:1-20; 23:1-30.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy Law" (Ps. 119:34).

In one of the diamond mines of South Africa, the long working day had come to a close. Mine Captain Frederick Wells, returning from the pit with a group of his men, suddenly noticed a bright object shining in the setting sun. He rushed over in the wall of "blue," where it was partly embedded, quickly removed it with his pocket knife, and ran with it to the office.

That was in January 1905, and it marked the discovery of that goliath of all diamonds, the mighty "Cullinan." No stone has ever approached it for size. It weighed 3,106 carats, or one and one third pounds—about the size of a man's fist!

At the beginning of every work or school day, there is an object which would summon our attention. The brilliance of this gem shines forth from almost every home. It is the goliath of earthly books, the "Cullinan" of them all. Speaking of its worth, David said, "The Law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver." The Cullinan diamond satisfied a temporal desire. The Word of God satisfies an eternal ambition.

Let us extract our "Cullinan" from its dust-covered obscurity. Let us remove it to-day from the bookcase, and then, as we pray with the Psalmist, "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy Law"—watch the sunlight of God's Holy Spirit illumine each page.

Mine Captain Frederick Wells received a ten thousand dollar bonus. Those who read the Bible receive

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daily strength and inherit an everlasting reward.—Gospel Herald.

II. Home Work

1. Why was the Book of the Law of Moses lost in the day of King Amon? See II Chron. 33:22, 23.

2. How did they come to find the Book of the Law of Moses in the days of King Josiah? See II Chron. 34:8.

3. Why did King Josiah rend his clothing when the Law of Moses was read in his hearing? See II Chron. 34:21.

4. Are the judgments of God revokable? See Ps. 119:89.

5. How is it possible for a young man to cleanse his ways? See Ps. 119:9.

6. What is the benefit to have the knowledge of the Word of God? See Ps. 119:105.

7. What foolish act on the part of King Josiah led to his death? 2 Chron. 35:20-27.

III. Sentence Sermons

1. It is a good thing to repair the house of worship, but it is still better to give the rightful place to God's Word in it (II Kings 22:10).

2. It is a good thing to rescue the Word from under a heap of money, even if the money was intended for a good purpose (II Chron. 34:14).

3. It is a good thing to let men who have spiritual responsibilities deliver the Word to men of authority and influence (II Kings 22:10).

4. It is a good thing for a ruler to listen carefully when the Word is read to him (vs. 11).

5. It is a good thing when a king summons his people to give attention to the Word of God (23:1).

6. It is a good thing when all people, regardless of rank or station or anything else, give ear to the reading of the Word (vs. 2).

7. It is a good thing when people hear the Word to enter into a covenant with the Lord as a result (vs. 3).

8. It is a good thing for people who have heard the standards of God's Word to cleanse their lives of that with which they conflict (vs. 4).

9. It is a good thing for those who have entered into a covenant with the Lord to observe the memorial of

their salvation (vs. 21).

—Selected

IV. The Lesson Illustrated

Repentance Brings Pardon

A foreign Prince, traveling through France, visited the arsenal of Toulon, where the galleys are kept. The commandant, as a compliment to his rank, said he was welcome to set any of the prisoners free, whom he should choose to select. The Prince, willing to make the best use of this privilege, spoke to many of them in succession, enquiring why they were condemned to the galleys. Injustice, false accusation, oppression, were the only causes they gave. They had been ill treated and were all innocent.

At last he came to one who, asked the same question, answered: "My Lord, I have no reason to complain! I have been a very wicked, desperate wretch. I have often deserved to be broken alive on the wheel. I account it a great mercy I am here."

The Prince fixed his eyes upon him, gave him a gentle blow upon the head, and said, "You wicked wretch! It is a pity you should be among so many honest men; by your own confession you are bad enough to corrupt them all; but you shall not stay with them another day." Then, turning to the officer, he said, "This is the man, Sir, I wish to release."

Let us take this story to our hearts. All the prisoners were offenders, all equally guilty, but only one owned and confessed it, and he was set free. So our gracious God deals with us sinners. If we confess that we are sinners then we can claim the sinner's Saviour, as our Saviour and his blood is sufficient for all wicked wretches.

Repentance brought good results to Judah and King Josiah, and it will do the same for the United States in 1947, if tried.

NOTICE!

I am available for pastoral services on fourth Sundays for the coming year. Also I will have a few open dates for meetings this fall.

Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

THE LITTLE CHURCH AT FOLKSTONE

I wish I were in Folkstone,
Fair Folkstone, by the sea,
And church bells softly tolling
A sad, sweet song for me.

I hear them in the twilight,
In music soft and low;
And then, again at midnight,
They gently come and go.

They press my soul for answer,
And faithful vigil keep,
Close by my lonely pillow,
When I lay wrapped in sleep.

O little church at Folkstone,
I hear your church bells say:
"Come all to church, my chosen;
Poor sinner, come and pray.

"For here the soul in travail
May seek and find relief;
And here, from eyes eternal,
Flow tears for all men's grief.

"I, too, was known to sorrow,
And seldom understood,
Till on the cross at Calvary,
I shed My life's red blood,

"That all who walk in darkness
May seek and find the light,
And with the Holy Spirit,
Their lonely soul unite."

My heart hath caught the music
That floats upon the air,
In purity and beauty,
And all the soul of prayer.

In humbleness of spirit,
Behooving man of clay,
Here, in my lowly attic,
I bow my head and pray;

"Dear Christ of loving kindness,
Lend Thou Thy grace this day
To one who walks in blindness,
But seeks to find the way.

"Dear Christ, by sins forgiven,
Grant me the Spirit's birth,
That is by far the noblest
Of any known on earth.

"Lift up my head from sorrow,
My soul from dark disgrace;

And, in Your bright tomorrow,
Lord, greet me face to face.

"My life is Yours henceforward
To shape as You may choose."
(With God and Christ for guidance,
Dear Soul, what can we lose?)

O little church at Folkstone,
I render thanks to thee,
And praise, for thus revealing
My Savior, Christ, to me.

Arthur B. Chandler,
F. W. B. Bible College

HOW TO START A NEW RELIGION

At the close of the French Revolution more than one attempt was made to introduce a religion of rationalism to take the place of Christianity. The religion which called itself Christian had its beginning in a credulous age, and satisfied only the credulous, argued a French philosopher who sought to bring into vogue a sort of informed Christianity, a kind of benevolent rationalism which he had invented to meet the needs of a skeptical age.

At that time France had a statesman by the name of Talleyrand who had lost his faith and was an apostate prelate; but this same Talleyrand was a man of intelligence who knew the difference between success and failure. One day the French philosopher came to Talleyrand to discuss his new religion, and to inquire as to the reasons for its failure. "My religion is going slow. What am I to do?" Talleyrand replied. "It is a difficult thing to start a new religion—so difficult that I hardly know what to advise. Still there is one thing that will insure success—get yourself crucified and rise again on the third day."

Talleyrand was right. The Christian faith rests on the triumph of Jesus over death.—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt.

As a violin needs a player
As a temple needs a plan,
As a painter needs a canvass,
Is the need of God to man."

SECOND UNION REPORT

The second union of the Western North Carolina Conference met with Barnes' Hill Church in Nash County on March 28, 1947. Rev. Paul Jenkins conducted the morning devotions, then the moderator appointed the various committees. The list of ministers was called and the following were present: J. B. Ferrell, J. Frank Parrish, Tilden Renfrow, J. C. Varnell, L. H. Boykin. Brother Paul Jenkins was a visitor from Elwood Lane Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Following a short recess, we had at the eleven o'clock hour the morning message which was delivered by Rev. Tilden Renfrow. At the noon hour a nice dinner was served on the church grounds.

The devotions for the afternoon session were conducted by Rev. J. C. Varnell. Then the list of churches was called, and we had one hundred percent representation with delegates and contributions. Following came the reports of the various committees, and their reports were accepted. The financial report was received from the churches, which was to the amount of 50.00. A special offering was taken for the orphanage, which amounted to \$24.22.

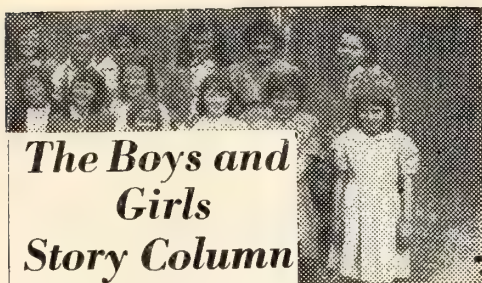
Disbursements

Paid to deceased ministers

wives -----	\$ 4.00
Paid for foreign missions ----	\$ 5.00
To Superannuation -----	\$ 2.00
To Christian education -----	\$ 2.00
To the orphanage -----	\$31.00
For incidental expenses -----	\$ 6.00
Balance on hand, April 1, 1947	\$11.10

The petitions for the next union meeting were received from White Oak Hill and Free Union churches, and by majority vote the next union will convene with White Oak Hill in Nash County in June. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Barnes' Hill Church for the kindness shown this union. Then the meeting was adjourned with praise and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Moderator,
Rev. J. Frank Parrish,
Secretary-Treasurer



The Boys and Girls Story Column

THE EXPERIMENT THAT CORINNE MADE

Corinne's brow was gathered into a decided pucker. She was all curled up in the big morris chair, and her eyes had a far-away look. "It's too deep for me," she sighed, as she straightened up suddenly, "I can't understand it. I have thought about it and thought about it."

"I guess it is too much for a little girl of your age, Corinne," replied Mother, "so now that you cannot think it out, I will explain it to you. It means that if you live a good life and give food and clothing to the poor and really love to do it, you will have good health—'Thine health shall spring forth speedily,' it says, you remember."

Corinne sat silent for a long time. Even when Edward came bounding in with a new red ball she did not move from her seat. "They say I'm selfish," she mused, "and Aunt Eliza says that's why my stomach hurts me so much—'cause I'm such a pig, and want to eat all the time. I just know Father and Mother believe exactly what the Bible says, and I can't help believing it, too. Well," she continued, whispering softly to herself, "I know it must be so, and I'm going to try it, anyway."

"Corinne," called her mother after dinner was over, "here's Aunt Cassie, she wants to know if you will go with her to Peaceful Valley to-day. She is going to see Bessie. You know you couldn't go last week because you had that attack of stomach ache. It will do you good to see how other little girls live who don't have much to eat or nice clothes or a comfortable house to live in."

Corinne jumped. "Surely, Mother, I want to go. It will be an experi-

ment," she added as she ran up the stairs to get ready.

Corinne's father was a merchant. His family had a nice house with pretty furnishings, and they were well clothed and fed. Corinne looked about her room with its daintily-painted furniture of cream color and its hangings of blue. "It's a pretty room," she murmured, as the afternoon sun smiled through the dotted curtains. "Maybe I am selfish, for I never did care whether poor children ever had anything or not. Oh, dear," placing her hand firmly over her stomach, "oh, d-e-a-r! there it begins again. I'm going to have that terrible pain." Corinne's pale face grew tense as she doubled up a moment in misery.

"Are you ready, Corinne?" came in anxious tones from the foot of the stairs.

"Yes, Mother, just a minute. Now I can't let Mother know, or she'll make me stay home with my hot water bottle again," she thought quickly. "No, I'll brace up, for I really do want to go to see that little crippled girl Aunt Cassie had told me so much about."

Corinne bounded downstairs as briskly as though she had never had an ache or a pain. Waving her thin little hand to her mother, she slipped into the big car beside Aunt Cassie, and was off.

"What horrid-looking houses!" she exclaimed, as they drew up before a row of dilapidated cottages.

"Yes, here we are," said Aunt Cassie, as she got out and pulled a big basket from the rear seat of the car. "This is Bessie's house." They visited the little shut-in, and left a basket of goodies. At another place they visited a poor old blind man, and read to him about the time when the blind shall see. Aunt Cassie sang softly to a girl who was dying, and they distributed candy among a bunch of ragged little children.

Corinne was wide-eyed with wonder. She never had seen such expression of pleasure and gratitude before. Gently over her selfish heart there dawned the happiness that comes from giving instead of receiving.

Week after week Corinne went with Aunt Cassie. All her spare

time at home was now devoted to cutting out bright-colored pictures from magazines and pasting them in scrap-books, in sewing doll clothes for the rag dolls her aunt made, and in coloring dull pictures in story books for the little children in Peaceful Valley.

"Wh-e-w!" whistled Uncle Phil as he came into the sitting room two months later on his return from the east. "Wh-e-w!—surely this isn't my skinny little Corinne!" as he held her at arm's length and eyed her closely. "What has come over you, child?"

"I don't know, Uncle Phil," replied Corinne laughingly, "I used to have such terrible stomach trouble, I'm not such a pig any more."

That evening when father read from the Bible she suddenly exclaimed, "Oh!"

"What is it, my dear?" inquired her mother.

"Why, that's the reason I have such rosy cheeks. 'Thine health shall spring forth speedily'."—C. B. H. News.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

My itinerary of lectures for North Carolina for this summer is now already filled, and I cannot take on any more churches for lectures to their congregations this summer.

I shall be open, however, for answering questions through the mail, or correspondence for those who might be interested in knowing what or how to deal with Catholics. I would appreciate any questions concerning them being sent direct to me, and I will answer the questions for those who are concerned.

This is May 13, and I am leaving for North Carolina next week, the Lord willing, and shall be glad to see anyone who desires to converse with me personally about what or how to deal with Catholics.

Yours in Christ,
Judy Caro

Going into debt is like running into the ocean; the deeper you go in the harder it is to get out.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has taken from our midst, to live with Him, one of our most faithful and beloved members, Mrs. Charlie B. Leigh, we the Ladies Aid society of Cofer's Chapel of Nashville, Tennessee, do submit the following resolutions:

First, That her faithful years of service to her church and Society will ever be an inspiration to those who remain to carry on the Lord's work;

Second, That her hospitality in her home and her love and devotion for her friends will long be cherished by all who knew her;

Third, That our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family. May the comforting hand of our dear heavenly Father sustain them in their sorrow; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy be recorded in the minutes of the Ladies Aid Society, and one be sent to the sorrowing family.

By the Committee:

Miss Grace Woodside,
Mrs. W. D. Bradford,
Mrs. O. W. Davis

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On February 9, 1947, God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst one of our beloved members, Mrs. Dessie Stevenson. She had been a devoted member of St. Mary's Grove Church for many years, and was loved by all of the church members. We the church members, therefore, do hereby resolve:

First, That we bow in humble submission to the most holy will of our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well;

Second, That our sympathy and prayers go out to the bereaved family, and may they take their burdens to the Lord in whom she had supreme faith, and may they find comfort in Him, and;

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist paper for publication, a copy to the members of the family, and a copy be recorded and reserved in the minutes of our church ledger.

J. A. Barbour,
Mrs. Eula Coats,
Rebecca Ann Hobbs,
Committee

The Christian is better than a bettor.

RELIGION COMBATS WORLD DESPAIR

In an address given at the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press in New York City, Dr. Paul Hutchinson, managing editor of the *Christian Century*, reported on his recent 10 months' tour of Europe and Asia and stated that the religious forces of the United States, Europe and Asia must overcome an overwhelming sense of despair and doom gripping the peoples of the world at the present hour. He told the religious editors that it was not enough for the church press to say that religion is the answer to world problems. They must prove, he contended, that religion is really relevant to reconstruction. The task facing the religious press, he said, was never more difficult than today because editors must walk a thin line between boundless despair and baseless optimism. Religion, insisted Dr. Hutchinson, has an intimate relation to the problems now facing civilization. But the churches must become specific when they supply the answers. "When one returns from Europe and Asia where the devastation, both physical and moral, far exceeds anything imaginable," he remarked, "one becomes sick at the stomach to see American complacency and to listen as people talk of returning to 'normalcy' just as if they did not realize

how close to complete annihilation is modern civilization!" — World Alliance News.

BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW

In the book of Exodus the Scriptures tell how the enslaved Hebrews were forced to build cities for the Egyptians. The names of two cities thus built are mentioned, Pithom and Raamses. In 1883 Pithom was uncovered, and later another archaeologist uncovered Raamses. Still more remarkable is the fact that in these uncovered cities of the long ago it was found that the bricks in the lower levels have straw, while those farther up have stubble, and the highest levels have no straw at all. The Bible student will find the answer to this seeming mystery in Ex. 5, where the Egyptian taskmasters in more severely oppressing the Hebrews, took away the straw that had formerly been furnished for brickmaking and yet required the slaves to produce the same amount of work. To fulfill this demand the Hebrews scattered through all the land, endeavoring to gather stubble for straw. All this minuteness of detail is confirmed by the bricks of cities uncovered by archaeologists some three thousand years later!—Malcolm P. Hinckley in *The Gospel Advocate*.

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Pass it on;
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.

Did you hear a loving word?
Pass it on;
Like the singing of a bird?
Pass it on;
Let its music live and grow,
Let it cheer another's woe,
You have reap'd what others sow—
Pass it on.

Be not selfish in thy greed,
Pass it on;
Look upon thy brother's need,
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Live for self, you live in vain,
Live for Christ, you live again,
Live for Him, with Him you reign—
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Editorial

BOOK LIST—

We are running a "Book List" in the Baptist paper now for the benefit of those who might be interested in selecting some new books for the Vacation Bible Schools, and the Sunday School and League institute work in the Summer Assemblies. These books are good for both the adults and the youth of the church, and they furnish fine reading for those who will purchase copies of them for study or for restful reading.

A goodly number of these books are suitable for the Church and Sunday School libraries, and should be selected for such purposes by a great many of the church libraries so that the church people as a whole might have opportunity to read these books during the coming months.

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RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS—

Some of our subscribers to the Baptist paper have allowed their subscriptions to fall into the arrears, and consequently quite a number of names have been dropped from our mailing list. This is too bad, to say the least. The Baptist paper should be going into the homes during the summer months, just as well as at any other time during the year. But it seems to be the habit of some to allow their subscriptions to lapse in the summer.

We have been printing each week around four thousand copies, but now they have dropped to around thirty-seven hundred per week. We wish to suggest that those who have allowed their subscriptions to lapse to renew at once and be able to keep up with what is going on in the denomination. Every Free Will Baptist home should have the paper going into it each week the year round. It is well worth the dollar and half per year to any home, and all renewals should be made very soon, for the price is liable to go to two dollars per year, if prices continue to rise. Paper is considerably higher than it was months ago, and labor is now higher than it has been any of the time during this war period.

Please think this matter over right away, and renew your subscriptions for one, two or five years, and be sure that you can have the paper for the one dollar and a half as it is now priced. You may have to pay more for it within the next few months if you wait to renew your subscriptions. Also, please encourage your neighbors to subscribe for the Baptist right away and save the difference, should the price go up during the month of June.

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CHURCH STATISTICS—

Church statistics are important and should be carefully made and accurately kept for future use. A great many of the records of the local churches are very poorly kept, and give very poor or inadequate information to those who might want to use them for good purposes.

The statistical records of a great many of the church

organizations, as unions, conferences and associations, and the like, are inadequate, to say the least, and should be changed so as to bring the statistical records more up-to-date for the compilation of a denominational Year Book of vital data. Much thought and careful planning should be given to this subject by committees qualified for this work.

It is embarrassing to church officials when other leaders of other denominations and business establishments ask for copies of our statistical records, or for the Year Book of the Free Will Baptist denomination in America, when we have to tell them that we do not have a Year Book, nor do we have complete and up-to-date statistical records adequate for desirable information. Certainly, something should be done toward getting together better statistical records of our church, and then have them printed in good form for future information.

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A GRAIN OF TOLERANCE—

Tolerance has to do with a person's views, opinions, actions, etc., concerning worthwhile matters. The trouble with a great many people is, they do not want to be tolerant of others' views when they differ from their own. This is particularly true when the subject is a new one, or when the matter under consideration is somewhat different from set customs and practices.

If it is something to be worked out for the good of the whole, then due consideration, and a bit of tolerance should be used for the greatest good of all concerned. Otherwise, grave difficulties are subject to arise, and thereby weaken the cause under consideration. When patience is shown in matters of great concern to any people, the results are usually gratifying; so, when tolerance is practiced for the good of the whole, then the outcome of the matter under consideration will be most gratifying to the majority. Let tolerance speak for itself and see the good results coming from its voice.

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QUALIFIED LEADERS—

The business world ever looks for qualified leadership. This is true with respect to technicians, salesmen, managers, bookkeepers, and the like. In the professional world, people want the best doctors, nurses, druggists, school teachers, dentists, etc. All must be well trained for their calling in life.

But, what about the church? Well, some churches have poorly trained leaders. But Why? The reason is qualified leaders are hard to find. There are too few people who are preparing themselves for real Christian service. Many churches, therefore, have to take what they can get, and do the best they can until better opportunities come their way. It is marvelous how some of them have made as much progress as they have with the handicaps which they have had.

What Free Will Baptists Believe and Why

Historical

The Free Will Baptists are not a "split off" from some other Baptist church as many believe.

This question is often asked the writer: "When did your church split off the Missionary Baptist church?" or "When did you all slab off the Hardshells?"

To this frequently asked question, I reply: "The Free Will Baptists are not a 'slab off.'"

Most any well-informed person, on church history, knows that we were first called "Free Wills" in 1780, in the town of New Durham, N. H. Benjamin Randall was the first preacher to bear that name, because Benjamin Randall preached "freedom of the will," or "the free agency of man." The Calvinistic Baptists dubbed Benjamin Randall "a Free Willer," and the name has clung to the Free Will Baptist ever since.

The Calvinistic Baptists were quarreling among themselves over mission work, Sunday Schools and Masonry. This quarrel culminated in the year 1832, when the Calvinistic Baptist church split—slabbed off—from each other. Those Calvinists in the church who did not believe in Missions, and were opposed to Masonry, were in the majority and they turned the minority out of the Calvinistic church. Some few years after this event, which occurred in 1832, these excluded members took the name of Missionary Baptists, and the other side took the name of Primitive Baptists.

Now reader, you can readily see that the Free Will Baptist church is not a "split off" from the Missionary church, neither is it a "slab off" from the Hardshell Baptist church.

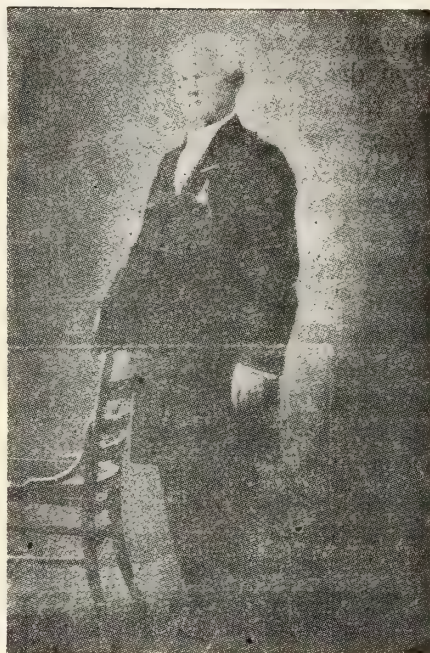
The Free Wills were named in 1780. The Calvinistic Baptist church split in 1832, so you can easily see, we, as a church, could not have been a part of something that did not exist until fifty-two years afterwards. In other words, the Free Will Baptists were fifty-two years old when the Calvinistic Baptist church finish-

Dr. E. L. StClaire

(Note: This sermon of Dr. E. L. St. Claire, deceased, is being reprinted in this issue of the Baptist paper from an old booklet sent to the editor by an old friend of the noted evangelist. It is hoped that the Baptist readers will appreciate reading this good sermon.—Editor.)

ed their fight over missions and Masonry.

There were no Calvinistic Baptists before the days of John Calvin, who introduced the "Fatalism of the East" into the religion of Jesus Christ. There has always, since the days of Christ, been a Baptist church which did, and has not taught the



Dr. E. L. StClaire

Christalized Fatalism of John Calvin, and that Baptist church was called "Free Will in the year 1780." In that year, Washington and the Revolutionary patriots were fighting for political freedom, and Benjamin Randall was fighting for spiritual freedom from the meshes of India, Oriental, Eastern Fatalism.

Doctrinal Fatalism

... "Adam, by transgression, fell." God did not make him fall, God did not cause Adam to fall. If so, God is responsible for the act, and not

Adam. The cause is, and must be responsible for the effect. Adam fell, the cause of that fall is responsible for the act, or fall.

Then it follows, that if God created Adam and caused Adam to fall, God, not Adam, is responsible for the act, and its consequences. This may seem sacrilege, but it is not. I am only using the common sense God gave me.

In order that the Creator might hold Adam, the man created, for his own actions, first, man must be a responsible being and endowed with the "freedom of the will;" the power to choose between two or more things. Second, two or more things must be placed before man in order that he, man, can exercise his "freedom of the will." Third, the opportunity must be given.

This opportunity was given to man, the creature, by God, the Creator. When He, God, gave to man, the creature, a law, with a penalty attached, and commanded man to obey it—it necessarily follows that man, the creature, must have the power to choose—exercise his right of choice between obedience and disobedience in order to be free. Otherwise he, man, is not free, not responsible, and therefore suffering unjustly for doing what he could not help doing. Now God is just, the law is just, and man's punishment just, because man was unjust. The law was for man's good, not God's good; hence the law was holy, ordained to keep man holy, as God, the loving Creator had created man.

The Free Will Baptists have always believed that man is responsible to God, his Creator for his acts, hence man is a "free will," having the power to choose between good and evil. Jesus taught this doctrine when he exclaimed, "Whosoever will, may come." Again our Lord taught the doctrine of "free will when He commanded His apostles to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Because all were sinners, all have sinned. All needed redemption—salvation—not because

all were born in sin, but because all, like Adam, had sinned. Calling on all to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, believe on the only begotten Son of God, as the only means of salvation, calling all the world to repentance, not a part of it, calling on all men to repent of their sins—not some of them. Why? Because all have sinned, do sin, are sinning. Not calling on some, but all. Why call if all cannot hear? Why die for all if all cannot be saved? Is not His blood sufficient? Is not the sacrifice of Christ ample?

Anything short of a full, free salvation from sin is anti-Christian, savors not a loving, dying Christ, but smells of the slums of religion. Calling "all men to repent—everywhere." Anything short of this is beneath a loving God, and only finds place in the shallow mind of men. Believe and repent! Who? All men everywhere! Why? Because all men everywhere reveal to us the loving nature—the unselfish nature of the Christ and God the Father. Faith in Christ, and repentance toward the Father, God. All come—great and small, rich and poor, all come—every man—everywhere. Come, the sacrifice is offered, the sword is removed before the gates of the spiritual Eden—the church. Come in every kindred, every tribe, every nation, come in! And yet there is room—room for all. Christ died for all. Jesus Christ tasted death for every man. Come on only devils—demons, would keep you back—keep you away.

Thus the Free Will Baptists have ever taught and ever believed salvation was free and all men could be saved, if they would be. The Free Will Baptists also believe and teach that Baptism follows on experience and grace, and that true, penitent believers are the only fit subjects for baptism. "Repent and be baptized" said Peter to the anxious, believing sinners on Pentecost, and as Baptists, we have ever taught.

Baptism, symbolizing the death and burial and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Only those who can repent and believe the Gospel are to be baptized—"Buried with Christ in Baptism."

It was the Catholic church that changed the rite of baptism to effusion or sprinkling, and the change was not sanctioned until 1351. The Free Will Baptists have not adopted the change—and will not.

The Lord's Supper, as the Free Will Baptists believe it, and teach it, was established by our Lord as a memorial supper of His death and sufferings on the cross—to be perpetuated until He comes again. It is the Lord's supper, therefore, not a Baptist supper—intended for the Lord's people only; and as it is impossible for the church to judge who are saved, the church has not any right to say who shall take it. Indeed, the Lord commands the church not to Judge—hence the Free Will Baptists exclude none from the Lord's supper who claim to be the Lord's people.

This is not a new doctrine—since our Lord taught us not to judge. John Bunyan wrote a book entitled "Baptism no Bar to the Communion" three centuries ago. There was no close or restricted communion until the year 339 A. D., when the Roman Catholic church adopted the Apostles' Creed and excommunicated all who did not subscribe to its teachings. The Baptists refused to do so and were excommunicated. In retaliation, some Baptists excluded all others—but it was not so taught by Christ and His apostles. Let a man examine himself and so let him eat, taught St. Paul. So the Free Will Baptists have not taught or practiced a restricted or close communion—since there is no divine authority for it, and as it is a Catholic doctrine we let Catholics have it. Like the baptism of babies, it belongs to Catholics. Why not let Catholics have their own? We do not go to Catholics for any of our doctrine, but to Christ and His apostles.

There is no Scriptural authority outside of the Catholic church for close communion. To us, the Free Will Baptist, the Catholic church is no authority at all. For over three hundred years there was no close or restricted communion. A Christian was a Christian, and entitled to all the privileges of a Christian. It was not until the days of the Roman Catholic Apostacy 339 A. D., that restricted

communion was introduced by that church. Not being Catholics, the Free Will Baptists have not adopted it. All Christians are welcome to the Lord's supper, when the Free Will Baptists observe it.

The Free Will Baptists also believe and practice washing the saints' feet, in connection with and immediately after the Lord's supper. They have always done it, and doubtless always will, since the Free Will Baptists are on the increase instead of being on the decrease. The Free Will Baptists, being a simple folk—have always accepted the New Testament as the only source of doctrine, adding nothing to it, and taking nothing from it. Being a simple people, and finding in the New Testament that the Christ washed His disciples' feet, after He instituted the Lord's supper, have continued the holy example.

They have been told by wise men, and men who were not wise, that it was not necessary to wash feet, yet being a simple people, they thought that Christ was right, and those wise and unwise men were wrong. The Free Will Baptists were told by their would-be instructors that feet-washing was not continued after the Pentecost. Being a simple folk, they searched the early history of the church, and found that the Christian fathers did not only practice feet-washing, but also wrote about it, so they had no faith in those would-be instructors, but let them and their teachings go, and held the closer to Christ and His plain, simple teachings.

Again, the Free Will Baptists found by searching diligently, that all the standard encyclopedias said that washing the saints' feet was a religious rite, practiced by the early Christians. So they naturally felt that those who opposed the holy example of humility were wrong and not so well-informed as they pretended. The Free Will Baptists found by historical research that in the days of John Bunyan, feet-washing was mentioned by that writer, as a practice among the English Baptists, and they found that in our own beloved country that the Calvinistic Baptists practiced feet-washing before that body split or slabbed off of one an-

other. Before the anti-Missionary, anti-Masonry faction turned out—excluded and non-fellowshipped the Missionary faction in 1832, this discovery only strengthened the Free Will Baptists in their faith—so they continued to wash feet.

Then the Free Will Baptists were told that St. John was the only apostle that mentioned feet-washing in connection with the supper, and this was sufficient evidence that it was not to be continued. This was a hard hit. It hurt. Some nearly fainted by the way-side, but the more thoughtful investigated and found that St. John wrote the last of the Gospels. His Gospel in the year 66 A. D., after all the other apostles were dead—and St. John seeing what Saints Matthew, Mark and Luke had omitted—left out of their Gospels—inserted in his own Gospel—thus making it sure. St. John's Gospel has many things taught in it that cannot be found elsewhere in Gospels. But no sane Bible student would reject them because they are not taught elsewhere. If washing the saints' feet is to be rejected because St. John is the only apostle that mentions it, then the same rule will apply to all things mentioned in St. John's Gospel not found in the others. For example, we are not to wash feet in connection with the Lord's supper because St. John is the only one of the apostles that mentions it. Nonsense! It needs no comment! So the Free Will Baptist did not give it; none of the apostles condemned or opposed it; the Christ established it. There is no act of the Christ so minutely described in the Bible as this simple act. Nothing is omitted—every detail given—not even our Lord's baptism is so minutely described as the simple act of washing the disciples' feet. Why so particular? There is a reason for it. It was a simple, oriental custom, and is today a household duty—made sacred and holy by the Master—placed in the church for a purpose—a duty—an example. Briefly let us examine it—let us see how minutely it is described. 1st, Finished supper. 2nd, Riseth up. 3rd, Takes a towel. 4th, Girds himself with it. 5th, Takes a basin. 6th, Poureth

water. 7th, Begins to wash the disciples' feet. Why this minute description? Why this itemized statement of our Lord's actions if no importance is to be attached to the act? Remember too, this is inspiration: Why did not the apostles merely write "Supper over he washed their feet?" But this single action of Christ is singled out of all his actions and minutely described—because God in the form of man is teaching humility to his church. I have done it; so do you—it was not new, it was an old custom—with a new meaning—a spiritual meaning—an everyday household act—made a church act—given a spiritual meaning.

The unleavened bread used in the supper was not new. The Jews had eaten it for fifteen hundred years—once a year. It was not new; it was an old creation! Jesus took this old custom, placed it in His new church; gave this old custom of unleavened bread a new meaning; a spiritual meaning. "Eat it in remembrance of me; till I come again." The Jesus ate the unleavened bread in His own house—once a year. Christ took it and made it a custom in His house, the newly constituted church, and gave it another meaning—a spiritual meaning. Likewise, washing feet was an old custom among the Jews. Jesus takes this old custom; places it in His house—the church, and gives it a new spiritual meaning. "Ye ought to do it," he says, and they did do it, and as the apostles went from place to place establishing churches, they taught us also to wash the saints' feet, because the early Christians practiced it in connection with and immediately after the Lord's supper. St. Jerome and St. Augustine both mention it. Christ established but little new things—but took the old customs and gave them new, spiritual meanings. His most instructive lessons were taught by old, familiar things. So long as man is vain, proud, boastful, he needs and will need a lesson of humility and brotherly love. Christ could not humble himself in a better way, if He could have He would have chosen the better way. Again, the Christ could not have chosen a better way to

teach his disciples a lesson of humility and a life of service.

"The Son of Man is not come to be served, but to serve." There was no better way to teach this precept than by serving them, and He served. "Ye are servants, not masters: I have given you an example." I have taught you how to serve. The Christ, Master, Lord served. "Do ye also." The Free Will Baptists, a little people, a simple folk, knew no better than to follow the Master, accepting Him, the Blessed Christ their Saviour, Priest, King and Lawgiver.

They can not do otherwise than follow His teachings, and be true servants. The world must excuse them for their blind stubbornness in persisting in following and practicing this holy example of Christ. Having accepted Christ, the Free Will Baptists know no other authority for doctrine. Being a simple folk, others must excuse them for not accepting their free instructions—showing them that it is not necessary to do what Jeuss says, "ye ought to do." The only true real reason the Free Will Baptists can give for washing feet is Jesus Christ said, "ye ought to do it." The only real, true authority the Free Will Baptists can give for washing feet is Jesus Christ.

The Free Will Baptists believe in the resurrection, judgment, eternal life for the saved in Christ, eternal punishment for the unsaved out of Christ, home missions, Sunday Schools, and all good works which the God hath fore-ordained we should walk in, speak where the Bible speaks, silent when it is silent, accepting the New Testament as an infallible guide for faith and doctrine. The Free Will Baptists recognize no earthly head of the church—"Christ is the head of the church"—no earthly power has the right to dictate to the church. "My kingdom is not of this world"—church and state cannot mix.

The Free Will Baptists recognize God's word as supreme authority on all divine things.

Now reader, I have briefly stated what "Free Will Baptists Believe and Why." I have not worried you with book, chapter and verse, but can do so. It is yours now—all I ask is a

fair, honest investigation, and you shall try us. We plead guilty to the charge of believing and preaching these things. You shall try us.

And, dear reader, all we ask is to be tried by the New Testament in all fairness. The Free Will Baptists are willing to be judged and condemned by the teachings of the Christ. So mote it be. This is a simple little affair. No claims are made for it except that it is a statement of facts believed and taught by Free Will Baptists.

"Not unto us, not unto us, Oh Lord, be the Glory, Honor and Power, but unto Thee. Amen."

LETTER FROM THE WOOLSEYS

May 19, '47
"Shamrock" Kotagiri
Nilgiri, S. India

Dear Friends:

Here we are less than twenty degrees north of the Equator and the "Hot Season" is supposed to be in full swing. However, here in the Nilgiri Hills we have an elevation of between some six and seven thousand feet. The climate is ideal—the days pleasant but not too hot, the nights cool but not cold. But what we experienced between here and Bombay is an entire different story. Our ship was in Bombay Harbor four and a half days before a dock was available. Our Southern States—even in the midst of summer—is a refrigeration plant in comparison. If it was hot in Bombay the "Fiery Furnace" had been heated seven times above its wonted heat in Madras. Although we climbed to this height directly from the low plains, we are not in the mountains—the Himalayans—are in the North, rising to between twenty and thirty thousand feet.

India has justly been designated "The Land of Contrasts." Heathenism, paganism, Hinduism, Mohammedanism, Christianity, Agnosticism and Atheism—all seem to flourish side by side. It is for the Christian Missionaries, English and Indian, to so live not only the doctrines and teachings of Christianity but Jesus Christ as well that all may see that this is the way, the truth and the

life. The contrasts are just as vivid in the economic, in the social and even in the political fields. The richest men on earth live in India. No one can see how the coolies work for a few cents a day without agreeing that the poorest are here also. There is a great scarcity of food in India, causing unheard of prices and making the lot of the poor desperate indeed. However, there is plenty of food here in Kotagiri (at a price).

The political question is, at the moment, the all important concern of the entire country. Closely allied with it is the economic problem and the social delirium. This great impediment of the progress of the country can hardly be exaggerated. For this problem, I can see no solution except the equality found in the teachings of the Master. Mere outward conformity will not meet the need.

One of the most interesting things is the variety of the dress of both men and women. It is not at least unusual to see twenty different costumes in the half mile from our house to the business district. The method of greeting is as confusing as the matter of dress. The costumes of the native women can be most beautiful. At the present they are also most expensive. Ten yards is a small amount of cloth for a sari. Cloth is rationed and is most dear.

Kotagiri is the center of Missionary Activities during the summer. We have just attended a three days' session of a Union Conference of the various Christian Missions of this section.

In closing, a word about the temples and shrines of India. Although we have not yet had the opportunity to visit any of the outstanding temples one can see small temples and shrines in every direction. Some of these are very crude and empty—others are costly and full of objects and the many attendants.

Both Mrs. Woolsey and I have and are enjoying the best of health. It was indeed good to see again Miss Barnard, the Head of our Work here. We have enjoyed many happy times together in the past and are happy in the present fellowship.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey

ATTENTION LEAGUERS OF GEORGIA

By Rev. P. E. Knighton
Blakely, Georgia

The time is fast approaching for the Georgia State League Encampment which is to be held with Greenwood Church at Camilla, Georgia. It is a program which is sponsored by our State Association for the better equipment of our youth for Christ's service.

Classes will be taught in the following subjects by competent teachers: Bible Doctrine, Evangelism, League and Sunday School administration, and music, or singing.

Be sure to send some of the youth of your church to this encampment this summer. It begins on the Third Sunday in June, and runs for two weeks, closing on Friday, June the twenty-seventh, with the Georgia League convention held on that day. There will be classes held each day, with Gospel Services being conducted each night.

Will you please contact Rev. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga., and let him know how many will attend from your church, as soon as possible. For further information please write Brother Wallace Griffin, Camp Manager, or Rev. P. E. Knighton, Public Director, Blakely, Ga., Box 263.

Remember the date: June 15 through June 27. In order to be able to take care of the expenses of the encampment, there will be a small charge of one dollar per day, if you do not bring any groceries. If you do bring some groceries, the price will be fifty cents per day.

Bring your bed linens and other personal effects which you think you will need at the camp.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking each and everyone for the kind deeds rendered us at the death of our son and brother.

The floral offerings and cards of sympathy were deeply appreciated and always will be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Hardee,
McDonald & Floyd Hardee

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Vacation Bible Schools

June is the month in which more Vacation Bible Schools are held, in this state perhaps, than any other month in the year. Every church should have a Vacation Bible School this year, if possible. Right after the State schools close is a good time to conduct the school, before the children get off on vacations, visiting friends and places. Too, there are many children who are members of rural churches and the most of these work on the farm, so with these the month of June is about the best time of the year.

Wife and I are busy with our three churches for three weeks in June. As pastor I know that there is nothing that costs so little, and amounts to so much as the Vacation Bible School. Pastors, see that your churches have a Vacation Bible School, if possible.

Teachers Take Warning

A great number of teachers in church and Bible schools—called by many Sunday Schools—are negligent of the responsibility assumed when the class work is accepted. The pastor of the church has no greater responsibility than the teacher of a class, however, a great many teachers think that the winning of boys and girls, and men and women to Christ is the work of the pastor or evangelist. With this idea the teacher seeks to entertain at socials and many of them only think of entertaining the class for a few minutes by telling stories and reading the lesson in the quarterly.

Qualifications of a Teacher

To teach in the public or State schools, a person is required to meet certain standards. The qualifications govern the amount of the pay check. If wholly unqualified there is no place in the school to teach.

A Doctor of Medicine must pass the required medical knowledge by graduating from some medical college and then pass the examination as given by the State Board of Examiners. This is all well. No "quack doc-

tor" should be allowed to gamble with the physical life of man.

But when it comes to the teaching of men and women and boys and girls the need of Spiritual things and showing them the real way of eternal life, we often take almost any one that can be secured. Often we find people, who are not qualified educationally, trying to teach. This is a tragedy, but when it comes to placing some one at the head of a class who is not SPIRITUAL MINDED, some one whose mind is filled with worldliness and often some one who has never been "born again," that is a TRAGEDY that only eternity will be able to reveal in its entirety.

1. The teacher must have a burden for lost souls.

2. This teacher must realize the responsibility of having in his or her charge the Spiritual welfare of every member of his or her class.

3. The teacher must be willing to sacrifice earthly gains in order, if necessary, to be a blessing to those under her tutorship.

4. A teacher should have sufficient influence to lead the class to greater activities in the church. Every class should attend the worship at the church after the Sunday School is closed. A class that gets up from the class room and hurries home, instead of attending church worship, is going from God rather than to God.

Bishop Keener wrote about thirty years ago, pointing to two processions to be seen on any Sunday morning, a procession of adults going to church and a procession of children coming from church at the hour of preaching service. Now the latter procession has continued until adults are mixed with the children going from the church at the hour of worship. The Bishop said, "While eighty per cent of our church membership comes from the Sunday school, there are sixty per cent of the Sunday School that are not reached. The churches that have the most dependable growth are those that pay most attention to gathering and retaining their youth under competent instruction, and that have the largest number of Sunday school scholars as compared to church members." Wonder what the bishop would say today?

We are pretty sure that his figures would change for the worse, rather than the better.

A Lost Opportunity

Mrs. Barney, the prison worker, went to a Western city to speak. She was met at the railway station by a lady who was to entertain her. She went to the home of her hostess in an old rattletrap carriage driven by a red-nose young man. When Mrs. Barney stepped inside the door of the home her hostess apologized for the appearance of the carriage and driver, explaining that she did not feel free to employ any other, and said, "O, Mrs. Barney, will you kneel here with me and pray for that driver?" After the prayer she told Mrs. Barney the story. Several years before she had been given a class of five boys in the Sunday school of her church. These boys had been gathered from the streets. She thought it her duty to entertain the boys by telling them stories during the lesson hour, and when the matter of personal salvation would be pressed home on her she would say, "Oh, that isn't my business: that's the pastor's work." After a time she moved to another city and was compelled to give up her class. During her residence in that city she came to a new vision of Christ. Then she began to realize that she had lost a golden opportunity in that she had neglected to teach the Bible in such a way as to lead those boys to a personal knowledge of Christ. Five years afterward she returned to the city and inquired for the boys. No one in the church knew anything about them. One day she found this young man driving a cab, and he was under the influence of liquor. When she asked him about the other boys, he said, "Oh, lady, two of us is dead, and two of us in prison, and I'm the only one left." She begged him to sign the pledge and become a Christian, but he said, "No, lady; there was a time when I would have done anything for you, but it is too late now—too late." She had lost her opportunity. Thousands of teachers are doing the same thing that this lady did. Millions, perhaps, of souls will slip through the fingers of neglect into a Devil's

Hell. Teachers, think about the responsibility.

Teacher, if you are not saved, stop teaching for an hour or two and get down before Christ and confess your sins and let Him save you, and fill you with His Holy Spirit, and plant within your breast a burning fire for the salvation of the lost and your class can be led to the Saviour.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

Arthur B. Chandler
F. W. B. Bible College

For many years I tried to ascertain the true meaning of life. I wasted the most valuable years of my youth poring over the works of the so-called master minds—the philosophers, the poets, the men of science, and the metaphysicians—but nowhere, search as I would, was I able to discover an answer that would satisfy this quest of my soul: “What is the purpose of life?”

At last, driven to the very brink of despair by the futility of my efforts and on the verge of adapting the “modernist theory” that life was without motive or design, I wisely forsook the assumptions and explanations conceived in the distorted imagination of man and looked for guidance to the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ. Then, like the dew of the morning when the sun arises, my ignorance and doubt vanished away; and the answer to the question that perplexed me appeared, pure and simple: “The only aim worthy of life is Service.”

The realization dawned upon me that the talents possessed by man were not in reality gifts of God, but were rather loans extended for our sojourn on earth, and must, by all standards of duty, be used in His Service. Our Lord finds pleasure in the servant who uses his talents, limited as they might be, for the salvation of souls and for the propagation of the Gospel. Talent in itself is nothing. We are to be judged by the application we make of talent, not in the amount possessed.

We should get great joy and consolation from the undeniable and in-

disputable fact that any service rendered for the glorification of the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit, simultaneously serves as our most noble work toward the perfection of self and proves to be the greatest contribution that could be made toward the uplift of a fallen and degenerate humanity to a higher spiritual plane of civilization. Service to God will always carry in its wake the most illustrious Service to man.

Serve God with your time, your talents, and your possessions; and this life, though meaningless and void to others, will take on great significance and be a wonderful experience to you. When the day of reckoning arrives, you will be privileged to realize the gratification of that most glorious promise—that hope to which we all aspire—when Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, utters these words of commendation: “Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.” However, beware! if you choose to neglect or scorn the Service due God, this life will prove barren and fruitless; and the eternity, which is yet to come, will be spent in that realm of sorrow and utter despair, where the flower of hope is never allowed to bud or blossom, where mental anguish and bodily pain walk hand in hand, and where the fires of hell, with unquenchable fury, encircle the wretched souls in pain. Here, stripped of the power in which he once exalted, that great morning Star of Evil—the first to deny Service to God—suffers the indescribable agonies of living death for the instigation of disobedience and the denial of Service.

Christ, though He performed many miracles, based the proof of His doctrine upon Service: “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself (as man).” The miracles, which our Lord performed, are recorded in the Holy Scriptures and are to be accepted on faith; yet the truth of the doctrine can still be fully established through Service. The annals of history provide many striking examples of death-bed repentance, where

atheism and agnosticism have been converted to Christianity; but there is not one single case of a Christian repudiating his faith under such circumstances. A life of Service sustains, strengthens, and enlarges that ladder of faith by which man mounts from the lowly estate of earth to the throne of the Father.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am an ordained minister of the Gospel of Christ, and a member of the Western Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of North Carolina, and that I am now serving Yelverton's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Smithfield, North Carolina, Route 1, on the First and Third Sundays of each month.



Rev. E. F. Chrisco

This is further to announce that I should like to have another church or churches to serve, to fill up the time on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month, for the coming church year.

Any church or churches that might be interested in securing my services for the coming year, can get in touch with me by addressing their communications to the following address:

Rev. E. F. Chrisco,
101 King Street,
Burlington, N. C.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

**MISS HAZEL DAWKINS ELECTED
FIELD WORKER FOR THE
ORPHANAGE**

It is with pleasure that I announce to the following churches the election of Miss Hazel Dawkins, a student of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and a citizen of Rockingham, N. C., as Field Representative for the Orphanage for the summer of 1947. Miss Dawkins comes well recommended and your cooperation with her will be appreciated by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

James A. Evans, Superintendent

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary**Western Conference**

Monday, June 9—

Elwood Lane, Cabarrus County.

Piedmont Association

Tuesday, June 10—

Mable Avenue, Rowan County.

Wednesday, June 11—

Mt. Zion, Cabarrus County.

Thursday, June 12—

Ben Avenue, Cabarrus County.

Friday, June 13—

Goshen Grove, Gaston County.

Saturday, June 14—

Mt. Holly, Gaston County.

Sunday, June 15—

Rhine Street (11 a.m.) Gaston County.

Washington St. (8 p.m.), Gaston Co.

Tuesday, June 17—

Caroleen, Rutherford County.

Upper South Carolina

Wednesday, June 18—

Bailey's Chapel, Polk County.

French Broad Association

Thursday, June 19—

Horney Heights, Buncombe County.

Friday, June 20—

Asheville, Buncombe County.

Saturday, June 21—

Cedar Hill, Buncombe County.

Sunday, June 22—

Mountain View (11 a.m.), Buncombe County.

Marshall (8 p.m.), Madison County.

Tuesday, June 24—

Laurel Fork, Madison County.

Wednesday, June 25—

Red Hill, Madison County.

Thursday, June 26—

Shady Grove, Madison County.

Friday, June 27—

Walnut, Madison County.

Saturday, June 28—

Shoal Hill, Madison County.

Sunday, June 29—

Mt. Zion (11 a.m.), Madison County.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Laurelton Chapel (8 p.m.), Madison County.

Tuesday, July 1—

Mt. Bethel, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, July 2—

Ray's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Thursday, July 3—

Union Chapel, Buncombe County.

Friday, July 4—

Union Valley, Buncombe County.

Saturday, July 5—

Paint Fork, Buncombe County.

Sunday, July 6—

Barnardsville (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.

Hazel Green (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Tuesday, July 8—

Avery's Creek, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, July 9—

Canton, Haywood County.

Thursday, July 10—

Hyatt's Creek, Haywood County.

Western Yearly

Friday, July 11—

Pleasant Grove, Cherokee County.

Saturday, July 12—

Conley Creek, Swain County.

Sunday, July 13—

Mt. Vernon (11 a.m.), Swain County.

Saw Mill Hill (8 p.m.), Swain County.

French Broad Association

Tuesday, July 15—

Swannanoa, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, July 16—

Homer's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Thursday, July 17—

E. Black Mountain, Buncombe County.

Friday, July 18—

Old Fort, McDowell County.

Jack's Creek Association

Saturday, July 19—

Davistown, McDowell County.

Sunday, July 20—

Fairview (11 a.m.), McDowell County.

Liberty (8 p.m.), McDowell County.

Tuesday, July 22—

Bowditch, Yancy County.

Wednesday, July 23—

Mine Fork, Yancy County.

Thursday, July 24—

Green Mountain, Yancy County.

Friday, July 25—

Peterson's Creek, Yancy County.

Saturday, July 26—

North Bent, Yancy County.

Sunday, July 27—

Bald Mountain (11 a.m.), Yancy Co.

Big Creek (8 p.m.), Yancy County.

Tuesday, July 29—

Pilgrim's Chapel, Yancy County.

Wednesday, July 30—

Young's Chapel, Yancy County.

Thursday, July 31—

Terry's Fork, Madison County.

Friday, August 1—

Price's Creek, Yancy County.

Saturday, August 2—

Pensacola, Yancy County.

Sunday, August 3—

Patterson's Branch (11 a.m.), Yancy County.

Higgins' Chapel (8 p.m.), Yancy Co.

Tuesday, August 5—

Law Gap, Yancy County.

Toe River Association

Wednesday, August 6—

Burmmitt's Creek, Mitchell County.

Thursday, August 7—

Cane Creek, Mitchell County.

Friday, August 8—

Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.

Saturday, August 9—

Middle District, Mitchell County.

Sunday, August 10—

St. Paul (11 a.m.), Mitchell County.

McCoury's Rock (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

Tuesday, August 12—

Mt. Odell, Avery County.

Wednesday, August 13—

Burlison's Chapel, Avery County.

Thursday, August 14—

Lewis Chapel, Avery County.

Friday, August 15—

Elk Mountain, Avery County.

Saturday, August 16—

Vale, Avery County.

Sunday, August 17—

Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.

Piedmont Association

Monday, August 18—

Erlanger, Davidson County.

Western Conference

Tuesday, August 19—

W. Hillsboro, Orange County.

Wednesday, August 20—

Calvary, Durham County.

Thursday, August 21—

King's Chapel, Durham County.

Friday, August 22—

Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.

Saturday, August 23—

Shady Grove, Durham County.

Sunday, August 24—

Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.

Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.

Tuesday, August 26—

Free Union, Wake County.

Wednesday, August 27—

St. Delight, Franklin County.

Thursday, August 28—

People's Chapel, Wilson County.

Friday, August 29—

Rosebud, Wilson County.

Central Conference

Saturday, August 30—

Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.

Sunday, August 31—

Dilda's Grove (11 a.m.), Wilson Co.

Aspin Grove (8 p.m.), Wilson County.

All services begin at 8 p. m. unless otherwise stated.

Be right within that you may play the man.

Be not uncharitable to the spiritually blind; they need light and guidance.

MISSION ITINERARY FOR MRS. LEE WHALEY AND MISS ZALENE LLOYD

The Foreign mission board of the National Association and the North Carolina mission board are working together in the interest of missions. The boards have employed Mrs. Whaley and Miss Lloyd to work during the summer in the interest of Home and Foreign missions in North Carolina.

You will notice the itinerary for each one of these girls to see if, and when, they will go to your church.

It is not possible for them to visit each church in the state during the summer. If they are not scheduled to visit your church this time maybe they will later. Please send your offering anyway to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, N. C.

Mrs. Lee Whaley has been in training at our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. She is preparing to do full time mission work after she has finished her training. Your church will be blessed by having her visit it.

Miss Zalene Lloyd has been in training in our Bible College and has made application to go help Miss Barnard with the mission work in India. Her application has been accepted by the Foreign Mission Board, and she will be leaving as soon as the mission Board is financially able to send her. Miss Lloyd will be a blessing to your church when she visits it.

The offering taken on the itinerary will be equally shared with Home and Foreign Missions. Give as the Lord directs. "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive." Acts 20:35.

It is hoped that the churches on the itinerary will do every thing possible to make the visit a success. Let us work together to make it so. Your kindness and cooperation will be greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless your work for Him.

Rashie Kennedy, Director,
713 Simmons Street,
Goldsboro, N. C.

MRS. LEE WHALEY MISSION ITINERARY

Eastern Conference

Monday, June 9, Gethsemane, Craven County.
Tuesday, June 10, Friendship, Jones County.
Wednesday, June 11, Pilgrim's Home, Jones County.
Thursday, June 12, Smith's New Home, Lenoir County.
Friday, June 13, Snead's Ferry, Onslow County.
Saturday, June 14, Folkstone, Onslow County.
Sunday, June 15, Lanier's Chapel (11 a.m.), Duplin County.
Sunday, June 15, Beulaville (8 p.m.), Duplin County.
Tuesday, June 17, Sarecta, Duplin County.
Wednesday, June 18, Snow Hill, Duplin County.
Thursday, June 19, Dailey's Chapel, Lenoir County.
Friday, June 20, Grant's Chapel, Wayne County.
Saturday, June 21, Indian Springs, Wayne County.
Sunday, June 22, North East Church (11 A. M.)
Sunday, June 22, 22, May's Chapel (8 p.m.), Wayne County.

Cape Fear Association

Tuesday, June 24, St. Paul, Sampson County.
Wednesday, June 25, Oak Grove, Sampson County.
Thursday, June 26, Shady Grove, Sampson County.
Friday, June 27, Robert's Grove, Sampson County.
Saturday, June 28, Corinth, Sampson County.
Sunday, June 29, Lee's Chapel (11 a. m.), Sampson County.
Sunday, June 29, West Clinton (8 p. m.), Sampson County.

(to be continued)

MISS ZALENE LLOYD MISSION ITINERARY

Eastern Conference

Monday, June 9, Morehead City, Carteret County.
Tuesday, June 10, Edward's Chapel, Carteret County.
Wednesday, June 11, Free Union, Carteret County.
Thursday, June 12, St. John's Chapel, Carteret County.
Friday, June 13, Pilgrim's Rest, Carteret County.
Saturday, June 14, Welcome Home, Carteret County.
Sunday, June 15, Russell's Creek (11 a.m.), Carteret County.
Sunday, June 15, Holly Springs (8 p. m.), Carteret County.
Tuesday, June 17, Sound View, Carteret County.

Wednesday, June 18, New Bethlehem, Pamlico County.

Thursday, June 19, Mt. Zion, Pamlico County.

Friday, June 20, Trent, Pamlico County.

Saturday, June 21, Oriental, Pamlico County.

Sunday, June 22, Warden's Grove (11 a. m.), Pamlico County.

Sunday, June 22, Dublin Grove (8 p. m.), Beaufort County.

Tuesday, June 24, Core Point Chapel, Beaufort County.

Wednesday, June 25, Smyna, Beaufort County.

Thursday, June 26, Oak Grove, Craven County.

Friday, June 27, Palmetta Chapel, Craven County.

Saturday, June 28, Reunion Chapel, Craven County.

Sunday, June 29, Antioch (11 a. m.), Craven County.

Sunday, June 29, Wintergreen (8 p. m.), Craven County.

(to be continued)

AN ENCOURAGING VISIT

Recently it was my privilege to visit, anonymously, the Fairmont Free Will Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va. I was in the city while enroute to a Richmond hospital. Upon my visit the pastor was absent, which I regretted, and due to my physical condition I did not make myself known. I was very much delighted with the nice church edifice and the evidence of good landscaping beautifying the lot upon which it was placed. The church was filled to its capacity and a good spiritual atmosphere prevailed.

Much credit is due the efforts of the pastor, Rev. W. A. Hales, and the leaders of this church. I feel that the people of North Carolina, who have been interested in this work, would be proud of the splendid building and the progress so evident there.

The foregoing statements reveal that these are a people with a mind to work and a determination to go forward in the great service of building the Kingdom of God in the hearts of mankind. It is apparent that there is much talent and ability in this church.

Rev. W. B. Everett, Pastor,
St. Mary's F. W. B. Church,
New Bern, North Carolina

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

JUDAH'S LAST DAYS

(Lesson for June 16)

Lesson: Jeremiah 36:2, 3, 28-31;
2 Kings 24:1-4.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened" (Prov. 10:27).

Almost any thoughtful and earnest reader might be tempted to recall exceptions to this text when he first starts to ponder it, for there does seem to be an apparent discrepancy in these words. We can all recall the cases of sinful and vicious men who lived to a ripe old age, and those of Godly persons who died in comparative youth. How then, can it be that "the fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened"?

To clarify the problem and understand the truth and promise of the text, there are several factors we need to consider, which are not discernible at first sight. First, the text does not specifically limit itself to **earthly** days and to present life. Indeed, the Word of God is more generally interested in the coming life than it is in the present one. If a person learns the promise of God concerning salvation, acts upon that offer, and accepts Jesus as his Saviour, he prolongs his life to all eternity. His days are "lengthened" into eternal life: he shall never die. Can there be "longer days" than those encompassed in everlasting life? On the other hand, if a man rejects Christ and lives for sin and self, his life ends with his demise, and he goes into eternal destruction. So we need to contrast the everlasting life of the Christian with the earthly span of the wicked to get the true comparison. If a Christian lives in the earth for thirty years and then goes to Heaven to live forever, he is

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certainly blessed with longer life than is a sinner who lives on earth ninety years and then **perishes** forever!

—Selected

II. Heart of the Lesson

(1) Good and Bad Listeners

D. L. Moody was a good listener, always anxious to have others express themselves, always slow to volunteer a remark. The following story out of his life illustrates this characteristic and sets before us a further important truth.

"An old man got up in one of our meetings and said, 'I have been forty-two years learning three things.'

"I pricked up my ears at that, I thought if I could find out in about three minutes what a man had taken forty-two years to learn, I should like to do it.

"The first thing he said he had learned was that he could do nothing toward his own salvation. 'Well,' I said to myself, 'that is worth learning.'

"The second thing he found out was that God did not require him to do anything. Well, that was worth finding out too.

"And the third thing was that the Lord Jesus Christ had done it all, that salvation was finished, and that all he had to do was to **take** it.

"Dear friends, let us learn this lesson. Let us give up our struggling and striving, and accept salvation at once."

Let's suppose Jehoiakim had been a good listener. Wouldn't it have helped him and Judah?

(2) Jehoiakim and the Life Plant

Says E. L. Langston, "There is a strange plant in Jamaica called the **'life plant,'** because it is almost impossible to kill or destroy any portion of it. When a leaf is cut off or hung up by a string, instead of shriveling up and dying like any other leaf, it sends out white threadlike roots, and thus gathers moisture from the air and begins to grow new leaves.

The Bible is the **Life Plant** of the spiritual world. Circulate the Bible, or portions of it anywhere, and it will soon take root in the affections and heart of mankind and send out tendrils of life. In the heart of Africa, or among the aborigines of South America, or among the Esquimaux of the Arctic Circle, it has the same quickening power, which no climate or heathenism has power to kill. **Such is the fully inspired Word of God.**

(3) Bad Seed and Its Harvest

The late J. Wilbur Chapman related the following incident. "A friend of mine was speaking at an afternoon service in a certain city, when a man entered the building, clad in rags, and sat down in one of the pews. My friend went on with the service, when, suddenly the man sat up and said, 'Sir, may I speak?' 'Certainly,' said my friend. The man said, 'This is my father's church. He was an officer here. This is his pew. With six other boys I was in Sunday school here. Our Sunday-school teacher used to have us in her home on Saturday afternoons. She taught us the names of cards. Up to then we never knew them. Later, she taught us games of cards. Then after a while we said to her, 'Not so much lesson and more cards.' Then we forsook the Sunday school, and while the others were at the school we were away playing cards. Sir, he said, 'of the seven boys, two died on the gallows; three of them are in prison for life; one of them is a fugitive from justice, and I am the other. Sir, if the officers of the law knew that I was here, I would be put in prison.' Then, for a moment, standing perfectly still, he said 'All I have to say is that I would to God that my Sunday-school teacher had had a different influence.' He walked out of the church, and my friend said, 'We never saw him again. But there rose up a woman dressed in black, how, as she started out into the aisle, staggered and fell: and as she fell, she said, "My God, sir, I am the teacher."'"

While studying the terrible harm Manasseh, Ahab, Jeroboam and other

wicked kings did to Judah and Israel, let us not forget that each one of us can do a similar evil work on a smaller scale if we let Satan have control of our lives. Our quarterlies have splendid helps on this timely lesson.

CRAGMONT NEWS

Folks, June is the Big Day at Cragmont. This is the opening Day!

What about it Intermediats? Are you planning big for the Institute at Cragmont for the Sunday School, and the League? Yes, surely, you care. Now, after nine months of school routine, you are going on a vacation, and yet to study in a better way how to serve the Lord, and to enjoy the good fellowship with other Christians.

Say, Big Boys and Girls, who are Juniors! What are you doing about Cragmont? If you have not received an application blank, please call or write for one now.

Say, folks! Are you, or are you not, letting Cragmont down with your support? Well, I have never mentioned Cragmont support in a financial way, but we are making a few changes, and by the records we have had less support in a financial way for the last two months than any other months preceding. We trust that as you pray, you will remember us at Cragmont. We trust that God will lead you to render support to Cragmont for it is a worthy cause. Perhaps our real supporters are so busy planning for the Assembly that they have forgotten that we are having to get things ready for the opening date.

God gave us Cragmont to utilize. Friends, are we going to use it for His glory? It is a place for fine Christian fellowship, and the Institutes are held for training the people to serve God more efficiently. Here in the mountains we mingle with the mighty handiwork of God which proves the wonderful power of the Almighty. The beauties are those things that no man can make. Only God can landscape such beauties of nature. Surely, just one visit up here and you will feel drawn closer to the Lord, and you will love Crag-

mont as others do. It is a place where Christian friends meet and study to be able to serve God in a better way.

Blanket Honor Roll

The Roll of Blanket Donors will be listed two weeks from today, and if you still have some money for blankets, be sure to send it to us right away, so that you can get your Auxiliary's name on the Honor Roll. One hundred blankets have been delivered to Cragmont. Campers, you may come to Cragmont and leave your own blankets at home. Thanks to the Women's Auxiliary of North Carolina, and our hats off to Mrs. R. P. Harris, and Mrs. J. C. Griffin who sponsored the drive. May God bless each one of you who had a part in this drive.

Let me urge you to pray for us here at Cragmont. Pray that God may have His way in this great work. Though Satan doesn't like it, what can he say? Let's go and let God have His way.

May God have His wonderful way in the Home, on the Field, and at Cragmont. May He have His way this year and every other one at Cragmont, so long as the Lord may tarry.

J. Albert Harris, Manager

Time is fleeting. Do good; avoid evil. The reward is sure.

HOMEcoming AT KING'S CROSS ROADS

The King's Cross Roads Church is to have a homecoming and dedication service on June 15, 1947, which will be the third Sunday. All former pastors and the members and friends are given a cordial invitation to attend this service. It will be an all-day service, and we will be expecting a large crowd for this meeting. Come and be with us, and do not disappoint anyone.

Mrs. I. E. Tugwell

FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION

This is to announce that a Free Will Baptist mission has been opened at 35 Hermitage Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. The preaching service is held each night at 7:30 P. M. (old time).

We are asking the prayers of God's people to pray for this work here in the city of Nashville. We are praying that God will give us a Free Will Baptist Church here in this section of the city.

The Reverends J. L. Welch, J. R. Davidson and Coleman McDonald are helping us in this mission work at this place. We want a church organized here in the south of the city of Nashville.

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From the garden of a friend,
Than to have the choicest flowers
When my stay on earth must end.

I would rather have a pleasant word
In kindness said to me,
Than flattery when my heart is still
And this life has ceased to be.

I would rather have a loving smile
From friends I know are true,
Than tears shed around my casket
When this world I bid adieu.

Bring me all the flowers today,
Whether pink, or white, or red;
I'd rather have one blossom now
Than a truck-load when I'm dead.



The Boys and Girls Story Column

RUSS SHOWS THE WAY

Dorothy C. Haskin

"Russell, this is a church! Please do not run in the halls," came the sharp voice of Miss Swanson, superintendent of the Jr.-high society.

Russell Henderson came to a sudden stop. "Ah, I forgot!"

Miss Swanson, a blond young woman, came up to him. Her blue eyes were stern. "It seems to me that you forget too many times for a boy who has accepted Christ as His Saviour."

"Yes, ma'am," Russell gulped. He walked into the room where the Jr.-high society met. He wished Miss Swanson had not said what she did. He did love the Lord. He meant to do everything right. Only sometimes it was hard to remember. He picked up a hymnal and turned the pages.

"Hello, Russ." Stocky, big-boned Henry, with his unruly russet hair, came in and sat beside Russell.

"Hello," Russ answered. He wished Henry had not sat beside him. Henry was new to the society and the church. He was always asking questions during the meeting. Usually Russ did not mind answering them, but to-night he wanted to be extra good. He knew he would get in wrong again if he was not careful.

New Year's Eve was to-morrow. The society was having a special meeting. Miss Swanson and Jim Duncan, the president, brought in two large candle holders. Each holder held twelve candles. Jim Duncan started to light the candles.

The young people gathered. Louise Moore began playing the piano. Miss Swanson switched out the light and sat in the corner. The meeting began. Kenny Smith led the singing.

"Tonight, we are having a special meeting," Jim announced. "Miss Swanson will explain what it means to be a Christian. Then everyone who is a Christian will come up front, give a testimony and sign the society pledge."

Miss Swanson rose, and standing in front, began, "Usually I do not give the message but I am to-night because I want to be sure each one of you understand the importance of what you are doing. Many of you boys and girls are Christians. To-night we are to confess Him before men. It is a time of dedication, of affirming what we believe, because He said, 'Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in Heaven.'"

She sat down in the shadows of the room. Jim stood between the two lighted candle holders. He was a tall, lanky boy with a serious face. He said, "I want to testify first. I do believe Jesus died for my sins. I know He helps me every day in school. I want everyone to know I'm a Christian." He took the large sheet of paper upon which the society's pledge had been printed, and leaning on the small pulpit signed his name. "Who'll be next?" he invited.

It was a solemn moment. Everyone in the room was still. The candles flickered. Russ could hear the wind outside. It was almost dark in the corner where he sat with Henry.

Louise left the piano and walked to the center of the room. "I, too, believe on Jesus and want to serve Him," she said and signed the paper.

"Oh," Russ thought, "I believe on Jesus. I will be next." He rose, and stumbled over a chair in front of him. It made a clatter, but he walked up to the front. He could see the shining face of each young person in the dim light. "I believe on Jesus. I'm going to trust Him to be better from now on and show it."

His hand shook as he wrote his name. There, now, everyone knew. He would have to be better. Jesus would help him. Feeling serious inside, he went back and sat by Henry.

Greta Boyd got up and went to the front. She said, "I do believe on Jesus. I— —"

"Believe what?" Henry nudged Russ.

"Did you hear what Miss Swanson said?" Russ answered in a whisper that seemed to echo through the quiet room.

"Yes, but she used long words. What are they signing?"

"The society pledge. No one signs it unless he is a Christian."

"Am I a Christian? Should I sign it?" Henry insisted.

Russ hesitated. He wanted so much to be good. He had promised Jesus he would be. He knew Miss Swanson would be displeased with him if he whispered during the meeting. Yet, here was Henry asking important questions. If he did not tell him, maybe Henry would never become a Christian. Forgetting the boys and girls who were going up to the front and testifying, Russ explained, "It's like this. We all do wrong, don't we?"

"Sure. That's why I came to church to see if I could be better. It is so hard to be good."

"No one can be good by himself. It is too hard. Jesus has to help him. The way Jesus helped us was by dying on the Cross. You know He died on the Cross, don't you?"

"Yes," Henry nodded, his face intense. "Why did He?"

"He died, not because He did wrong, because He never did do wrong, but because we did wrong. He died for our sins. If we believe on Him, He will save us, and help us to be good. Understand?"

"Russell Henderson," Miss Swanson's voice broke in.

"Yes, ma'am," Russ glanced up with a guilty feeling.

Miss Swanson had left her corner and walked to the side of the room where Russ and Henry were sitting. "Russ, I'm so disappointed in you." Her voice quivered. "I don't know what to do. This was the most important meeting of the year. You have ruined it by your whispering. Russ, didn't you mean what you testified?"

Russ was numb. What could he say? Yes, he meant what he had testified, only, it had seem he ought to tell Henry about Jesus. She had given the talk that was supposed to ex-

plain everything. He could not tell her that Henry said she used big words and he did not understand.

Everyone in the room was quiet, staring at Russ.

"Russ was telling me about Jesus," Henry spoke up. "I didn't understand just what you meant." He rose. "I want to sign that paper up there, because, now Russ has told me, I had to believe that Jesus died for me."

"Oh," Miss Swanson gasped, a smile on her face. She turned to Jim. "You help Henry, and Louise, let us all sing, 'Hallelujah, 'tis done, Henry believes on the Son'."

Jim beckoned to Henry. He went up in front and repeated what he had said about believing on Jesus. Louise started to play the chorus.

Miss Swanson sat down beside Russ. "I'm so proud of you. I did not understand. I know boys can't help being noisy sometimes, and you have proven that you believe on Jesus by telling Henry of Him."

"I'm sure glad," Russ sighed. Jesus was helping him to be a Christian. He sighed again. He was surely glad!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

My itinerary of lectures for North Carolina for this summer is now already filled, and I cannot take on any more churches for lectures to their congregations this summer.

I shall be open, however, for answering questions through the mail, or correspondence for those who might be interested in knowing what or how to deal with Catholics. I would appreciate any questions concerning them being sent direct to me, and I will answer the questions for those who are concerned.

This is May 13, and I am leaving for North Carolina next week, the Lord willing, and shall be glad to see anyone who desires to converse with me personally about what or how to deal with Catholics.

Yours in Christ,
Judy Caro

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Written in the memory of Samuel B. Whitehurst.

I MISS MY DADDY

The day I lost my Daddy
My eyes were filled with tears;
He's been a very true Daddy—
Faithful through all the years.

He was such a wonderful man,
I loved him with all my heart;
His memory is like a guiding light—
From it I'll never part.

I loved to work with Daddy,
And stay close by his side;
No matter what I asked of him—
I never was denied.

I miss my Daddy, Oh so much!
Yes, the smile upon his face;
There's an empty spot within my heart—
Even time cannot erase.

Although I know he's resting,
I still miss his tender care;
But some day I hope to meet him—
In the land Bright and Fair.

—Written by his daughter,
Mrs. James Bailey

COWARD. Luther M. Coward died in Tayloe's Hospital on Friday, July 12, 1946, at the age of 58 years old. The funeral

services were conducted at the home by his pastor, Rev. W. B. Nobles. The remains were laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers to await the resurrection morn.

All was done for him that the doctors, friends and loved ones could do, but none could stay the icy hand of death. He silently passed away on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

He was a member of Rose Hill Church, and was faithful until his death. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillie Coward, one son, Lloyd E. Coward, five daughters, Mrs. H. H. McGowan, Mrs. Williard Smith, Mrs. Odell Haddock, Mrs. J. B. Boyd, and Mrs. Craven Bell. There are several grandchildren, and also a host of relatives and friends left to mourn their loss.

A happy home once enjoyed,
How sweet the memory still;
But death has left a vacant place
This world can never fill.

However long our lives may last,
Whatever land we may view;
Whatever joy or grief is ours
We'll still remember you.

—Written by his wife,
Mrs. Lillie Coward

NOTICE!

I am available for pastoral services on fourth Sundays for the coming year. Also I will have a few open dates for meetings this fall.

Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

If you would know God make silent thought a daily habit.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our heart-felt thanks and sincere appreciations to the good people of Ayden, Elm Grove, Reedy Branch and Greenville for their kind regards, and their material and spiritual blessings which they have so generously ex-

tended to us during Mr. Woodard's illness. We are unable to express in words just how we do appreciate every courtesy shown us by those good people.

Mr. Woodard's condition is improving, and the doctor is hoping that he will soon be able to do some preaching, and visiting among his church

members in a week or two. We are asking the good people to continue to pray for Mr. Woodard that the Lord may soon restore to him his wanted health again, and that he might be able to assume his full duties as pastor of his churches.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Woodard

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In coming to the mercy-seat!
Yet who that knows the worth of prayer,
But wishes to be often there?

Prayer makes the darkened cloud withdraw;
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;
Gives exercise to faith and love;
Brings every blessing from above.

Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;
Prayer keeps the Christian's armor bright;
And Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.

Were half the breath that's vainly spent
To heaven in supplication sent,
Our cheerful song would oftener be
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—William Cowper

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Editorial

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES—

Quite a number of small towns and some of the large cities have established the practice of disbanding the Sunday evening services in their churches during the summer months. The general run of excuses are: the pastors need a rest, the weather is usually too hot for evening services, many of the church people are out riding and do not return home in time for evening services at the church, etc.

Furthermore, if there is to be a service at all Sunday evening at the church, a children, or young people's program is to be rendered for only a few minutes, and that is all. Some are beginning to think that Sunday School and the eleven o'clock services are enough for study and worship for one day to the week. They say too much church going becomes tiring and uninteresting. One good service on Sunday is enough.

But we ask: Where do those small town and city people go on Sunday evenings? What do they do for rest or entertainment, at the time other churches are having their Sunday evening services? Are they resting at home, or are they out riding in the cool of the evening, or are they sitting by the radio, listening to some amusing program, or perhaps they are at the show for rest and amusement and excitement. Well, What are they doing? They are not sleeping. Maybe, they are entertaining members of their door-neighbors in the reception room, or out on the front lawn. Nothing specially wrong in this, but why are not they and their visiting friends in the evening service at the church?

Whenever ministers and their congregations disband their Sunday evening services, it means yielding that much to the fleshly pleasures and appetites of the flesh. It means the giving way to many fleshly pleasures to the dampening of the spiritual life of the individual. It means less worshipful moments spent in the service of the Lord on the Lord's Day. It means the time, when the Sunday evening service should be in progress, will be spent by a majority of those church people in various ways less helpful to both body and soul. No one rarely ever engages in what may be called "too much spirituality" by attending regularly the Sunday evening services, as well as the Sunday morning service.

Why not, then, have the regular Sunday evening service at your church? Instead of giving Satan more room for his evil devices and mock entertainment at his places of merry-making, why not hold regularly at your church the usual Sunday evening services in real worship unto the Lord? Will it not be better for the adults and the young people than for them to go to the shows, or elsewhere for amusements on Sunday evenings when the church should be holding services? Habit is a great thing. Breaking away from the Sunday evening ser-

vices at your church during the summer, we believe, is a bad practice, much less than having no Sunday evening services at the church for a whole year, as some are doing.

Think it over, pastors of small town and city churches. Be sensible about it, church members. Think of the example which you are setting before the youth and little children in your town and community. Might not your example lead some other church in your town to decide to cease having Sunday evening services too? Habits are formative, and people often take patterns after others. Since you feel free to do as you please Sunday evenings, they might want to disband their evening services. Think it over.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER—

We believe the Sunday School teacher is next to the pastor in importance and worth to the church and community in which she lives and serves as a public benefactor. Her accomplishments for the greatest good require a number of noteworthy qualifications and practices.

In the first place, she should be, without question, a consecrated Christian—a devoted child of the King. She must love God's holy Word, and have a great desire to impart its truths unto others with the view of blessing the lives of those with whom she associates from time to time.

She is to be a studious-minded person, seeking light and information on the Scriptures, so that when she stands before her class on Sunday she will be filled with knowledge and enthusiasm to teach the truths of the lesson with zeal and a winning personality. Yes, she must be a qualified teacher from the point of view of learning, being prepared to present the lesson truths in a splendid way. Interestedness in learning is catching, and when the Sunday School teacher is well prepared, the members of her class will catch her spirit and will seek to better prepare their lesson for each succeeding Sunday before coming to class. Yes, the real Sunday School teacher is indispensable, and is next to the pastor in rendering Christian service to the church.

The Sunday School teacher must love people and have a great desire to see souls saved. In addition to her good teaching qualities, she is to do her best to win her class members to the cause of Christ, and to lead them to Christ that He may pardon them of their sins and claim them as his own beloved followers. This is her highest goal in teaching in the Sunday School, just as it is the pastor's highest aim to win the lost in his church and community for Christ and the right way of life. When a Sunday School teacher has done her best in presenting the teachings of the Gospel unto her class members and has been instrumental in leading many of them to Jesus, she had done her part in the work of the Lord.

The Lord's Supper

D. A. Windham

In addition to baptism the church is to observe the Lord's Supper, a positive ordinance of the Gospel.

While among most denominations there is little difference of opinion, yet it is well we should carefully examine the facts. In the first place, it was not observed in connection with the Passover.

If we read the account as it is found in Matthew, Mark and Luke, at first it looks as if the last Supper was really the Passover, or kept at the same time, but on more careful examination they show plainly that it was not.

Matthew, Mark and Luke speak of bread and wine, but make no mention of the lamb. Also they make mention of usual drift of activities, Joseph buys the linen, Mark 15:46; the women prepare spices and ointments, Luke 23:56; and even the Apostles thought, when Judas left the room, he was gone to purchase something, John 13:29.

The Sanhedrin had decided that it would be dangerous to kill Jesus on one of the feast days, and if the Last Supper was at the same time as the Passover, they did that very thing.

Further, we have no mention of the lamb, Mazzoth or unleavened bread, the Merorim or bitter herbs, the Charoseth or sauce, in fact the whole of the Passover incidents and elements are wanted in the language of the Evangelists, when speaking of the Lord's Supper. The Jews refrained from entering Pilot's house as it would have rendered them ceremonially unclean and they would be unable to keep the Passover. They also wanted the legs of the two thieves and of Christ broken to hasten death, so they would not remain on the crosses during the Sabbath for that was a high day, being a Paschal Sabbath. Joseph and Nicodemus had to bury our Lord in the tomb because it was nigh at hand.

From the foregoing scripture facts it is certain that the Last Supper was not observed in connection with or at the same time as the Passover.

There could be no connection in the names, for in the Greek we have Deipnon for supper and Pascha for passover.

We pass now to the chronological order of the events, and most probable order of statements preserved for us by the Evangelists.

It was Thursday (Green, Thursday) as it used to be called when Jesus sent Peter and John to Jerusalem to prepare for the Passover. It was toward evening when Jesus and his disciples walked from Bethany, probably after the curtain of twilight would conceal them from needless gaze, to Jerusalem and the first notice preserved for us by the Evangelists was when "he sat down with the twelve."

Care should be taken not to overwork Luke 22:15, for the very next verse states that he would "not any more eat thereof," so he is here instituting the Last Supper, and what Luke says agrees with Paul and the others.

Let us not become confused, as after the institution of the Lord's Supper, they ate their regular evening meal. It was at this full meal that Jesus points out the traitor and not at the institution of the Lord's Supper, and here is where the strife arose.

In order to get the proper order of events, we should study together the accounts given to us by all four Evangelists, and Paul's account in the 11th chapter of I Corinthians. Having done this it will appear that the first event was the institution of the Lord's Supper, as the meal following is nowhere called a Supper. The Lord's Supper is found in I Cor. 11:20, and if you read carefully what Paul says he perfectly agrees with Luke in the order of events, and says it was "the night in which he is betrayed."

In the 11th chapter of 1st Corinthians, Paul is correcting an error that had crept in. They are eating a full meal after the Lord's Supper, as Christ and the Apostles had done, and were subordinating the Lord's Supper for the banquet that followed,

and in brief Paul is telling them that in their homes was a place to satisfy their appetites.

The custom of observing this full meal in connection with the Lord's Supper was followed until Paul's letter had had time to correct it. It is followed still by some isolated groups, but generally it is now fully discontinued.

It was between the instituting of the Lord's Supper and this regular meal that Jesus washed his disciples' feet. Therefore, Judas was present when he instituted the Lord's Supper and Jesus washed his disciples' feet, as it was at the meal following, a regular meal, for it was here the sop was given to Judas, definitely a part of a secular meal, as it will be seen from Ruth 2:14.

It is confusing to some because the Synoptists mention things transpiring in the Lord's Supper, and also the meal that followed, without making any distinction, but St. John is more definite and says "he riseth from supper," and then mentions them at the table again, showing that not only did they eat the Lord's Supper, but also another meal.

Therefore, a logical summary is this; when they entered the room, the first event was the institution of the Lord's Supper; second, Jesus washes his disciples' feet; third and last, they ate their regular evening meal at which time the Master points out the traitor, which was followed by the discourse in chapters 15 and 16, and the touching prayer of chapter 17, the singing of the hymn and the departure to Gethsemane.

When we observe the Lord's Supper, it stands as a memorial which is from a Greek term meaning a reminder. That is to remind us that it is through the atonement that we have peace with God and also a reminder to God that it is through the shed blood of Christ that we have claim to his grace. So, the Lord's Supper is a reminder that we should claim salvation through the atoning blood of Christ, and in so doing, we refresh our memory of Christ and his death until he comes again.

In passing a word as to who are fit subjects, and only a word, is sufficient. It is the Lord's table and all

of his children are eligible. When Paul says "unworthily" he uses an adverb of manner. That is, in a manner not conducive to piety and reverence.

Self-examination is the only requirement. "Let the man first examine himself."

There is not one scripture to justify the doctrine of close communion.

If the death of Christ was for all, then all those who have accepted his grace, and have been truly converted, are fit subjects to commune.

OUR RECEPTION BY OUR INDIAN WORKERS

The Woolseys

For some secret and subtle reason best known to herself, our dear Sister Barnard was very anxious that fatigue of the body, desires of the mind or the laudable ambition of exploration should engage our time for the first Thursday afternoon after our arrival in Kotagiri. She casually mentioned that some of the workers were planning to call. Just about four o'clock, I was brought face to face with the fact that a storm must be imminently approaching, for suddenly a heavy shadow appeared in the room and a deep rumble as distant thunder was heard. However, there was no need for disquietude on my part. Our Indian Workers, seven strong, had made their appearance at the door. The Christian Boys who are workers here at "Shamrock" joined us as well as a Young man—the son of Mr. Mulli, our Kota Teacher. After introductions, down on the floor they all flop as a single unit—with one exception, Mr. Mulli. He—as the eldest both in years and point of service—was to be "Master of Ceremonies."

At a nod from Sister Barnard, they began singing—I am sure that it was an appropriate number. Possible three songs in Tamil (I suppose) introduced semi-formal welcome. Mr. Mulli offered a fervent prayer—judging by the rise and fall of his voice. Now came the official (take my word for it) and formal reception. With much ado Bro.

Mulli drew forth a rather pretentious looking document of considerable length, which he proceeded to read in Tamil. I found afterwards that it was rather a complete history of Miss Barnard's work here, the news of our coming, the long and tedious period of waiting, the joy upon our arrival and most profused and best wishes for our happiness and felicity during our stay in Kotagiri.

Immediately upon the close of this most profound oration, one of our women workers proceeded to place a garland around our necks. It has been my fortune, or misfortune, to attend many banquets in the States. I have been the guest of several civic and religious organizations. I can truthfully say that none of these had ever touched me so deeply and sincerely as this cordial welcome from these humble but devoted workers in the vineyard of the Master.

The one outstanding characteristic of the entire meeting was the definite regard, trust and affection that each and every worker displayed in every word and gesture toward Miss Barnard.

After tea (O, yes, we had tea it is as essential here as the axe to the woodchopper) and the ceremony, Mrs Woolsey brought her Movie camera forth. All our Indian friends delight to have their pictures taken on any and every occasion. However, they were determined to stand straight and erect for the pictures. After the most strenuous exertions on the part of Sister Barnard, myself and young William Mulli, we more or less succeeded to influence them to act a little natural, at least.

We were deeply impressed with the type of our Indian Workers on this first meeting. Of course, they are very human and their background of past generations naturally influences their lives to a certain extent. However, their interest in the work, their devotion, and their anxiety for the children and people among whom they work commended them to us in a most positive manner.

As they left, we indeed felt that we had been the recipients of Divine Welcome through these His Servants. May God in His infinite wisdom and Divine Providence bless our efforts

together for the salvation of the lost and the extension of His Kingdom in this part of His Moral Vineyard whether our stay here be reckoned in years or months or even days.

WHAT IS A "GOOD SPORT"?

Alfred I. Tooke

A "Good Sport" is a chap who does not growl and grumble and offer alibis when he gets beaten, but gives sincere congratulations to his opponent for playing a better game.

He is a chap who does not try to corner all the good things of life for himself, but is glad to let others have a chance at some of them, and to share with others those that do come his way.

He is a chap who does not insist upon having his own way all the time, but is willing to join in what the other fellows want to do sometimes.

He is a chap who is not afraid of competition, but rather welcomes it, that he may be spurred on to do better than he has ever done before.

He is a chap who will not take an unfair advantage with the plea that he had just happened to get "the breaks," but who will often give up even a fair advantage in order that the other fellow may have a fair and sporting chance.

But the chap who joins others in questionable pursuits or bad habits, or goes with them to places of unsavory reputation, just to show that he does not consider himself "stuck up," or too good for them, is not being a good sport, but is just being plumb foolish!—Unknown.

Knowing one's duty and doing it should be the aim of mankind.

Be strong in body and mind that you may endure vicissitudes.

Grow rich in Christian experience that you may help poor souls.

God gives us much; we give Him little. Why?

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

One or the Other

We are saved by the Word, or we are condemned by the Word. "My word shall not return unto me void," says the Almighty. Jesus said, and it still holds good: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (Jon. 12: 48). According to these words of Jesus, we shall be measured by the measurement of His word, not the word of some preacher, or priest, but by the Word of Christ.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." In First Peter we have these words, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Pet. 1:23). In the great judgment we shall not be asked as to what church we belonged to, but the great question will be "Are you born again?" The Apostle John says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" (Jon. 1:1, 2).

When we are born of the Spirit, we are born of God, for God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth (Jon. 4:24). Since we can only worship God in Spirit, and the corrupt spirit of man is wholly disqualified for fellowship with God, it then is necessary for the New Birth to prepare us for the true worship of God. No unregenerated person can truly worship God, for one can only worship God when a like nature to God is in the human heart. Then, one can partake of the nature of God. "According as his divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." Note three words: Partakers, divine and nature! Yes, partakers of

the divine nature. This can only be brought about through the New Birth.

How Are We Born Again?

There are many theories concerning the New Birth. There are many people who believe that one has to pray a great deal to be born again, therefore they go to the "mourners' bench" or to the altar, and there do what is known as "pray through." While listening one night to many prayers in a meeting (when possibly a dozen were all praying at the same time with loud voices) one could scarcely understand a word said from any of the prayers, because there was such confusion of voices among them. So, the writer listened until they all had ceased praying. There was one poor little girl sitting there and looking as if God had turned her down. Then this question came to me with great force: Does God want that little girl saved? But as I weighed the prayers as best I could, I said, "The prayers were certainly earnest and with much fervor. They prayed loud, and those people were well meaning, and they live just about as clean as do the average Christians, so the question was answered in this way: "For by grace are ye saved through faith" (Eph. 2:8).

But this poor girl had not heard much about God's grace and faith, I am very sure, for she was depending on praying "through to God." In other words, God loved us and Jesus died for us, and if we pray through, after our great agonizing, he will save us. But this conception of the way of salvation makes God a hard Master. We are not saved by prayer, but we are saved "by grace through faith."

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (I Jon. 5: 1). So, it is not much praying which reaches God and causes him to save us, but it is by grace through faith that one is saved. "What must I do to be saved?" asked the jailer, and the Apostles said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house" (Acts 16:30, 31).

Not by Water Baptism

We as a denomination believe in the "believer's baptism." Phillip said unto the eunuch, "If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest," and the eunuch said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:35-38). Phillip did not believe in water salvation, but he believed and taught salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

A person can be baptized in a creek or in a river, or in a pool, or anywhere there is enough water in which to bury his body a hundred times, if it were possible, and that does not save him. If he depends upon that alone, he will die and go to hell. I recently read a story of a girl who was dying, fastly going into eternity. She had been in a stupor but all of a sudden she opened her eyes, and saw her pastor sitting by her bedside, and she ordered him out of the room, saying, "I am dying and going to hell, and you are to blame. You never taught me the New Birth." Her pastor was a modernist.

Water will not suffice for the spiritual birth. A few years ago I stopped one night in a service station to get some tire service. There I found two drunken men playing checkers. One of them, recognizing me, said, "Preacher, I am glad to see you, for you are the man who baptized me." No, I did not baptize the man. I wet him because he asked me to. If putting men under the water saved them from their sins, then I would hire some people to let me wet them. But, if he goes into the water a "dry sinner" without the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, he will come out as a "Wet sinner." God does not save because a person is buried in water.

I truly believe that a truly born again person will want baptism. I further believe that he will want to join some branch of the Christian Church. God has commanded that we baptize, but Christ said, "He that believeth not shall be damned."

What We Preach

We preach that a man cannot live right until he gets right with God,

and he never gets right until he is born from above, born of God, born of the Spirit—made a partaker of the divine nature. This is accomplished by faith in the Lord Jesus. Then, why not take God at his word, and believe what he says about it, and then go on your way rejoicing.

Sinner, simply give God a chance by accepting the Lord Jesus, and God will do the rest for you.

NEWS FROM MT. ZION CHURCH

By Mrs. Willie Clower

Our church is not large in membership, but we are a group of doers in the kingdom work of the Lord. We have a very good Sunday School, and we have preaching services every first and third Sundays. The Reverend J. G. Harvey is our pastor. We have a grand League with a membership of around 75 people. Our average attendance is about 65 at each meeting, and we are having more Bible study in our church and community at large than there has ever been in the past.

The Woman's Auxiliary lapsed for a few months, but has now been re-organized. It is off to a good start now. We met last Friday, May 16, with ten members present for this meeting. Mrs. C. G. Jordan is president of this auxiliary. The program for the meeting was carried out in a good way, with Mrs. Essie Clower having charge of the program. The subject for study was "Exalting Christ in the Home Land." After the meeting was over, Mrs. C. G. Jordan served a delicious course of sandwiches, cookies and bottle drinks.

On Friday afternoon, May 9, a party of sixteen persons went to Greenwood Camp to attend the Week-End Encampment. Mrs. Willie Clower was appointed, by the Encampment Committee of the Association, to represent in a Mother's Day program to be rendered from Mt. Zion Church, Rowena. Those on the program were Milton Craff, Donal Craff, Mrs. Arizona Craff rendered a selection entitled, "Echoes of Mothers." Other parts were rendered by different persons on the program.

It was the first trip to camp for some of the youngsters, and they really had a good time. It was interesting to see them preparing their own beds at camp. The young people played games and were taught many good things of the camp life while there. On Sunday morning the program was rendered by representatives from various churches, and we had a good sermon which was preached by Rev. J. N. Barnes. At one o'clock P. M. dinner was spread on the table in the camp park.

The two weeks' encampment will begin on the third Sunday in June. There will be teaching on different subjects of the outstanding phases of the work of the church. There will be women and men teachers for these subjects. We hope to be able to go back for that camp during June.

NEWS FROM SIDNEY

By Mrs. Edwin Roper

The week preceding Easter our church people observed a week of prayer. Each night different members of the church led in the services. The attendance was good, and we feel that much good was accomplished. Many chapters in the Bible were read throughout the week, and there were a number of daily Bible readers. We took a "Sacrifice Offering" each night which is to be placed in our building fund. In the Saturday night service, several present testified of the good that they had received during the week of prayer, through the Lord's blessings.

As a result of our week of prayer, Mrs. Lula Daw, a young member of the church, began a Wednesday night prayer meeting, in which all church members, both the old and the young, are urged to take a part in the prayer services. Lula is young in both the physical and the spiritual life, therefore, all Christians are urged to pray for her in the work which she has begun for the Lord and His great cause.

Our pastor, Rev. N. D. Beaman, was with us on the third Sunday in April, and he filled his regular week-end appointments. Mr. Beaman has

been pastoring our church only since September, 1946, but he has won our love and confidence. By his sincere Christian spirit, we have found him to be a man of sound Christian faith. He appears the same consecrated man at all times, one on whom we can depend. He is not afraid to speak boldly his convictions for the Gospel's sake. Surely, the Lord sent him to us for which we are deeply appreciative of his ministry with us.

On the second Sunday night in May there was a Mother's Day program observed at our church. All the children, and most of the young boys and girls took part in the program. The main feature of the evening was the playlet entitled, "Mother the Queen of Our Hearts," in which Mrs. Rosewell Foreman sang beautifully the song, "Nobody Knows but Mother." Lovely flowers were given to the oldest and the youngest mothers present, and also to the mother of the most children present.

At the conclusion of the program, the congregation stood and sang the lovely hymn, "Congratulations to You" (to the mothers present) in the tune of "Happy Birthday to You," after which Frank Gordon, Jr., offered the benediction in a word of prayer.

On the third Sunday in May, the pastor of Shiloh Church, and the pastor of Sidney Church, exchanged pulpits. Rev. Albert Austin is the pastor of Shiloh Church, and many of us fell in love with Brother Austin, for the spirit of Christ beamed on his countenance while bringing the message. His gentle smile and the wonderful message which he brought won our hearts.

FATHER'S DAY SERVICE

There will be a special service at Bethlehem Church, in South Carolina, and near Patrick, South Carolina, on the third Sunday in June. The service will begin about 10:30 A. M. by Rev. R. L. Clark of Hamlet, North Carolina. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Esther Polson,
Patrick, S. C.

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AUXILIARY CONVENTION NEWS

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The State Auxiliary Convention held at Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, in Durham, N. C., on May 22nd, was another great victory for the Master, inasmuch as every phase of the day's program was in keeping with the theme, that of "Exalting Christ." Talks by those taking a part, were informative, encouraging and inspiring, while the business sessions gave evidence of the interest and earnestness of those in charge, and by those in attendance. The reports from the Vice-Presidents showed a gratifying increase in the departmental work. We were especially pleased with the Mission report, though not satisfied, as there are still higher mounts to climb. The monetary report surpassed that of last year with a much larger sum raised for both Home and Foreign Missions, but the project given North Carolina women by the Third Vice-President of the National Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, last July, did not meet our hopes, or expectations. We were asked to raise enough funds, extra to our regular contributions to Missions, to purchase a piano for the Cuban Bible School. Some of the districts raised their proportionate amount, while others failed to do so. My earnest hope is, that our local auxiliaries will take this up as early as possible, with their women and make a contribution to this fund. We will be keenly disappointed, if we fail to have the full amount in hand by July 1st. I am sure Mrs. Ballard will also be much disappointed, when she goes to the National Convention, about the middle of July, if we have failed, not only her, but our Cuban School. May we be much in prayer about this, and ask the Lord what He will have you to do

about it. I am sure, if we listen, He will lead us to send in our contribution right away, to Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, of Lucama, N. C., and forward a report to your district Third V. President. In remitting funds to Mrs. Barnes, be sure to inform her for what purpose it is sent. Let's get busy and make up the deficit as quickly as possible.

All officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, except the Field Secretary, Mrs. McAdams, who is leaving the State sometime soon, and could not serve another year. She was replaced with Mrs. Roach, of Selma, who will, we believe, render good service in this field.

Some new work was launched during the business sessions, one of the chief, being that of establishing a Week of Prayer, to be held in the month of November each year. We have our National Prayer Week each Spring, during Holy Week, but we feel the need of a more consecrated and concerted effort to enlarge our prayer life, realizing that "Prayer changes Things," and that without it we are failures, in so far as soul-winning is concerned, as well as being helpless to rightly carry on for the Master in His great harvest field, through other channels.

Another work adopted, was that of getting out a little Booklet for use in our Easter Prayer Week, consisting of a study of the Master's last week on earth. This need has long been felt by North Carolina women, as many of our auxiliaries get up their own programs for the week, in keeping with the things our Lord did during His last days. We deeply feel our need of spending at least, one week in the year, to place ourselves in His very presence, as nearly as possible, as He went about preparing for His great sacrifice on the cross. This matter is in the hands of the Executive Board, and will be worked out in time for its use next year. The women will be urged how-

ever, to join in earnest prayer, with other women throughout the nation, in keeping with our Year Book of Programs, for the objects named for special prayer. It is hoped that this little booklet will go on sale early in next year. May we pray for divine guidance, as we undertake this, and all other work, as it presents itself to us, and may all be done for the "glory of God," that His name may be exalted in all we do and say.

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YEARLY REPORT OF AUXILIARY AT EDWARDS' CHAPEL

Our Auxiliary was organized June 11, 1946.

Dues paid in -----\$77.99

Paid Out

Foreign Missions -----	\$ 3.00
Home Missions -----	3.00
Superannuation -----	6.31
Orphanage -----	8.90
Building Fund -----	11.45
Screens for church -----	8.90

Total Paid Out -----	\$41.56
Leaving Balance in treasury -----	\$38.43
Chapters read -----	3,486
Sick visits -----	244
Flowers -----	3
Members on Roll -----	16
Active members -----	6
New members -----	1
Cards sent -----	4
Building Fund -----	\$42.86

Mrs. W. E. Pittman,
Merriman, N. C.

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ATTENTION FIELD WORKERS AND LOCAL PRESIDENTS

At the State meeting of the women of North Carolina, I was elected your State Field Worker. Many times we are elected, or called on to do a job that we feel is much too big for us. Such is my feeling since being elected your Field Worker. However, I do pledge to you women of the State to do this job to the very best of my ability with the Divine leadership of His Holy Spirit, and your co-operation.

May I hear from you field workers and local auxiliary presidents regarding the time and place of your meet-

ings. I would like to meet with as many of you as possible.

I humbly solicit your prayers as I try with all that is within me to serve Him, and in serving Him, serve the women of the State of North Carolina.

Mrs. Maurice W. Roach,
Box 1201,
Durham, N. C.

A GREAT MEMORIAL

By Mrs. Judy Caro

This season of the year brings one to the realization of the cost of war. Many hearts throughout the world are mourning over the war dead. Many tragic scenes can be recalled, many hearts broken; many wounds reopened. Beneath a mound on some little island underneath the rocks and dust lie many youthful bodies of husbands, sweethearts, and sons. These stories are pitiful and touching, and seemingly have such heartaches attached to them, but praise God, to the child of God the tale does not end thus.

We can sing praises unto Him, the greatest Memorial of all Time, and to the sinless life given for us on Calvary. Because of the blessed Saviour who died that we might live we can look beyond a cold grave and lifeless body to a risen Saviour. We can look forward to the day when we shall reunite in the air with the great Shepherd in the lead. How great are these promises of that Abundant Life? How true is John 10:10!

Yes, we here in America have much to be thankful for. First of all for a nation where Christ has been preached in every town. Those who are mourning because of the loss of loved ones only need to turn to our burden bearer who is willing to carry the load (I Peter 5:7).

My heart cries out to those who know not of this great Memorial—Calvary! Yes, I have suffered the loss of a loved one upon Japanese soil, and too our boys fought hard and sore, but what about those who are left? Can we who know of such a Comforter sit idly by and watch

those unfortunate war torn, homeless, and half-starved heathen go to a Christless grave? God forbid! One may question as to what he or she may do, but the answer is "Go—Give—Pray." Surely, we can do at least one of these. Let us be instrumental in some way, in giving these poor survivors a comforter in the form of the Holy Spirit.

By the grace of God and your prayers, I'll go. What will you do?

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BLOODY IWO JIMA

I wasn't there at Iwo
At that bloody battle scene;
But folks, I'll tell you I fought it,
For I'm the wife of a Marine.

When I heard of my husband's division
Striking with maddening blows;
I then made the great decision
To tell God of my woes.

I told him my heart was pounding,
I told him of my pain,
Bulletins in my ears kept sounding,
But my prayers were not in vain.

He kept me thru those anxious days,
He never left my side
He took my hand and led the way
For he knew how I had tried.

Then the battle was finished
And I felt his presence still;
All news of Iwo diminished
For weeks no mail until.

I finally did receive word,
And knelt in prayer while I read
I held my hand to the Lord,
For you see, my husband was dead.

His mission on earth, well done,
The Lord has taken him home,
And I still have my Lord and my son
So you see I am not alone.

—Judy Caro

There is no danger in infection
when it applies to a smile.

A weak Christian can never be a
strong citizen.

WHAT OTHETS HAVE SAID

The Chicago Tribune carried the following item recently: "The number of unescorted feminine drinkers at cocktail bars continues to increase greatly in all sections of the country. The indications are that the total of female bar flies has tripled in the past 4 years."

Many such women are in grave danger of being captured late in evening by a "White Slave" agent offering to take them home in a car or a taxi.

"When bad men conspire, good men must combine."—Edmund Burke.

"I would rather lose in a cause that will ultimately win, than win in a cause that will ultimately fail."—W. Wilson.

The driver is safer when the roads are dry; the roads are safer when the driver is dry.—Denver Post.

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, on Communism, Fascism: "Both are materialistic; both are totalitarian; both are anti-religious; both are degrading and inhuman."

Charles W. Eliot, former President of Harvard: "Exclude religion from education and you have no foundation upon which to build moral character."

A NOTE OF THANKS

Kind Friends:

I wish to take this means of thanking my friends for their kindness and help to me and my family. Through these past weeks of my sickness, I am thankful to say that I am lots better than I have been. My heart is still weak, but I feel that by the help of my Dear Lord that I am going to get well again.

I appreciate the prayers that have been offered up to him for me. I hope and trust that he will send his blessings upon all them that have been a help to me and my family. I want all who read this letter to continue praying for me. Pray that I may get well so I can help work for my children again.

My Dr. says I must have a gall bladder operation, so please pray for my recovery.

Yours in the name of Christ,
Mrs. Bersell Herring

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION WELCOME TO DETROIT

The Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists of Michigan, have invited the 1947 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The Association is scheduled to convene with The Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Michigan, on Tuesday, July 15, 1947.

Host Church Welcomes You!

We, The Highland Park Church, do invite you to come and spend these days with us. Our Church is not so large, and we are not too many in number—but we plan to do our very best to entertain you and make your visit to Detroit as pleasant as we possibly can.

How to Come!

Detroit, Michigan, of course is one of the largest Industrial Cities in the world. You can reach Detroit by every known means of transportation. Aeroplanes, trains, boats, buses, automobiles, trucks, and hitch-hikers arrive hourly in this great city. So, take your choice and come along. We hope, however that as many of you as can will drive your cars, that you might have transportation after you get here.

Points of Arrival!

Those who come by plane, and arriving at one of the airfields, of course will have limousine or taxi service into the city, and either bus or street car will bring you to Victor Ave. in Highland Park, and remember the church is only three blocks east of Woodward Ave., on Victor in Highland Park. Now don't forget!

Those who travel by train will arrive either at the New York Central Depot or the Union Station, depending of course on what train you ride. Taxi service is available from these points to the church, or you can take a bus or street car on Woodward Ave., and ride to Victor St., for ten cents. (That's what I usually do.)

If you travel by bus (Greyhound) you will arrive in down town Detroit—only a few blocks from Woodward Ave. When you get to Woodward

Ave., (the main thoroughfare running north and south) you can board a Woodward bus or street car and ride north to Victor Ave., in Highland Park. Remember when you get here to ask questions and seek information for we don't want you to get lost.

If you travel by car and come into the city either from Toledo or Chicago way, and you do not want to drive through the city traffic, then when you come to Michigan Ave., (Highway No. 112) please make a right turn and travel east until you come to Southfield Road. When you arrive at Southfield Road, then make a left hand turn and travel north until you reach McNichols Road. When you arrive at McNichols Road, please make a right hand turn and travel east until you come to Woodward Ave. Then make a right hand turn and travel south on Woodward until you reach Victor St. Turn left and come three blocks east.

What About Rooms?

We are planning to go as far as we can in securing rooms in private homes for the Ministers and Delegates. Of course you understand the housing situation here is still critical and it might be that several will have to resort to hotels, etc., at their own expense. Those of you who are planning to provide your own keep in the hotels will find it quite convenient and also the rates reasonable. We will be glad to arrange hotel reservations for those who desire this service. If you want it in advance, please let us know.

What About Meals?

Just as soon as you arrive at the church we want you to register and pay the initial fee of (\$2.00) at that time we will try to arrange for you a room (If you haven't one). Your breakfast will either be furnished by the home you are assigned to or if the home cannot provide breakfast, you will have to eat out some place at your own expense.

We have arranged with two large cafeterias here in Highland Park to provide the noon and evening meal. You will be given a meal ticket for these at the time you register. Now

the registration fee of (\$2.00) will not be enough to cover your meal ticket. The entertainment committee has decided it will cost about (\$5.00). I'm sure you will understand that.

Leisure Moments

For the benefit of those who have never been to Detroit, we hope to arrange at least two excursion trips per day during the off hours of the convention.

A large hall with fountain service has been secured next door to the church. This will provide adequate quarters for lounging and relaxation.

Remember, We'll be seeing you!

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Pastor of Host Church,
206 California,
Highland Park 3, Mich.

EYE-RAYS

By Rev. John H. Wolfe,
Pawnee City, Neb.

What a blessing to mankind was the discovery of the X-ray! Likewise, God has given to the Ministry the mighty power, the Eye-Ray, to help carry the God-given message of salvation with more power than otherwise, which is a direct way into the hearts of the audience. With this EYE-RAY, God wants his messengers to have magnetic power to enforce his message, thus bringing the message directly to his people.

This EYE to EYE way may mean so much to an unsaved person's soul salvation, when used properly. Does a minister feel that he must use a written and delivered message? May he realize a fuller realization of God's message by the Eye to EYE way of bringing the message to his congregation. In delivering a written message, the minister's eyes must keep to the introspective, and if taken off, or from his written or memorized sermon, then the connection is broken and the force of appeal is weakened, thus he loses the mighty power of the heart to heart, and eye to eye appeal of the message, which is so needful to bring about the best results.

Ministers are God's messengers, and should be as true as an ambassador of the nation, delivering his message along the line of his business. When his mind is centered upon his manuscript, he suffers the loss of power of persuasion, or his hearers' keen attention. Let the minister be sure that God and his message must increase if we have to decrease. We want his message to go forth with all power possible, and the force of the meaning of God's holy word, for Christ said, "All power is given unto me." The minister is to go forth with such power.

It is God's will that his messengers deliver his truths in the very best way possible, and it is true that this extra power is given—the EYE-RAY. So, may the ministers keep their eyes on the audience, and speak with all the force God can give, for that may be the last occasion to bring a message to some poor lost soul. Many opportunities come but once, remember! God is remembering that the message was given for that specific audience or person. Some day our Lord will want to know if we have been faithful in using all the means provided for us, for he expects us to be good stewards of the gospel.

FOURTH UNION MEETING

Submitted by Miss Nancy Owens,
Secretary

The Fourth Union District Auxiliary of the Central Conference of North Carolina will convene with Antioch Church on Sunday, June 29, 1947.

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
—Welcome Address by Mrs. Jim Edmundson
—Response by Rev. C. D. Hamilton
—Orphanage offering
11:30—Convention Sermon by Rev. J. D. Vernelson
—Appointment of Committees
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions by Mrs. Albert Summerlin
1:30—Talk by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
2:00—Business Period
3:00—Miscellaneous business and adjournment

Mrs. W. E. Musgrave,
Mrs. Luther Goff,
Miss Alice Langley,
Committee

MRS. LEE WHALEY MISSION ITINERARY

Eastern Conference

Friday, June 13, Snead's Ferry, Onslow County.
Saturday, June 14, Folkstone, Onslow County.
Sunday, June 15, Lanier's Chapel (11 a.m.), Duplin County.
Sunday, June 15, Beulaville (8 p.m.), Duplin County.
Tuesday, June 17, Sarecta, Duplin County.
Wednesday, June 18, Snow Hill, Duplin County.
Thursday, June 19, Dailey's Chapel, Lenoir County.
Friday, June 20, Grant's Chapel, Wayne County.
Saturday, June 21, Indian Springs, Wayne County.
Sunday, June 22, North East Church (11 A. M.)
Sunday, June 22, May's Chapel (8 p. m.), Wayne County.

Cape Fear Association

Tuesday, June 24, St. Paul, Sampson County.
Wednesday, June 25, Oak Grove, Sampson County.
Thursday, June 26, Shady Grove, Sampson County.
Friday, June 27, Robert's Grove, Sampson County.
Saturday, June 28, Corinth, Sampson County.
Sunday, June 29, Lee's Chapel (11 a. m.), Sampson County.
Sunday, June 29, West Clinton (8 p. m.), Sampson County.

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MISS ZALENE LLOYD MISSION ITINERARY

Eastern Conference

Friday, June 13, Pilgrim's Rest, Carteret County.
Saturday, June 14, Welcome Home, Carteret County.
Sunday, June 15, Russell's Creek (11 a.m.), Carteret County.
Sunday, June 15, Holly Springs (8 p. m.), Carteret County.
Tuesday, June 17, Sound View, Carteret County.

Wednesday, June 18, New Bethlehem, Pamlico County.
Thursday, June 19, Mt. Zion, Pamlico County.
Friday, June 20, Trent, Pamlico County.
Saturday, June 21, Oriental, Pamlico County.
Sunday, June 22, Warden's Grove (11 a. m.), Pamlico County.
Sunday, June 22, Dublin Grove (8 p. m.), Beaufort County.
Tuesday, June 24, Core Point Chapel, Beaufort County.
Wednesday, June 25, Smyrna, Beaufort County.
Thursday, June 26, Oak Grove, Craven County.
Friday, June 27, Palmetta Chapel, Craven County.
Saturday, June 28, Reunion Chapel, Craven County.
Sunday, June 29, Antioch (11 a. m.), Craven County.
Sunday, June 29, Wintergreen (8 p. m.), Craven County.

(to be continued)

SPECIAL NOTICE N. C. MINISTERS

The members of the Executive Board of the N. C. State Association have made investigation about chartering a bus to go to the National Association, meeting in Detroit, Michigan in July. We can get the Bus, and it seems now that we will have enough going to the Association to fill the Bus. If you would like to go on the Bus please write Rev. David W. Hansley, Folkstone, N. C.

The Bus will be one of the latest models with reclining seats, and should be very comfortable for the trip. It will not be crowded.

We will plan to leave Monday morning, July 14, and will return in time to fill our Pulpits on Sunday, July 20. You will be asked to make a small deposit when you make your reservation with Bro. Hansley. The round trip will cost less than \$35.00. Please write to Brother Hansley for complete information.

M. L. Johnson, President,
N. C. State Association

If you want to climb have courage and grit, and see that you guard your health and keep fit.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

**THE FALL OF THE SOUTHERN
KINGDOM**

(Lesson for June 22)

Lesson: 2 Kings 25:1-12.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

**Righteousness exalteth a nation:
but sin is a reproach to any people.**
Proverbs 14:34.

Carved over the door of the imposing City Hall in one of the largest cities on the Pacific Coast are the words of this text, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." This city has a most distressing record for divorces, one marriage in every three ends in the courts. Crime is so organized that men and women can be robbed on the streets almost with impunity, and the harassed Chief of Police is now calling for 500 extra policemen to help maintain some semblance of order! There are as many as ten places in a single block where liquor is sold, and gambling is open and flagrant. The noble sentiments of the grand text look well in the stone of the City Hall, but they have never entered the hearts and minds of the citizens!

There are certain countries now on the face of the earth which our statesmen would not trust under any possible circumstances. They have deceived us, broken their covenants, and betrayed their promises so often we have lost all confidence in them. Sin is a reproach to any people! They have forfeited the right to our respect; they delight to shed blood, they are cursed with a vicious pride which makes them determined to enslave weaker nations, their very name is a reproach in our ears. They **earned** this condemnation by their conduct.

But if these same people turned about and lived sober, industrious,

Godly lives for one short generation, they would find our hearts open to them again in brotherly affection, and our purses offered to their need. One short generation of honorable dealing and truthful speech would life them to a place of honor in the council of nations, and they would prove once again the validity of this text. —Selected.

II. Lesson High Points

(1) It was in December, their tenth month, when the siege began against the great city, which then had a population of around 600,000 people (Tacitus). The Chaldean army surrounded the city, thus completely closing in all of the people, and then they erected fortifications round about it beyond the great wall. No supplies were allowed to enter the city for the enclosed people. "They built forts gainst it round about" (v. 1b), meaning to starve the people into submission, as they hammered away with their "battering rams" to break openings through the wall. This siege lasted for a year and a half. Meanwhile, the king of Egypt came up with his army to help Zedekiah and to oppose the besieging Babylonian army, but Nebuchadnezzar's superior forces turned on them and soon drove them back.

The fact that the city was able to hold out against the siege for a year and a half shows her material strength and skill with which she was able to defy the encamped enemy beyond her walls. The anxiety, ever increasing disease conditions, death and great fear became more and more unbearable and desperate throughout the city. Great hunger seized upon the people with the food supplies growing smaller and smaller day by day; and, before the city was entered by the enemy, the people were forced into desperation, fury, and wild rage—some killing their own children. The horrors of this siege are recorded in Lam. 2:11-20; 4:3-10; Eze. 5:10. (Please read also the prophetic pronouncements in Lev. 26:29; Deut. 28:53-54; Jer. 15:2-3; 27:13.)

—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

(2) **The Capture of Zedekiah.** The

Chaldean forces under king Nebuchadnezzar broke down a section of the wall of Jerusalem and entered the city. King Zedekiah fled and went out into the valley of the Jordan River, and was pursued by the Chaldean army. They finally overtook him in the plains near Jericho, and broke his power of resistance and scattered his army.

Zedekiah was tried on the charge of high treason or as a rebel, or perhaps as a "war criminal." He could expect no mercy at the hands of the Babylonians against whom he had treacherously rebelled. He was condemned and sentenced to one of the most common forms of secondary punishments of the Orient. After seeing his sons slain before his face, his eyes were put out and he was carried to Babylon. Jeremiah had prophesied definitely that he would be carried to Babylon (Jeremiah 32:5 and 34:3), and Ezekiel had as plainly said that he should not see Babylon, even though he should die there (Ezekiel 12:13).—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Said Anne of Austria, the Queen of France, to her implacable enemy, Cardinal Richelieu, "My lord cardinal, there is one fact which you seem to have entirely forgotten. God is a sure paymaster. He may not pay at the end of every week, or month, or year; but I charge you, remember that He pays in the end."

Zedekiah could say "Amen" to Queen Anne's words. Paul said the same thing in Galatians 6:7.

NOTICE!

I am available for pastoral services on fourth Sundays for the coming year. Also I will have a few open dates for meetings this fall.

Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

Of the many calls we may accept there are none comparable to God's call for Christian service.

We are journeying on, but whether?

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

MISS HAZEL DAWKINS ELECTED
FIELD WORKER FOR THE
ORPHANAGE

It is with pleasure that I announce to the following churches the election of Miss Hazel Dawkins, a student of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and a citizen of Rockingham, N. C., as Field Representative for the Orphanage for the summer of 1947. Miss Dawkins comes well recommended and your cooperation with her will be appreciated by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

James A. Evans, Superintendent

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary

Western Conference

Monday, June 9—

Elwood Lane, Cabarrus County.

Piedmont Association

Upper South Carolina

Wednesday, June 18—

Bailey's Chapel, Polk County.

French Broad Association

Thursday, June 19—

Horney Heights, Buncombe County.

Friday, June 20—

Asheville, Buncombe County.

Saturday, June 21—

Cedar Hill, Buncombe County.

Sunday, June 22—

Mountain View (11 a.m.), Buncombe County.

Marshall (8 p.m.), Madison County.

Tuesday, June 24—

Laurel Fork, Madison County.

Wednesday, June 25—

Red Hill, Madison County.

Thursday, June 26—

Shady Grove, Madison County.

Friday, June 27—

Walnut, Madison County.

Saturday, June 28—

Shoal Hill, Madison County.

Sunday, June 29—

Mt. Zion (11 a.m.), Madison County.

Laurelton Chapel (8 p.m.), Madison County.

Tuesday, July 1—

Mt. Bethel, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, July 2—

Ray's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Thursday, July 3—

Union Chapel, Buncombe County.

Friday, July 4—

Union Valley, Buncombe County.

Saturday, July 5—

Paint Fork, Buncombe County.

Sunday, July 6—

Barnardsville (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.

Hazel Green (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Tuesday, July 8—

Avery's Creek, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, July 9—

Canton, Haywood County.

Thursday, July 10—

Hyatt's Creek, Haywood County.

Western Yearly

Friday, July 11—

Pleasant Grove, Cherokee County.

Saturday, July 12—

Conley Creek, Swain County.

Sunday, July 13—

Mt. Vernon (11 a.m.), Swain County.

Saw Mill Hill (8 p.m.), Swain County.

French Broad Association

Tuesday, July 15—

Swannanoa, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, July 16—

Homer's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Thursday, July 17—

E. Black Mountain, Buncombe County.

Friday, July 18—

Old Fort, McDowell County.

Jack's Creek Association

Saturday, July 19—

Davistown, McDowell County.

Sunday, July 20—

Fairview (11 a.m.), McDowell County.

Liberty (8 p.m.), McDowell County.

Tuesday, July 22—

Bowditch, Yancy County.

Wednesday, July 23—

Mine Fork, Yancy County.

Thursday, July 24—

Green Mountain, Yancy County.

Friday, July 25—

Peterson's Creek, Yancy County.

Saturday, July 26—

North Bent, Yancy County.

Sunday, July 27—

Bald Mountain (11 a.m.), Yancy Co.

Big Creek, (8 p.m.), Yancy County.

Tuesday, July 29—

Pilgrim's Chapel, Yancy County.

Wednesday, July 30—

Young's Chapel, Yancy County.

Thursday, July 31—

Terry's Fork, Madison County.

Friday, August 1—

Price's Creek, Yancy County.

Saturday, August 2—

Pensacola, Yancy County.

Sunday, August 3—

Patterson's Branch (11 a.m.), Yancy County.

Higgins' Chapel (8 p.m.), Yancy Co.

Tuesday, August 5—

Law Gap, Yancy County.

Toe River Association

Wednesday, August 6—

Burmmit's Creek, Mitchell County.

Thursday, August 7—

Cane Creek, Mitchell County.

Friday, August 8—

Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.

Saturday, August 9—

Middle District, Mitchell County.

Sunday, August 10—

St. Paul (11 a.m.), Mitchell County.

McCoury's Rock (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

Tuesday, August 12—

Mt. Odell, Avery County.

Wednesday, August 13—

Burleson's Chapel, Avery County.

Thursday, August 14—

Lewis Chapel, Avery County.

Friday, August 15—

Elk Mountain, Avery County.

Saturday, August 16—

Vale, Avery County.

Sunday, August 17—

Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.

Piedmont Association

Monday, August 18—

Erlanger, Davidson County.

Western Conference

Tuesday, August 19—

W. Hillsboro, Orange County.

Wednesday, August 20—

Calvary, Durham County.

Thursday, August 21—

King's Chapel, Durham County.

Friday, August 22—

Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.

Saturday, August 23—

Shady Grove, Durham County.

Sunday, August 24—

Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.

Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.

Tuesday, August 26—

Free Union, Wake County.

Wednesday, August 27—

St. Delight, Franklin County.

Thursday, August 28—

People's Chapel, Wilson County.

Friday, August 29—

Rosebud, Wilson County.

Central Conference

Saturday, August 30—

Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.

Sunday, August 31—

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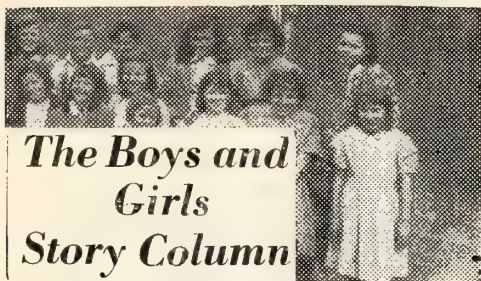
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The Boys and Girls Story Column

DO YOU STAND BY YOUR FRIENDS?

True friendship is not only one of the rarest, but also one of the finest things in life. The loyal friend stands by a chum at all times. One of the greatest tributes that can be paid a person is to say, "He's loyal to his friends."

Some time ago a boy said to me, "I have to give Bill up. There was an ugly story concerning him going the rounds, and I just couldn't risk my own reputation by associating with him."

"Do you have absolute proof that the story is true?" I asked.

"Well," the lad went on, "it came from unusually reliable quarters—an unimpeachable source, as they say in the newspapers."

"Still," I persisted, "that source could be wrong. You chummed with Bill a long time, haven't you? And never before have you had occasion to suspect him of anything wrong?"

"Never. This is the first time."

"Then don't you think the least you could do would be to go to him and get his side of the case?" I went on. "This is the time when he needs you most. If you, whom he has always regarded as a true friend, do not stand by him when a crisis develops in his life, who will? Certainly not his enemies."

"I never thought about it that way," the boy declared, coloring. "I guess you're right. I haven't given him a square deal."

The boy bounded off in the direction of Bill's home. A day or two passed before I saw him again.

"Well, how did you make out with Bill?" I inquired hopefully.

The boy grinned. "Fine. The 'unimpeachable source' proved to be wrong. It was a case of mistaken

identity and Bill was as innocent as could be. We're good friends again now. But I'm afraid an ugly story is easier to start than to live down. In the future I'm going to believe the best until the worst is proven. I'm going to stand by my friends."—Unknown.

"A friend loveth at all times" (Prov. 17:17).

—In Juvenile Pleasure

GOOD NEWS FROM ALABAMA CHILDREN'S HOME

We hope to open the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama, the 5th Sunday in August. We bought this property on March 5, 1942, and gave ourselves six years to pay for it, but we paid for it in three years and we have spent \$9,000 repairing the Home and there is some yet to be done.

We can take care of 30 children there now, and it will care for 75 to 100 at its maximum capacity.

This was a standard Junior College of the Missionary Baptist and we bought it just as it stood, furniture, library and all.

There is a 45 room two-story girls' dormitory made of the most beautiful red brick; there is a 14 room boys' dormitory made of mountain rock and wood and a six room academy building, with six class rooms and auditorium made of mountain rock.

We could not build either one of the three buildings for what we have in it. It is the greatest buy I have seen in the Free Will Baptist Church. It is a gift from God for the interest on our money.

If you know of any children in Alabama or the adjoining states that need to be in the Home, write to Bro. V. C. May, Eldridge, Alabama, so he can be investigating before 5th Sunday in August.

We need \$5,000 to open with and there are Free Will Baptists in Alabama, and out of it, who can give \$1,000, \$100, \$10.00 and \$5.00. We must have it now if we open on the fifth Sunday in August. Ask the Lord what He would have you do about this.

We thank God for the Trustees,

who have so faithfully, sacrificially and untiringly given themselves to this task. There were also field workers in several of the associations who have shared a great deal in this sacrificial service and are due much of the credit for the success of all of it.

If the Lord puts on your heart something to do, send it to F. W. B. Children's Home or to Mr. V. C. May, Eldridge, Alabama, but pray before you give.

We are still carrying on the Faith Program on WKAX, 900 K. C. from Birmingham, Alabama at 7:30-8:00 A. M., on Saturday and Sunday from 7:00-7:30 A. M. This cost \$40.00 per week. If you desire to help you can do so. We had to drop WWWB, Jasper, Alabama.

The Free Will Baptist Church is growing, so get your "ostrich head" out of the sand, and lift up your head and eyes with thanksgiving to the hills from which cometh our help.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
704 Long Avenue,
Cordova, Alabama.

REPORT OF FIRST UNION MEETING

The First Union meeting met with Branch Chapel on March 29, 1947. The devotions were conducted by Willie Renfrow, the welcome address was by Rev. E. G. Holland, and the response was by Rev. W. R. Williams. The moderator made a very interesting talk for the good of the union.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the list of churches and also of ministers was called. Some fine remarks were made by Rev. James A. Evans concerning the radio which the union gave to the orphanage. Rev. E. G. Holland made the report of the orphanage, and an offering was taken for the orphanage to the amount of \$46.55.

Reverend Kenneth Turner preached at the eleven o'clock hour and his message was enjoyed very much by all present. Then a very delicious dinner was served on the church grounds.

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. Milton Davis. Rev. Wiley Ferrel requested to join this First Union, and his request was granted.

All of the churches in this union represented but two, Stony Creek sent theirs by mail to the amount of \$5.00. The officers were elected as follows: Moderator, F. A. Rivenbark; assistant moderator, Willie Renfrow; secretary and treasurer, Louis Barnes; assistant secretary and treasurer, Jack Avery; program committee, H. A. Boyette and G. F. Fulghum; Orphanage committee, E. G. Holland, Ronnie Mitchell; the mission committee, W. R. Williams; Christian education committee, Willie Renfrow; Superannuation committee, Milton Davis; Church Finance committee, Mrs. Luther Kirby. The financial report was given as follows:

On hand from last union	----\$ 10.26
Received today	----- 166.05

Total	-----\$176.31
Special collection for missions	73.82

Grand Total	-----\$250.13
Stony Creek by letter	-----\$ 5.00

Disbursements

To orphanage	-----\$100.00
Church Finance Association	6.25
Christian education	----- 15.00
Superannuation	----- 25.00
Missions	----- 73.82
Union expenses	----- 12.00

Total	-----\$232.07
Balance in the treasury	-----\$23.06

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. The next union will go to Raines Cross Roads Church in June, 1947. Then the union adjourned with song and prayer. Rev. Milton Davis is to preach on Sunday at the next union meeting.

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Mod.,
Louis Barnes, Secy.-Treas.

We lighten the hearts of suffering humanity when weighty problems are solved.

REPORT OF CARTERET UNION MEETING

The union met with Holly Springs Church, near Newport, North Carolina, on March 29, 1947. The meeting opened with congregational singing, with Rev. W. E. Anderson presiding. Mrs. H. M. McAdams offered prayer. After the various committees were appointed, Rev. J. R. Forrest preached the union sermon. He took a text from Isaiah 49:22, and using for his subject, "God's Standard." He preached a splendid sermon. Following the sermon, an offering was taken for the orphanage, which amounted to \$33.62. The union was then dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session began with song service at one o'clock. A special number was enjoyed, entitled, "No Tears in Heaven." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Bennett, pastor of the church. The business of the day was then transacted as follows. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches was called and ten of the twelve were represented. Rev. and Mrs. McAdams made a fine report on the work of missions. Then Rev. J. R. Bennett discussed the various institutions of our denomination.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the church and community for the fine way in which they cared for this session of the union. The next union will meet at Edward's Chapel, Merri-
mon, North Carolina, in June.

Financial Report

Total funds on hand	-----\$146.63
Total paid out	----- 121.92

Balance on hand	-----\$ 24.71
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Rev. W. E. Anderson, Moderator,
Mrs. Weldon Fulcher, Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENT

I am using this means to notify my friends and the brethren that I am now available for pastoral work for part or for full-time services. If anyone wishes to correspond with me, please address your mail to:

Rev. J. Walter Stanley,
Four Oaks, N. C.,
Route 2

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am an ordained minister of the Gospel of Christ, and a member of the Western Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of North Carolina, and that I am now serving Yelverton's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Smithfield, North Carolina, Route 1, on the First and Third Sundays of each month.



Rev. E. F. Chrisco

This is further to announce that I should like to have another church or churches to serve, to fill up the time on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month, for the coming church year.

Any church or churches that might be interested in securing my services for the coming year, can get in touch with me by addressing their communications to the following address:

Rev. E. F. Chrisco,
101 King Street,
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Years ago a number of prominent literary men were assembled in a club room in London. The conversation veered to a discussion of some of the great figures of the past, and one of the company suddenly asked, "Gentlemen, what would we do if

John Milton were to enter this room?"

"Ah," replied one of the circle, "we would give him such an ovation as might compensate for the tardy recognition accorded him by men."

"And if Shakespeare entered?" asked another.

"We would arise and crown him master of song."

"And if Jesus Christ were to enter?" asked another.

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Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take;
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel—and all about us seems to lower;
We rise—and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel, how weak! we rise, how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this
wrong,
Or others, that we are not always strong;
That we are ever overborne with care,
Anxious and troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with thee?

—Richard Chenevix Trench

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The only good luck many great men ever had was being born with the ability and determination to overcome bad luck.—Channing Pollock.

Is yours a checkered career? Pause before you make the next move!

Editorial

RHODA—

Rhoda, meaning a rose in the Bible, was the maid who announced the Apostle Peter's arrival at the door of Mary's house after his miraculous release from prison (Acts 12:13).

This young girl was a member of that prayer meeting in Mary's house in Jerusalem on that memorable night where the Godly women were assembled in a prayer meeting, for "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him" (v. 5). She was the one who went to the door when the knock came, and "when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate" (v. 14).

Rhoda realized immediately that something wonderful had happened to the Apostle who had been imprisoned for safe keeping by the Roman guard. She rushed back into the room to tell with joy the other women that the Apostle Peter was standing at the door. Their prayers—continuing prayers of faith—had been answered by the great heavenly Father. God's holy angel that night released this servant of the Lord and set him free. Yes, there were many in that room that night offering up their petitions to God for their beloved leader. "Many were gathered together praying," and this young damsel, Rhoda, was one of them praying for the release of God's servant from the hands of Herod. Doubtless, there were other young girls in that prayer meeting that night praying for the man who meant so much to them in the Christian faith.

We need more Rhodas today in our mid-week prayer meetings, praying for their pastors. They are needed in the Sunday School, and in the Young People's League, offering prayers for the teachers and leaders of these church organizations, and also for the general success of Christ's cause among all of the young people. Rhodas like this young lady are needed in the Women's Auxiliaries of the church, sending up their prayers to God for the spiritual welfare of the auxiliaries in all of the churches of the denomination.

This Rhoda of the New Testament was made happy because she had a part in that great prayer meeting, and because she was privileged to break the good news that night to the other women that Peter was standing before the door as a free man, delivered by the power of Almighty God. May there be many such Rhodas who, by their zealous work for the Lord, may have sweet experiences through the grace of God during the passing of the years.

BARNARD'S BOOK ON SALE—

The National Mission Board has arranged with the Business Manager of the Press for the Press to handle Miss Laura Belle Barnard's book, "His Name Among All Nations." We now have on sale quite a number of these books at \$2.00 per copy. Those desiring copies may mail their orders to the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

This book is suitable for use in Auxiliary study courses, Sunday School Institute work, and for other study courses. It has its place in the church library, in the home, and in the ministers' libraries. The net profits realized from the sales of the book go into the support of the Mission Program of the denomination. Anyone would be doing a good thing to own the book for personal gain in becoming better acquainted with what Miss Barnard said concerning world missions, as well as helping to that extent the cause of missions in the church.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION—

The National Association will convene with Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, in Michigan, on Tuesday, July 15, 1947. This is expected to be a great meeting with delegates and ministers attending from the various sections of the country. Representative delegations from many of the states will arrange to attend this meeting. The National Women's Auxiliary convention meets at the same time the National Association convenes, and with the same church. We are informed also that the National Sunday School Board will meet for entering into the matters of vital importance concerning the National Sunday School work. It is expected that all matters of great concern to the cause of righteousness, that shall be presented before those bodies, will be wisely and agreeably worked out for the good of the denominational enterprises.

Throwing mud at a good man only soils your own hands.

I have never met a man who could do real work except under the stimulus of encouragement and enthusiasm and the approval of the people for whom he is working.—Charles Schwab.

To be popular at home is a great achievement. The man who is loved by the house cat, by the dog, by the neighbor's children, and by his own wife, is a great man even if he never had his name in "Who's Who."—Theodore Dreiser.

Shall We Let America Fall?

by
A. L. SELLARS

This great question is facing every American citizen today. Good old America has been wonderful, accomplished great things, and proud of her accomplishments, but when we look ahead we can see danger awaiting her. The principles upon which she was established, and has been the background of the greatness of her success are being forsaken. When the source of the power of any accomplishment is forsaken the accomplishment has always ceased to be a success, let it be for good or bad.

The settling of America was a grand undertaking, too great for the power of man alone. Some tried it seemingly and they failed. The source of the power of the success of the settling of America was from God. Folks wanted a place where they could worship Him as they pleased and not be bothered. The Lord gave it to them. It is wonderful how he did it. They had to sacrifice and many lives were lost, or we call it lost, but He tells us that he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. That being true we believe there is a greater reward for them than to have succeeded in their undertaking here. They did enough that the undertaking was a success, and when we consider the blessings that have been ours to enjoy and are still enjoying, we are made to rejoice, not that they suffered as they did, but that they loved the Lord and humanity enough that they were willing to endure as they did that we might be the recipients of such great blessings. What an inheritance they left to us! Do we think of its cost as we go down the road of life, enjoying the good times and the good things that we have the privilege of enjoying.

I fear many of us never give it a thought, but feel that we merit it because of our dignity and high standing in life. That is a mistake. Neither our dignity nor high standing, as we look at it, has never gotten any one very far but has proven destructive to many. One we have in mind

was Haman, his dignity and high standing caused him to lose his life, and the destruction of his family.

For just a little while let's try to place ourselves as they were when they were leaving their homes, friends, and loved ones to face the unknown briny deep, to go to an unknown wilderness, to meet unknown difficulties, and have unthought of experiences, that we of today might have a country of freedom to live in. They endured the heart-breaking experience of leaving home and loved ones, knowing without a doubt they would never see them any more. They suffered for the want of the necessities of life in many ways that we are not even conscious of, even unto death, all that we might live in peace, plenty, and pleasure. Because of their faith in God, and their reverence for Him, and their devotion to Him, He blessed them with this great country to live in, and a great government. They appreciated this and tried to show their appreciation by living according to His Will. This continued for a while, drunkenness, profanity, Sabbath breaking, and all kinds of immoral acts were highly condemned. There was a respect for godliness by the general public. Do we have that any longer?

I don't find it so. You will not go very far today before hearing some one using profanity, or talking about going fishing on Sunday, and what a ball game they were at a few Sundays ago, and immoral acts are so common in dress and conduct until it has become stylish. In our daily contacts with the business world, there is no impression of God or Godliness, but the thought is to satisfy our physical ambitions and fleshly lusts. Because of this the places of worldly amusement are being well attended and the minds of youths are being filled with the deceitful pleasures of sin. Our church pews are left empty and the minds of our youth are blank of the knowledge of God,

the glories of salvation, or the destructiveness of sin.

The youth of today is being taught by the general public that it is no harm to attend the Sunday shows, the Sunday ball games, the Sunday fishing frolics and numerous other things that lead on the way to destruction, and that there is nothing to going to church. If not by word they are taught it by example, for there are a lot of parents who hardly ever miss taking their children to the show Saturday P. M., but when Sunday morning comes they are too tired or feel too badly, or there is something else that is of more importance to go to, than to church.

Now, my friends, when the minds of these youths mature, the seed that is being sown in them can we expect a God loving people? No. But a sin loving people I am afraid, and Paul said in Galatians 6:7-8, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." Christ said in Matt. 7:26-27, "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand: and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell and great was the fall of it." We as a nation are sowing to the flesh, and to be safe we had better be warned by what Paul was telling the Galatian people and not think that because our government was founded upon a solid foundation that it will not fall. We are not any better established than the children of Israel were when Solomon went on the throne, and they fell. God does not promise to protect us when we have forsaken him. It is up to us to hold to God's unchanging hand and stand, but I don't believe He will let us hold to His unchanging hand if we let His church pews go empty.

Two Wine Glasses, Wine and Water, Side By Side

What Each Said to the Other!

There sat two glasses filled to the brim
On a rich man's table rim to rim.
One was ruddy and red as blood,
The other clear as the crystal flood.

Said the glass of wine to the paler brother—
"Let us tell the tales of the past to each other.
I can tell of revel, of banquet and mirth,
And the proudest and grandest souls on Earth
Fell under my touch as though struck by blight
Where I was King, for I ruled in might.
From the heads of Kings I have torn the crown,
From the height of fame, I have hurled men down.
I have blasted many an honored name,
I have taken virtue and given shame;
I have tempted the youth with a sip—a taste—
That has made his future a barren waste.
Far greater than King, am I,
Or than any army beneath the sky.
I have made the arm of the driver fail;
I have sent the train from the iron rail;
I have made good ships go down at sea,
And the shrieks of the lost were sweet to me,
For they said, 'Behold! How great you be!
And your might and power are over all.'
'Ho! Ho! Pale brother," laughed the wine,
"Can you boast of deeds as great as mine?"

Said the glass of water, "I cannot boast
Of a King dethroned, or a murdered host;
But I can tell of hearts once sad,
By crystal drops made light and glad.
Of hands I have colled and brows I have laved,
Of hearts I have gladdened and Souls I have saved.
I have eased the hot forehead of fever and paid,
I have made the parched meadow grow fertile with grain.
I can tell of the powerful wheel of the mill
That has ground out the flour, and turned at my will.
I have leaped through the valley, dashed down the mountain,
Flowed in the river, and played in the fountain;
Slept in the sunshine, and dropped from the sky
And everywhere gladdened the landscape and eye.
I can tell of manhood, debased by you,
That I have strengthened and crowned anew;
I cheer, I help, I strengthen and aid,
I gladden the heart of man and maid.
I set the chained wine-captive free;
And all are better for knowing me."

These are the tales they told each other,
The glass of wine and his paler brother,
As they sat together, filled to the brim,
On a rich man's table, rim to rim.

—Author Unknown

—In Civic Bulletin

MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S SAVING POWER

God has said "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). How true are His glorious promises. Our Lord was with us in our revival in a mighty and wonderful way. Through the powerful convicting work of the Holy Spirit, twenty one precious souls were saved. It was a beautiful and heart-touching thing to witness boys and girls yielding themselves to Jesus completely. How the heavenly choir of angels must have rejoiced as they sang anthems of praise to God when one after another confessed Christ Jesus as their Personal Saviour.

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, our evangelist, being yielded to the will of God, brought soul stirring messages of our Lord and His wonderful, marvelous saving power. Our revival was a success and we are praising and thanking God for the precious souls that were saved to bring glory and honor to his Holy Name.

We wish to thank Rev. Rivenbark for his splendid work and extend to him and his family a cordial invitation to come visit with us in fellowship with the Lord Jesus as often as they may. As he goes forward in the harvest fields for God, we heartily send our prayers and wishes for more success daily in winning souls for Jesus.

Worker for Him,

Rachel E. Wooten

ATTENTION! KING'S CROSS ROAD LADIES AID

As it seemed best for us to postpone our meeting for May, we are strongly urging that every member attend our regular meeting on the fourth Sunday night in June at eight o'clock. There are important business matters that need your attention promptly.

Mrs. A. M. Wooten,

Publicity Director



News From India



"Shamrock," Kotagiri, S. India

May 28, 1947

Dear Friends,

This brief note is to thank you all for your prayers for William, and to tell you that God has been graciously working as you have prayed. In his daily work, as well as in his testimony by word of mouth, he has given satisfactory evidence of a spiritual work in his life. Since he returned to work there has been absolutely nothing inconsistent in his life as far as I have seen. However, the ring which was stolen has never been found. William has from the beginning insisted that he knew nothing of it, although he confessed the locket and returned it. Since his life has been satisfactory otherwise and no further suspicion has gathered around him since that episode, I must take his word about the ring. But you can see that as long as the mysterious disappearance of the ring is not cleared up, William can never stand absolutely in the clear. So I do feel urged to ask you to continue to pray that God will bring the truth to light in this matter yea. We ought to pray thus for William's sake, so that if he is innocent he will not have to suffer this unjust suspicion. And if he is guilty it must come to light and be confessed with the other sins before he can ever make any genuine progress in grace. I feel decidedly that we should not relax in prayer until God has entirely cleared the atmosphere. The ring was by far the more valuable of the two important items stolen.

I enclose herewith for publication a picture of William and Raju, the two young men regularly employed at "Shamrock." This will help you to pray for them, perhaps. They are shown polishing up the silverware which your Octagon Soap coupons bought for us, with the other few items of silver in the house. William is on the left, Raju on the right. I

have a few other pictures which I will send soon.

You have already heard from the Woolseys of their safe arrival and of their welfare. They are settling in beautifully indeed. They will need much prayer, as do all new missionaries. And all of us here need your prayers for strengthening and for the sure and clear guidance of the Lord in the next few months. The work in Kotagiri needs assistance, and it needs a visitation of the Spirit to solve a number of acute problems. And the prospects of the new work in Northern India need earnest prayer. Doubtless the Woolseys will go North just as soon as all of us are clear as to how to take the first step, and when. I expect to write again as soon as possible and give details so that you will know better how to pray. Meanwhile, look to God for us.

Yours in His glad fellowship,

Laura B. Barnard

ATTENTION! JUNIORS AND SENIORS

THIS IS CRAGMONT FLASH NEWS! Are you planning on coming this year? YES? Fine, there will be a hearty welcome for you. We've been praying and planning for Cragmont, and working to get things in "apple pie" order for a long time.

But you ask, "What is it all about?" In the morning we have various classes of instruction, and good singing of choruses. In the afternoon is recreation, including games, hikes, horse shoes, bedminton, croquet, baseball, and swimming near by. We've provided a canteen where souvenirs, candy, cold refreshments of all kinds, and Christian literature are sold. Our meals are tasty and wholesome and attractively served. The day is topped off by an evangelistic service at night by noted and trained speakers and musicians.

The speakers will alternate, but Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Harris will render most of the music, who are both former students of Bob Jones College; Mrs. Harris with a major in sacred music and piano, and Mr. Harris in Bible and music. Our teachers are also educated and well qualified. The whole atmosphere is peaceful and harmonious with temperate weather at most times.

If you've never been to the mountains you can't realize how wonderful and beautiful they are. The scenery is so picturesque. All in all Cragmont can't be beat! and just to think, it belongs to the Free Will Baptist! IF YOU CAN'T COME FOR TWO WEEKS, JUST COME FOR ONE, AND REMEMBER people from all states are welcome. COME! support your denominational enterprise, and give Cragmont a try! Send in your application at once so we can plan for you. The group of intermediates this week are manifesting a grand spirit in every way, we are proud to say. Now you Juniors and Seniors come and see if you can beat them!

Don't delay!

Come and pray

Worship and play,

Plan for Cragmont

In a wonderful way!

Mrs. J. Albert Harris

A DISCUSSION OF PRAYER

The Apostle James tells us that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. To my mind the first thing we need to do is to go on our knees and confess our sins, and lack of faith, our unbelief in the power of prayer, and ask the good Lord with our whole hearts for forgiveness. We should plead with our heavenly Father to give us praying hearts. The Lord knows all about us, and our needs, but I feel that we should humble ourselves enough to ask our Saviour for the things we most need in the Spirit.

I think one of the greatest prayers ever to ascend to the throne of grace is one in which we realize the need to say, "Lord, be merciful to me a sinner." We should say, "Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on

me." If we pray in the Spirit, and with understanding, as Paul did in I Corinthians 14:15, we shall be able to appreciate the fact that we are in direct touch with Jesus Christ our Saviour, and with God the Father and the Holy Ghost.

In First Timothy Paul says, "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting" (ch. 2:8). In Romans 8:26 we read, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Christ taught us to pray: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Mrs. Edd Skinner,

Mosley's Creek Church

WHAT MAKES LIFE WORTHWHILE?

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters

'Tis the friends and neighbors 'round us,

Who cheer us on our way;
With their sunny disposition
And the loving words they say.

It's the loved ones that we know,
And to our heart who are so dear;
That though we may be miles apart
They're somehow very near.

It's the fervent prayers of others,
Going up in our behalf;
Making every burden lighter,
And the dark clouds swiftly pass.

It's the friend that sticketh closer
Than a brother through the years;
Who is always willing, to-be-sure,
To share our joys or our tears.

It's being the friend or neighbor
We'd like for others to be;

For if we were just like they,
Perhaps they would be more like me.

It's Christian homes where we can go,

When ever we might care;
Relax at ease, for there be no style,
For we're generously welcomed there.

It's the love of Jesus in our hearts,
Making us love our fellow man;
Though what we like failures be
We'll always try to understand.

It's the loving Spirit of Him
Who died in our place;
For by dwelling deep in us
We are being saved by His divine grace.

It's knowing—one day up yonder
In that Home so fair and bright;
We'll be with Him forever free from
All our earthly toils and strife.

It's knowing that heartaches, tears
and sorrows,
On that great day will ever cease to be;
For we'll join our Christian loved ones
And then forever dwell together eternally.

NOTICE TO ALL STATE FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENTS

The time for our National Woman's Auxiliary Convention is fast approaching and I desire to have a complete report of the work of our Fifth Vice-Presidents for this Convention. To have this report all Fifth Vice-Presidents must cooperate. I'm sure you too are eager to do this, so please send your reports to me at your earliest convenience, that I may be able to make my report to the Convention. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook,
Fifth Vice-Pres., National
Auxiliary Convention,
Box 208, Route 3,
Bryan, Texas

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE

Where? Niangua, Missouri, near Springfield—at the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Campgrounds.

When? July 21 - August 1.

Who attends? Every Christian worker in the State of Missouri.

What is the cost? Fourteen dollars for two weeks room and board and registration fee of one dollar.

What will be taught? Bible Doctrine, Worldwide Missions, Woman's Auxiliary, Personal Soul Winning, How to Prepare Gospel Messages, Sunday School Administration, Free Will Baptist League.

Who Teaches? Rev. Robert B. Crawford, Rev. La Verne Miley, and Miss Thora Arbogast.

Which Session? The Second. There will also be a Daily Vacation Bible School going on at the same time and place.

What to do? Write Brother Lewis at once telling him you are attending. For further information write Rev. Mark Lewis, 2043a Sidney St., St. Louis, Missouri. Also watch for other personal and public announcements.

Rev. Robert B. Crawford,
Executive Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

I am using this means to notify my friends and the brethren that I am now available for pastoral work for part or for full-time services. If anyone wishes to correspond with me, please address your mail to:

Rev. J. Walter Stanley,
Four Oaks, N. C.,
Route 2

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE AT CRAGMONT

This conference will be June 27 through July 3. Cost for these six days will be \$15. Rev. L. C. Johnson and Rev. R. N. Hinnant will be the principal instructors for this conference. Applications and registration fees should be mailed to Rev. Henry Melvin, 1212 E. Main Street, Durham, N. C.

Rev. Bruce Barrow

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

More About Vacation Bible Schools

According to the sale of literature as reported by a saleslady in the sales department of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., there are a great number of churches having Vacation Bible schools this year that have not had them in the past. This is a sign of progress in the denomination. All denominations that have grown have been those that looked after the children in organic work. All denominations that have not looked after the Young Peoples' work have gradually gone down year after year. All you have to do is to watch statistics.

The Purpose of Vacation Bible Schools

The first and predominant purpose of the Vacation Bible School is to lead the children to accept the Lord Jesus Christ, as a personal Saviour. Then, comes the training for service. Children must be taught to "accept Christ and live for Christ." This is something that many children never hear anything about. There are some people who talk to their children about "joining the church," but this is getting the cart before the horse. Well informed Christians do not talk so much about joining the church as they do accepting the Lord Jesus. And this is the reason that we have so much juvenile delinquency. Fathers and mothers talk about the movies, the baseball and the sports in general, tell them how to act in the public school, and how to make money. Some parents work their heads off almost trying to lay up this world's goods for their children, and let their children grow up in ignorance so far as their personal salvation is concerned. A great number of these children are sons and daughters of church members. A church member whom God cannot use to lead his children to Christ, in general, the devil uses that parent to lead the children to hell. A lot of church members know nothing but water baptism, the Lord's Supper, or "Mass," feet-washing and church

membership. Why? Because that is what a lot of preachers have preached and a great number of mothers and fathers have acquired Churchianity and know nothing about Christianity. Therefore a great number of them think that a person has to be grown before he should join the church.

I say that no person whether he is a child or a grown person should join the church until that person has been led to a definite knowledge of the acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some children of eight and ten years have more knowledge than some others who are twenty years of age.

"To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin," (James 4:17). Just as soon as a child knows right from wrong that child becomes responsible unto God. If the child accepts Christ, that child is saved and all the devils in hell cannot keep God from saving that child as soon as he believes on the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31) holds just as good for a child of tender years as it does for an adult. Just as soon as the child knows that a lie is a lie, or that it is wrong to steal, that child is a sinner and needs a Saviour, just as much as the worst criminal behind the bars. No sinner can go to heaven, whether he be a child or an adult. No sin can be tolerated by the Lord.

Jesus is the only Saviour and is anxious to save children, before they go out as hardened sinners. The devil wants children to stay in sin and grow up in sin, and after they have sown their "wild-oats" then it will be time enough for them to think about becoming a Christian. The devil has pumped such doctrine into some parents, and they help the devil to damn these young lives very often.

The Doctrine of Satan

The devil preaches "You stay in sin until you are old enough to understand." This "understanding business" is a lie sent up from hell.

A fine evangelist told me a few years ago of a little boy who confess-

ed Christ, and wanted to be baptized, but the mother objected. Then the little boy said to his mother, "I guess you want me to go to hell." The boy had more understanding than the poor mother.

An old servant of God, who has long since gone on to be with the Lord, told of this incident some years ago. "A little girl of early teen-age confessed Christ and wanted to follow him in Baptism as an evidence that she believed on the Lord Jesus, but the mother wanted the girl to be a society lady and participate in worldly things, so the mother said "No" to the girl's request. In a short while the child was taken with a fever, it proved to be typhoid and the child grew worse daily. Finally the end came, but during the last minutes of the girl's life she said, "Mother, I am going to hell and you are to blame." What a pity for a mother to get into the way of the salvation of her child. No wonder Christ said, "It is better for a mill-stone to be hanged about one's neck" . . . "than to offend one of these little ones."

Several years ago a lad of thirteen, or there about, confessed Christ and wanted me to baptize him, but his mother said, "No." This boy went off in sin. His mother stopped him from taking up his cross and following Jesus, but she could not stop him from going after the devil. In about a year she came to me and said, "Preacher, I want you to talk to my boy, I can't do a thing with him. He used to be a good boy, but he is the worst boy in the community." I said, "No, I had him going the right way and you got into the way and stopped him, I don't know what to do." In fact I could do nothing with the child of such a woman. I did not try any more, because there are too many who have not been hardened by an ungodly mother for me to take up time with this boy. Jesus said, "Cast not your pearls before swine."

The Challenge of Jesus

"Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Then He said, "Except you (speaking of you

grown-ups) be converted and become as this little child you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." Right here get your Bible and read Isa. 40:11; Matt. 10:42; Matt. 18:1-6; Matt. 18:10; Mark 9:36, 37. Now we will quote Jesus as recorded by Mark: "And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." "And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them" (Mark 10:13-16). Mother and father do you think Jesus is pleased with your attitude toward the salvation of your children? Are you teaching them the way of Life? Have you taught them that they are sinners and need a Saviour from sin and hell? It may be that you are standing in the way of the salvation of your child. Parents do get in the way.

A Good Time

Two little girls were saved in a revival meeting, where I preached for a week. The mother said, "I don't want my girls baptized. We believe in having a good time. My girls have been dancing ever since they could reach up and get a man's hand." But after I had told her that her girls might go to hell if she got in their way she agreed. The very first dance in that home that winter the girls did not go in to the dance, but they were found in their room with their Bible studying God's word. This ended the Dance. The next year I held a meeting at that church and about twenty-five were brought to Christ. These girls did the most of the work by their sanctified living. It makes a difference.

Preachers, get all the children saved that you can for many of them know nothing of Christ, neither their parents. Have a Vacation Bible School if you can in every church. Amen.

Are you discouraged? Humbly ask God for new strength and courage.

MILL ROCK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

While working in the vicinity of Abbottsburg, N. C., Rev. W. L. Jernigan saw the possibility of organizing a Free Will Baptist Church in Abbottsburg. Some talk was made concerning the work before it was really launched.

The work actually began in August of 1945, when Rev. W. L. Jernigan and Rev. Allen Bryan began a series of meetings in a small mill house. The meetings were conducted for two weeks and some found Christ as their Saviour and others consecrated their lives to God. During the meeting the preacher had to stand near the mill rock, so it was suggested that the church be called "Mill Rock" when organized. The church was organized in September of that year with one male, and four female members and the name "Mill Rock" was adopted as the name of the church.

After the church was organized the people began to worship in a chicken brooder near the mill house. Services were held here during that winter but when spring came the people began to hold services on the front porch of a faithful attendant.

The building program began in the spring of 1946. Cinder blocks had been donated by Mr. Ben Dowless of Abbottsburg, for the walls of the church and some lumber had been secured. Money came in slowly but the work continued. The walls were completed and much of the lumber had been secured by the first of June.

On the night of June 7th a revival was begun by Rev. Allen Bryan and Rev. Wade Jernigan (students of the Free Will Baptist Bible College) and continued through June 21st. The revival was a blessing to the community and to all that attended.

The church elected Rev. W. L. Jernigan as their pastor for 1946, and he was also called as pastor for 1947. The church has continued to build as they have received funds to build with.

Last October a revival meeting was conducted by Rev. D. W. Hansley of Folkstone, N. C. This meeting proved to be a blessing to all in

attendance. The church continued to obtain small gifts and funds and finally the top was completed.

At the present Rev. Everette Bryan is the acting pastor of the church. Brother Bryan is only a high school boy of eighteen but he is carrying on a good work at "Mill Rock." As yet the church is not completed, but some day by the grace and help of God and the prayers of Christian people it will be completed.

Wade Jernigan,
3533 Richland Ave.,
Nashville 5, Tennessee

VACATION BIBLE STUDY

The schools are out and the Summer Vacation Bible Schools are opening their doors for the children and young people to enter into the two weeks' Bible study, recreation, and joy making. Yes, just two weeks of interesting study of Bible characters, fine religious stories, choral singing and sweet music, which are for the purpose of training the youth in spiritual matters, and bringing about a closer association one with another.

Such programs of Bible study, recreation, choral singing and the like, directed and taught by competent leaders of the churches and communities are always sources of great value to any church or community. Children quickly learn many fine things in these Bible Study schools, and take great pride in attending them for the two weeks in which they are conducted for the good of everyone who attends them. And they are spreading in many communities.

But a great many churches have not as yet set up the practice of conducting Summer Bible study in their communities for their children. They are missing much good which they deserve to be enjoying. These churches and their leaders should think seriously about this matter, and plan to put on Bible study for the youngsters. Acquiring the habit of Bible study, choral singing, Bible story telling, and the like stimulate interest on the part of the child, and tends to make him a better Sunday School pupil.

NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATIONAL REPORT

The following is a report, by Conferences or Associations, of the receipts and disbursements from January 1st to June 1st, 1947:

Central Conference	\$167.43
Eastern Conference	21.20
Western Conference	7.71
Cape Fear Conference	478.74
Albemarle Conference	48.44
Piedmont Conference	28.00
Pee Dee Conference	2.00
Miscellaneous	8.91

Total -----\$762.43

Disbursements

Bible College	\$772.00
Expenses	1.42

Total -----\$773.42

Several of the Sunday Schools have adopted the Sunday School monthly plan of supporting Denominational Enterprises that was adopted by the State Sunday School Convention-Institute. Christian Education has received \$121.30 through this plan since it was announced in January. The orphanage, missions and the other enterprises have received similar amounts according to the plan. The offerings have averaged over \$4.00 each. There are 320 Sunday Schools in North Carolina. If all the Sunday Schools in North Carolina would adopt the plan, averaging \$4.00 each, in one year's time our denominational enterprises would receive Sixty-six thousand five hundred and sixty dollars (\$66,560.00). The Sunday Schools would have that much for local expenses. The Lord will bless your work in a greater way if you will be liberal in giving to promote His cause. Each Sunday School should adopt this plan.

Several of the churches have adopted the six-point program sponsored by the State Association. I do not have the figures on the amount which has come through this program from the churches. By all means each church should adopt this Six-point program which will yield one nice offering each year from each church.

It would be well for our Auxiliaries and League to work out some plan

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that would support each phase of our work monthly.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing us as a church. He will continue to bless us as we work together in the interest of the entire program that he has assigned to us, "For we are laborers together with God" (I Cor. 3:9).

Yours to serve,

Rashie Kennedy, Treasurer

MRS. LEE WHALEY MISSION ITINERARY

Eastern Conference

Saturday, June 21, Indian Springs, Wayne County.

Sunday, June 22, North East Church (11 A. M.)

Sunday, June 22, May's Chapel (8 p. m.), Wayne County.

Cape Fear Association

Tuesday, June 24, St. Paul, Sampson County.

Wednesday, June 25, Oak Grove, Sampson County.

Thursday, June 26, Shady Grove, Sampson County.

Friday, June 27, Robert's Grove, Sampson County.

Saturday, June 28, Corinth, Sampson County.

Sunday, June 29, Lee's Chapel (11 a. m.), Sampson County.

Sunday, June 29, West Clinton (8 p. m.), Sampson County.

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MISS ZALENE LLOYD MISSION ITINERARY

Eastern Conference

Sunday, June 22, Warden's Grove (11 a. m.), Pamlico County.

Sunday, June 22, Dublin Grove (8 p. m.), Beaufort County.

Tuesday, June 24, Core Point Chapel, Beaufort County.

Wednesday, June 25, Smyrna, Beaufort County.

Thursday, June 26, Oak Grove, Craven County.

Friday, June 27, Palmetta Chapel, Craven County.

Saturday, June 28, Reunion Chapel, Craven County.

Sunday, June 29, Antioch (11 a. m.), Craven County.

Sunday, June 29, Wintergreen (8 p. m.), Craven County.

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Versatility is a valuable asset when based on virtue.

FOURTH UNION REPORT

The fourth union of the Central Conference convened with Aspin Grove Church on March 29, 1947, with the welcome address being delivered by Rev. P. C. Wiggs, and the response was by Rev. R. C. Proctor. The devotions were conducted by Rev. Preston Ellis. The list of churches was called with sixteen representing. Riverside Church was not represented. There were eight ministers present and four absent. A motion to erase Rev. Dewey Tyson's name from the list of ministers was carried. Rev. J. H. Joyner from the second union was a visiting minister.

The following committees were appointed: Finance, Education, Sunday School, Orphanage, Temperance, Devotional and Program.

The scripture reading was given by Rev. W. L. Hart, and the union sermon was delivered by Rev. N. D. Beaman. Then the union dismissed for lunch.

In the afternoon the union reconvened with Rev. C. D. Hamilton conducting the devotions. Rev. P. C. Wiggs gave a report on the orphanage and an offering was taken for the adopted child to the amount of \$37.11. The educational committee suggested the sending of \$10 or more to the Bible College for Christian education.

The devotional committee asked that Rev. L. B. Manning is to open the next union meeting and Rev. R. C. Proctor is to preach the union sermon. Then the moderator appointed the following committee to draw up By-Laws by which this union meeting is to be governed. The committee are as follows: W. L. Hart, J. P. Killebrew, P. C. Wiggs, C. D. Hamilton, L. B. Manning. A special offering was taken for Harrell's Chapel, which amounted to \$25.30.

Finance Committee Report

To the Press and clerk	\$ 6.00
To Aspin Grove	15.00
Watery Branch	20.00
Orphanage	25.00
To Missions	15.00
To Piney Grove	10.00
To Christian education	15.00

The union adjourned to meet the next time on June 28, 1947, with Antioch Church.

J. D. Vernelson, Moderator,
John E. Edmundson, Clerk

UNION MEETING REPORT

The Fifth Eastern Union of the Eastern Conference convened with Wintergreen Church in Craven County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in March.

The union opened by a song and prayer service conducted by Rev. J. C. Griffin. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the different committees were appointed. Rev. J. R. Davidson of the F. W. B. Bible College was present, and the moderator welcomed him to this session of the union. There were five ministers present for this meeting. Thirty-five churches were represented at this union. Rev. J. R. Davidson was chosen to bring the eleven o'clock message. This message was an inspiration to all present. After the sermon dinner was spread in the yard by the ladies of the church, and community.

The afternoon song and prayer service was conducted by Rev. Elmo Harper. A special offering was taken for the orphanage to the amount of \$32.00. Rev. J. C. Griffin gave a report on the Radio Program over WHIT, New Bern, N. C., and the tobacco net work. After the discussion, it was decided to drop this question for the time being, or until more finance is available for this work.

Financial Report

Received at this union	-----	\$200.23
On hand from last union	-----	21.45
Total	-----	\$221.68

Disbursements

To Orphanage	-----	\$ 75.00
Assembly Grounds	-----	25.00
National Bible College	-----	25.00
Missions	-----	25.00
To the clerk	-----	7.50
Total	-----	\$157.50
Left on hand	-----	\$64.18

A motion was made and carried that the union pay the F. W. B. College \$5 per month, and the clerk to give check for the same. A special prayer was offered for Brother John Daugherty and wife who are both sick. A motion was made and carried that the union accept the invitation of the delegates from Rock of Zion Church, Craven County, to meet with them for the next session of this union. There were no petitions sent in. A rising vote of thanks was extended to this church and community for the hospitality shown this session of the union.

Rev. J. C. Griffin, Moderator,
Rom W. Mallard, Clerk

PROGRAM

The following program of the Albemarle Union meeting is to be rendered at Fairmont Park Church on June 28, 1947.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. W. A. Hales
—Moderator's address by Rev. J. W. Alford
—Reading of minutes of the last meeting
—Calling the roll of ministers present
—Calling the roll of churches
11:10—Special music by Fairmont Park choir
—Union sermon by Rev. L. E. Ambrose
11:55—Offering taken for the orphanage
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Wilton Dail
—Special music by Fairmont Park choir
1:20—Report from the orphanage
1:30—Business period
—Treasurer's report
—Field Worker's report
2:00—Apportionment Committee's report
—Miscellaneous Committee's report
—Petitions for the next union
2:35—Adjournment

Alice Webster, Program Comm.

The trouble with most people is that they think with their hopes or fears or wishes, rather than with their minds.—Walter Duranty.

As a man grows wiser, he talks less and says more.

PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Albemarle League Union which is to be held with Fairmont Park Church in the city of Norfolk on Saturday night, June 28, 1947.

8:00—Devotions conducted by Roscoe Ange
8:15—President's remarks and recognition of ministers
8:25—Reading of minutes of last meeting
8:30—List of churches called
8:50—Business period
9:00—Digest Committee's report
—Treasurer's report
9:10—Program rendered by Fairmont Park Leaguers

Alice Webster, Program Comm.

THE JOURNEY HOME

When I have laid aside this mortal frame
And bid my last adieu to comrades dear,
I then in faith shall breathe my Saviour's name
Once more and hear His tender voice sincere,
In tones of love and welcome most divine,
Ring through the silent halls of death and time;
And, down the pathway, through the pleasant land,
With mutual love and hearts attuned to song,
My Lord and I shall journey, hand in hand,
To meet the Father and that blessed throng
Who sing to deathless music hymns of praise
For Him Who on the cross in former days
Did pay in blood the last great sacrifice
That you and I might dwell in paradise.

Arthur B. Chandler,
Folkstone, N. C.

An ancient Roman cobbler who used to attend the public debates was once asked if he understood Latin. "No," replied the cobbler, "but I know who is in the wrong by observing which of the debaters becomes angry first."

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NATION

(Lesson for June 29)

Lesson: Psalm 119:105; Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 6:1-8.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"He (God) will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths" (Is. 2:3).

One of the greatest contributions of the Nation of Israel to the world is the Bible. Some high school and college teachers and instructors today are trying to destroy in the minds of their students the belief that the Scriptures are inspired of God. In this article we wish to give both young and old some facts that ought to be of much value to all.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Fact Number One

The Bible tells us the earth is round and hangs in space.

Proverbs 8:27 (1000 B. C.), "He (God) set a circle upon the face of the deep." Isaiah 40:22 (700 B. C.), "It is God who sitteth on the circle of the earth." Then according to the Bible the earth is a circle: it is round. O, says some Modernist, that is just a chance expression, and means nothing: if you can prove that the Bible also knew that the earth was hanging in space, when all men down to Copernicus (1475 A. D.), believed it rested on some great solid foundation, then we might be convinced. Read Job 26:27 (1500 B. C.): "The Lord hangeth the earth upon nothing." Yes, the Bible taught that this earth was round and hung in space hundreds of years before Copernicus was born, and he was the first scientist to discover these facts. How does it happen that the Bible alone knew these truths? There is only one explanation. It is God's own Book.

Fact Number Two

In Job 38:31 we find these words: "Canst thou bind the sweet influence of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?" For years scholars have known that the word here for Pleiades (Chimah) meant a hinge, a pivot, or an axle, a body that moves around, and turns other bodies with it; but the true significance of this name has only lately been comprehended. M. Madler, of Dorpat, has recently discovered that Alcyone, the brightest star of the Pleiades, is the center of gravity of our vast solar system; that our solar system is flying around Alcyone at the rate of 422,000 miles a day, but in an orbit that requires many thousands of years to complete. This then explains why the Bible calls the Pleiades, the hinge, pivot, or axle. See Bettex's book, "Science and Christianity," p. 248, and Dr. Mr. Millan's, "Bible Teaching In Nature," pp. 7, 8. How came the Bible to know this wonderful scientific fact thousands of years before any man had discovered it? The Bible is God's own Book.

Fact Number Three

A few score years ago scientists thought the moon was a great luminous body like the sun, and so it was counted a wonderful scientific discovery when men learned that it did not shine itself, but only reflected the light of the sun. The Bible however tells us this hundreds of years ago. Job 25:5 (1500 B. C.), "The moon, it shineth not."

Fact Number Four

In Job 38:35 we read, "Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?" All down the ages, infidels have laughed at these words; the idea of sending messages by lightning. But this is the only word the Hebrews had for electricity, so, in this age of radio messages, we realize that Job 38:35 is a very scientific statement, for today we can send forth messages by lightnings, or electricity. This is only another proof that the Bible is far in advance of modern science.

Fact Number Five

After Lord Rosse invented his tele-

scope, so powerful that newspaper print could be read twenty miles away, then it was discovered that in the north there was a great empty space without a single, solitary star. In all other parts of the heavens were millions of stars, but none in that great northern space. This was counted another remarkable scientific discovery. But listen to Job 26:7 (1500 B. C.): "He (God) stretcheth out the north over the empty place." How did the Bible know this great scientific fact fully 3500 years before any man discovered it? Surely, reader, you can never again doubt the inspiration of the Bible.—Defender Magazine.

(Note: Our Advanced and Senior Quarterlies have many choice truths for our edification. Don't neglect them.)

TIME TO STRIKE BACK!

The time for God's servant to combat a certain sin that confronts him is at the time Satan tempts him with that sin. Don't delay, but combat that sin with all the vigor possible, because the sooner you thrust it off the less likely will it get control of your very being.

Jesus, when first tempted by Satan, gave combat at once, and Satan shrank back. But he came to Jesus again with the second temptation. On that occasion Christ thrust him back again with words of scathing rebuke. He did not yield to Satan's temptation for one moment.

On the third attempt to get Jesus to accept his challenge, Satan used increased vigor and appeal to get our Lord to yield to his command. But Christ commanded him to get hence, for He would have nothing to do with him.

That is what the servant of the Lord is to do: strike back at Satan every time he makes his advances with deceiving enticements. Put him to route by determined resistance; do not allow his grip to seize upon you; and shield yourself with the Sword of the Spirit.

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ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

MISS HAZEL DAWKINS ELECTED
FIELD WORKER FOR THE
ORPHANAGE

It is with pleasure that I announce to the following churches the election of Miss Hazel Dawkins, a student of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and a citizen of Rockingham, N. C., as Field Representative for the Orphanage for the summer of 1947. Miss Dawkins comes well recommended and your cooperation with her will be appreciated by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

James A. Evans, Superintendent

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary

Western Conference

Monday, June 9—

Elwood Lane, Cabarrus County.

Piedmont Association

Upper South Carolina

Wednesday, June 18—

Bailey's Chapel, Polk County.

French Broad Association

Thursday, June 19—

Horney Heights, Buncombe County.

Friday, June 20—

Asheville, Buncombe County.

Saturday, June 21—

Cedar Hill, Buncombe County.

Sunday, June 22—

Mountain View (11 a.m.), Buncombe County.

Marshall (8 p.m.), Madison County.

Tuesday, June 24—

Laurel Fork, Madison County.

Wednesday, June 25—

Red Hill, Madison County.

Thursday, June 26—

Shady Grove, Madison County.

Friday, June 27—

Walnut, Madison County.

Saturday, June 28—

Shoal Hill, Madison County.

Sunday, June 29—

Mt. Zion (11 a.m.), Madison County.

Laurelton Chapel (8 p.m.), Madison County.

Tuesday, July 1—

Mt. Bethel, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, July 2—

Ray's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Thursday, July 3—

Union Chapel, Buncombe County.

Friday, July 4—

Union Valley, Buncombe County.

Saturday, July 5—

Paint Fork, Buncombe County.

Sunday, July 6—

Barnardsville (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.

Hazel Green (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Tuesday, July 8—

Avery's Creek, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, July 9—

Canton, Haywood County.

Thursday, July 10—

Hyatt's Creek, Haywood County.

Western Yearly

Friday, July 11—

Pleasant Grove, Cherokee County.

Saturday, July 12—

Conley Creek, Swain County.

Sunday, July 13—

Mt. Vernon (11 a.m.), Swain County.

Saw Mill Hill (8 p.m.), Swain County.

French Broad Association

Tuesday, July 15—

Swannanoa, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, July 16—

Homer's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Thursday, July 17—

E. Black Mountain, Buncombe County.

Friday, July 18—

Old Fort, McDowell County.

Jack's Creek Association

Saturday, July 19—

Davistown, McDowell County.

Sunday, July 20—

Fairview (11 a.m.), McDowell County.

Liberty (8 p.m.), McDowell County.

Tuesday, July 22—

Bowditch, Yancy County.

Wednesday, July 23—

Mine Fork, Yancy County.

Thursday, July 24—

Green Mountain, Yancy County.

Friday, July 25—

Peterson's Creek, Yancy County.

Saturday, July 26—

North Bent, Yancy County.

Sunday, July 27—

Bald Mountain (11 a.m.), Yancy Co.

Big Creek (8 p.m.), Yancy County.

Tuesday, July 29—

Pilgrim's Chapel, Yancy County.

Wednesday, July 30—

Young's Chapel, Yancy County.

Thursday, July 31—

Terry's Fork, Madison County.

Friday, August 1—

Price's Creek, Yancy County.

Saturday, August 2—

Pensacola, Yancy County.

Sunday, August 3—

Patterson's Branch (11 a.m.), Yancy County.

Higgins' Chapel (8 p.m.), Yancy Co.

Tuesday, August 5—

Law Gap, Yancy County.

Toe River Association

Wednesday, August 6—

Burmitt's Creek, Mitchell County.

Thursday, August 7—

Cane Creek, Mitchell County.

Friday, August 8—

Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.

Saturday, August 9—

Middle District, Mitchell County.

Sunday, August 10—

St. Paul (11 a.m.), Mitchell County.

McCurry's Rock (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

Tuesday, August 12—

Mt. Odell, Avery County.

Wednesday, August 13—

Burleson's Chapel, Avery County.

Thursday, August 14—

Lewis Chapel, Avery County.

Friday, August 15—

Elk Mountain, Avery County.

Saturday, August 16—

Vale, Avery County.

Sunday, August 17—

Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.

Piedmont Association

Monday, August 18—

Erlanger, Davidson County.

Western Conference

Tuesday, August 19—

W. Hillsboro, Orange County.

Wednesday, August 20—

Calvary, Durham County.

Thursday, August 21—

King's Chapel, Durham County.

Friday, August 22—

Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.

Saturday, August 23—

Shady Grove, Durham County.

Sunday, August 24—

Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.

Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.

Tuesday, August 26—

Free Union, Wake County.

Wednesday, August 27—

St. Delight, Franklin County.

Thursday, August 28—

People's Chapel, Wilson County.

Friday, August 29—

Rosebud, Wilson County.

Central Conference

Saturday, August 30—

Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.

Sunday, August 31—

Dilda's Grove (11 a.m.), Wilson Co.

Aspin Grove (8 p.m.), Wilson County.

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PLANNED SPENDING

By Lucia Mallory

"Look, Aunt Lucia, I have a whole dollar to spend on Christmas presents!" exclaimed my little niece, Joan, holding up a crisp new dollar bill.

My sister and her little girl had come to town to do some Christmas shopping.

"Hadn't you better count the people you want to buy presents for before you make any purchases?" her mother suggested.

"There's Baby Bruce, and Brother Tom, and Sister Freeda, and Daddy," Joan replied, smiling mysteriously at her mother, "I'm making presents for you and Aunt Lucia at school."

"I'm sure whatever you are making will be nice, Joan," her mother replied. "You've named four people besides Aunt Lucia and me. How much can you spend on each one?"

"Twenty-five cents," promptly replied the little third-grader. "I want to buy something for the baby first."

"All right," her mother agreed. "We'll see what we can find."

Joan was delighted with everything in the top shop we entered, but a counterful of baby pandas attracted her most of all.

"Wouldn't Bruce like one of those cuddly baby pandas, mother?" she asked.

"I'm sure he would like one, Joan," her mother replied, "but don't they cost too much for your budget?"

To Joan's dismay the tiniest baby panda was marked fifty cents!

There were plenty of toys costing 25 cents that her small brother would have enjoyed, but Joan kept coming back to the little plush pandas.

"I'm going to buy a baby panda for Bruce, mother," she finally decided. "I know I can get three more presents for fifty cents."

My sister offered no further protest as the little girl took out her dollar to make the purchase.

A few minutes later Joan found a desk calendar for 25 cents that was "just what daddy needs." She gazed at it a long time and wandered around the store looking at key rings, memorandum books, and pencils.

"I'm going to buy that calendar for daddy, mother," she decided at last. "I can make my last quarter do for Tom and Freda."

It was not long before she found a lovely necklace of bright colored leaves that would "just suit Freda's brown sweater." The price was 25 cents.

Joan looked up at her mother and sighed. "Please help me find something cheaper, mother," she said.

At this point I was about to add a few cents to Joan's shopping money, but a look from my sister stopped me.

"How about some notebook covers?" I suggested. "I'm sure there are some pretty ones here."

We found a loose-leaf notebook cover, that Joan liked, for 15 cents.

That left only ten cents for the final purchase. Joan went from counter to counter, discarding everything that she saw because she wanted Tom's gift to be as nice as the others.

The little girl went back to the notebook covers and found one for ten cents that she thought would please her brother.

"It isn't as nice as Freda's," she admitted when her last dime had been turned over to the clerk. "Next time I won't spend so much for the first presents. I wish I had saved more than ten cents for Tom."

"That was what I wanted Joan to learn, Lucia," my sister told me later. "It isn't easy to let a child make his own purchases as Joan did today, but only experience can teach anyone that money isn't elastic. I believe that many of the world's woes could be avoided if all children learned early in life to spend within their means."

PROGRAM

of the

CAPE FEAR UNION

convening with

LEE'S CHAPEL CHURCH

June 28, 1947

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions, Rev. Stedman Davis
- 10:15—Church enrollment and reports
- 11:05—Intermission
- 11:10—Song service
- 11:20—Sermon by Rev. T. E. Beaman

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions, Mr. W. D. Lassiter
- 1:30—Sunday School report
- 1:40—Educational report
- 2:00—Mission report followed by reports of Finance and Allocation Committee, Program Committee, and Treasurer
- 2:15—Music—Johnson Union Mixed Quartette
- Petitions for next union
- Miscellaneous business
- 3:30—Closing

Mrs. M. E. Godwin,
Mrs. C. N. Stewart,
Committee

PROGRAM

Program of the Second Union of the Central Conference will convene with the Rocky Mount Church in June.

- 10:00—Devotions by Rev. C. L. Patrick
- 10:15—Business period
- 10:40—Season of prayer
- 10:55—Congregational singing led by Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr.
- 11:05—Union sermon by Rev. J. P. Woodward
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Devotions by Mr. K. L. Wooten
- 1:15—A Lecture by Rev. D. A. Windham
- Topic—The How, When and What Purposes of the Order of Laying on of Hands
- 1:30—Open forum on the above topic
- 1:45—Report of Churches
- 2:00—Talk by Mr. L. Ray Forlines
- Topic—Winning the Youth for Christ
- 2:15—Business period
- 3:00—Adjournment

L. W. Humbles,
Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr.,
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Committee

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OBITUARIES

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CONN. On December 25, 1946, God saw fit to call to his heavenly reward my brother, Linwood Conn, at the age of 31 years old. He had been in bad health for several years, but his death was unexpected when it came.

He was a member of St. Delight Church, and I can truly say that he loved his church, and was always present for the services when he was able to attend. We feel that God took him out of this world of sin to give him a better home in glory. He closed his precious eyes to open them in a world of sunshine where he is beckoning for his loved ones to come up to be with him in glory.

He is survived by his Father, A. D. Conn, stepmother, one sister, Mrs. Ernest Burnette, two brothers, Willie and Tallie Conn, all of the Louisburg section, and one brother, Rev. Aaron Conn of Wake Forest, North Carolina. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Ferrell, at the church. His body was laid to rest in the family cemetery beneath a mound of lovely flowers.

May God help us to live ever closer to Him that we might be able to meet him some sweet day in glory.

—Written by his Sister,
Mrs. Ernest M. Burnette

BRILEY. On May 30, 1947, the death angel visited our home and took from us our loving Mother, Mrs. Maggie Briley, age 72. As a mother she was a model like the world needs today. She was kind to her neighbors, and a friend indeed, always ready to serve those standing in need of help.

We hated to give her up, but God wanted another angel in His heavenly host. We do miss her so much but we feel that she is resting in the arms of Jesus, where there will be no sickness or sorrow, only joy and peace for ever more.

She was a member of Hickory Grove Church for a number of years. She leaves 8 girls, 5 boys, 44 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. D. W. Alexander at the church, and the body was laid to rest in the Bethel Cemetery, beneath some beautiful flowers.

—Written by her daughter,
Mrs. William D. Cratt,
Robersonville, N. C.

MR. C. A. CLEMENTS

One year ago today, May 30, 1946, Mr. Charlie A. Clements left this world for his Heavenly Home. He was a dearly beloved member of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church.

He was a faithful Christian; he let his light so shine that it made all who knew him love him. Yes, Charlie, we miss your hand shake, and your presence with us, but God knew best and has taken you to live with him.

He was a member of the Bob Self Bible Class, of the T. H. Willey League, and a member of the Board of Deacons.

Funeral services were conducted at the church with his pastor, Rev. Henry Melvin, officiating. His body was laid to rest in the Pine Hill Cemetery beneath a blanket of flowers with many relatives, and friends present.

It is with saddened hearts that we remember today his passing, but with rejoicing that we have God's promise that some day we all can be together if we are in His will.

His friend in Christ,
J. G. Teasley

PROGRAM

The Third Union Meeting of the Western Association of North Carolina will convene with the Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., on Saturday, June 28, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotional service by Rev. Wingate Hansley
- 10:15—Welcome address by Rev. L. S. Joyner
- 10:20—Response by Rev. Henry Melvin
- 10:25—Moderator's Message
- 10:30—Business period
- 11:00—Appointment of committees
- 11:15—Sermon by Rev. D. W. Roach
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotional service by Rev. E. F. Crisco
- 1:15—Report of churches
- 1:30—Report of committees
- 2:00—How We Can Make League Work Interesting by Dorothy Phillips
- 2:15—Miscellaneous business
- 2:30—Adjournment

R. W. Allman,
Program Chairman

Count your blessings. If you have a clear conscience and a good liver, if you have three good friends and a happy home, then you are one of life's millionaires.—L. A. Messenger.

PROGRAM

of
SECOND UNION MEETING

of
WESTERN ASSOCIATION

to Convene with

WHITE OAK CHURCH

on

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1947

Morning Session

- 10:00—Opening song by the congregation and devotions
- Appointment of committees
- Welcome address by H. W. Lamm
- Response by J. F. Parrish
- Reading of minutes of last union
- Roll call of ministers
- 11:00—Union sermon by Rev. Dee Bissette
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Song service by the congregation
 - Devotions conducted by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
 - Roll call of churches
 - Report of all officers
 - Report of all committees
 - Petitions for the next union
 - Song and adjournment
- Mrs. Nade E. Strickland,
Committee

PROGRAM

The Sunday School Convention of the Albemarle District will convene with Fairmont Park Church, Norfolk, Va., Sunday, June 29, 1947.

- 10:00—Opening devotions conducted by Rev. M. C. Roscolar
 - 10:15—Remarks by the Moderator
 - 10:30—Minutes of last convention read and roll call of Sunday Schools
 - 10:00—Business period
 - 11:15—Special music by the Fairmont Park Church Choir
 - 11:25—Sermon
 - Offering taken for Orphanage
 - 12:00—Lunch hour
 - 1:00—Re-assemble
 - Devotions conducted by Rev. J. A. Alexander
 - 1:15—An address by Mr. Joe Ange
 - 1:45—Special music by the church choir
 - 1:55—Business resumed
 - 2:30—Treasurer's report and adjournment
- By the Committee

Don't be afraid of opposition. Remember, a kite rises against, not with, the wind.—Hamilton Mabie.

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Central

Dawson's Grove	\$ 5.25
Bethany	5.18
Rocky Mount	3.15
Kings Cross Roads	4.00
LaGrange	5.95
Arthur	25.00
Gum Swamp	5.40
Winterville	13.50
4th. Union	27.23
Marlboro	7.41
Aspin Grove	8.00
Hull Road	12.14
Greenville	26.39
Total	\$148.60

French Broad

Canton	\$ 7.28
Cedar Hill	10.00
Mountain View	10.00
Total	\$ 27.28

Western

Spring Hill	\$ 6.80
Wilson	28.50
Friendship	8.80
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Total	\$ 54.10

Cape Fear

Lee's Chapel	\$ 5.23
Goldsboro	18.00
Powhatan	5.00
Tee's Chapel	11.00
Shady Grove	2.57
Corinth	5.00
Yelverton's Grove	2.94
Robert's Grove	5.00
Total	\$ 54.74

Eastern

Smith's New Home	\$ 8.50
Snead's Ferry	4.28
St. Mary's	22.58
Dublin Grove	9.22
Soundview	10.00
Warden's Grove	9.25
Kinston	40.00
Core Creek	31.40
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	6.60
Wintergreen	18.00
Sarecta	3.15
Pilgrim's Rest	8.00
Davis	7.50
Whaley's Chapel	4.50
Gray Branch	5.00
Union Chapel	56.68
Oak Grove	25.00
Beaufort	75.00
St. John's Chapel	8.37
Total	\$353.03

Piedmont

Mt. Holly	\$ 15.55
Piedmont Association	100.00
Total	\$115.55

Albemarle

Free Union, Beaufort County	\$ 5.00
Sidney	4.30
Fairmont Park	1.70
Total	\$11.00

Rockfish

Hickory Grove	\$ 14.89
Memorial Church	139.75
Total	\$154.64

Pee Dee

Beaver Dam	\$ 14.00
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Miscellaneous

Farm, dairy, garden cash sales	\$1,095.89
Refunds	864.76
Y. P. Friend Subscriptions	3.00
James Duncan (Parent)	50.00
Veteran's Administration (through children Rel.)	162.00
Truck Hire	266.10
Furnie Page (Parent)	80.00
Alarka	1.15
Sale of Lumber	275.00
Selma Furlough	7.00
Mrs. E. W. Tippet	10.00
By: Vera L. Lilly	6.38
Chester Pelt	10.00

J. C. Overman	1.00
Linwood Pate	50.00
Pitt County Welfare Department (through Children Rel.)	10.00
In Memory of W. H. Rice by Mrs. Rice	5.00
John Huff (Parent)	5.00
Sale of Land (Timber)	1,200.00

Total \$4,102.28

CLOTHING FUND

Central

Greenville	\$30.00
Elm Grove	30.00
4th. Union	30.00
Total	\$90.00

Eastern

Mt. Zion, Pamlico County	\$30.00
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Western

Calvary	\$30.00
Free Union, Nash County	30.00
Total	\$60.00

Rockfish

Hickory Grove	\$21.11
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Albemarle

Hickory Chapel	\$30.00
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CHAPEL FUND

Central

Elm Grove	\$10.00
Bethany	55.48
Sweet Gum Grove	10.00
Dawson's Grove	10.00
Hugo	10.00
Total	\$95.48

Total General Receipts	\$5,035.22
Total Clothing Receipts	231.11
Total Chapel Receipts	95.48

Grand Total \$5,361.81

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Black Jack (Household Supplies)	16.60
Marlboro (Household and Room Furnishings)	80.00
Elm Grove (Household Furnishing for Boy's Dorm.)	13.50
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"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."—Philippians 1:3.

I want you to know you are never forgotten,
That the old, old days hid in memory sweet
Are still a part of my life that I cherish,
Without them so much would be incomplete.
And you are mixed up with so much I remember,
Your name so often I utter in prayer;
Never forgotten, on earth or in heaven,
Always the child of God's tenderest care.

I want you to know you are never forgotten,
My thoughts and prayers are folding you round;
Rest in His promises, go where He sends you,
Do what He bids you, faithful be found.
Look up and trust Him, a new year is dawning,
Stretch out your hand and take His today:
Bought by Him, loved by Him, never forgotten,
Hid in His heart forever and aye.

—Anonymous.

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We beg apology for not running the picture in last week's issue of the Baptist paper in connection with Miss Barnard's article. The picture was lost or misplaced in the mails where it was sent to have a cut made from it for the article. We are very sorry that this happened so that we were unable to run the picture as Miss Barnard had planned, as was stated in the article.—Editor.

Editorial

HISTORICAL EVENTS OF NOTE

During the year 1945, there occurred eight notable events for the coming generations. When considered together as world events, they constitute as a unit one of the greatest hinges of human history. Note them and their significance upon world affairs.

First. The great nation Germany disappeared as one of the world's great powers. As a result of her catastrophe, her people will long feel her tragic downfall which was brought upon them by selfish and bigoted leaders. Millions of the German people were made to suffer untold miseries because of such corrupt and false leadership stationed in the great positions of the nation.

Second. Russia came forth, as it were, from an eclipse of three centuries of dark and gloomy history to see a new day, and to catch a new view of life. Her people are now able to see a little more clearly the light of a new era which seems to be dawning for them. But that depends upon the motives and aspirations of her leaders, and how they look at God and what they think of their nation.

Third. The island kingdom of Japan, in that very year 1945, through greed, stealth and bloody warfare, forced upon herself her complete collapse as a great nation. She went down in despair and utter defeat. But her people will rise, after many decades, to enjoy a new concept of life, and a new form of government. The Christian faith will be, we believe, **her ultimate glory**. Let everyone hope she will, at least.

Fourth. By the surge and bitter throes of World War Number Two, China has achieved a new place and a new hope in world leadership. She has caught a new vision of the meaning of human freedom and the democratic way of life. Time will tell what this new vision will bring to her for the millions of people dwelling in her great empire.

Fifth. During 1945, the center of world interest and gravity shifted from the Atlantic to the Pacific because of the devastating power of the Japanese navy and air forces in the throes of the great war. They had to be conquered to end the war, and that as speedily as possible. The effective blows of the American navy, army and air forces, together with the help of the allied forces, soon turned the tide, but the most effective blow, the atomic bomb, climaxed the whole thing when it fell on Hiroshima, bringing the war to a speedy close.

Sixth. As a matter of fact, throughout the world there has come a change, a turning in human thought and activity—a turn from the “right” to the “left”—a swinging about position, point of view, with respect to

world relations. Politically, socially, economically, and educationally, things are being shaken up in various places of the earth, and divergent views and opinions are being taken by many national and international leaders. Religion is undergoing severe trials and tests. Christianity is being tried as never before, and its influence in world affairs will be weighed and balanced in accordance with the way it takes its stand for the salvation of the lost in the whole wide world. It must swing even further to the “right”; that is, redouble its strength, zeal and determination to win the world to Christ.

Seventh. The coming together of the representatives of the fifty-four principal nations of the earth in 1945 at San Francisco to write the “World Charter” marks a great event for world history. What was done there will have long and telling effects, it is hoped, upon the races of men as time passes. These fifty-four powers of the earth will long remember how efforts were put forth for world peace and world relationships for the well-being of mankind.

Eighth. The dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima was another great event which occurred in 1945. More than one hundred thousand people on that island felt the devastating power of that bomb from the sky. It will go down in the history of that island as the great devastating event of World War Number Two. Those living there will ever have bitter remembrances of this great tragedy.

All these historic events, great in scope and effectiveness, were as though human history had been telescoped into just one year for a period of five hundred years, or more. But why did they all have to come? War is the answer. And back of that there had long lingered greed, the spirit of aggression, envy and bitter hatred in the hearts and minds of cruel and selfish leaders. As a consequence, broad-spread suffering, death, devastation, and national disruption have come as a curse to this earth. The scars will linger long down the history of time in the minds of those who witnessed the awfulness of this second world war.

God and the forces of right in the earth will be the saving balm, if peace, unity, harmony and brotherly love shall ever become effective among all the peoples of the earth. Let us hope to see the day come in our own generation when things will be “settled up” and a new era ushered in for the good of mankind and the glory of God.

Think of it! Make just one person happy each day and in forty years you will have made 14,600 human beings happy—for a little time at least. Who says you can't be rich!

Justification Through Faith

Arthur B. Chandler,
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There have been more disputations concerning the grounds, the conditions, and the means of justification than all other Biblical doctrines combined. The human blood shed in defense of the various schools of thought would make crimson the rivers of the world. The most intellectual and justly revered of men have all too often failed to agree in their interpretation of this doctrinal point. Naturally, I am somewhat reluctant to attempt to analyze a term of such great significance and depth; but it was the mouse that freed the lion from the entanglement of the hunter's snare; and perhaps my efforts, weak and feeble as they are, may be of benefit and help to shed some illumination upon the subject. I can not believe that the subject lies beyond the realm of ratiocination and all investigation is futile—the Scripture is an infallible guide, and within its sacred covers is to be found a complete understanding of the term.

Justification is a judicial term, and in a legal sense signifies exculpation or acquittal. It is used throughout the Scripture to denote an act that takes place apart from man in the tribunal of God. Man is the helpless prisoner at the bar of justice; Jesus Christ, the Attorney for the Defense; and God, the omniscient and impartial Judge. Justification means that the sinner, brought into a state of repentance through the influence of the Holy Spirit and possessing faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, is by the grace of God, in consideration of the sacrificial payment made by His Son for the remission of the sins of man, declared not guilty and righteous in point of law and free from the condemnation of sin. It is an act of God's grace, through the merits of Christ, for the restoration of the sinner to divine favor.

God never justifies the sinner without a definite ground: sin is a transgression of law, and transgression demands a payment—a payment rendered by the shedding of blood (Heb. 9:22). God is in no manner obligat-

ed to the sinner. Arguments along this line, if they do not constitute blasphemy, are merely the product of a defeatist attitude and amount to no more than pure sophistry. Man has absolutely nothing of his own with which to make the payment demanded for the transgression of law; so the payment must of necessity come from another source—this source, by the very nature of things, must be of supernatural origin. The only ground for the justification of man in the eyes of God is the shed blood of Christ (Romans 3:24-26). The sacrifice made by Christ is ample basis for the justification of all sins—past, present, and future—it was once and for all and fully met the requirements of law (Hebrews 7:27, 9:12, John 1:29, Colossians 1:20, etc).

We are not to accept the pseudo-assumption that by justification the personal righteousness of Christ is imputed to the sinner. Such a doctrine of imputation is contrary to Scripture and agnostic to reason. It forms a very beautiful fancy to add color to a poetic conception, but we are to remain cognizant of the fact that Christianity is founded upon truth, and not upon poetry. The pagan religion of ancient Rome was poetical and false; the religion established by Christ is realistic and true. The over acute imagination of man is capable of conceiving and expressing the most daring and fantastic of creed; but the Scripture furnishes no evidence of God ever imputing either the righteousness or the evil of one being to another. He is too wise and too just to defeat His own purpose by destroying or annihilating the free moral agency of His most noble creation. Scripture, though often above and beyond the limited comprehension of man, is never directly opposed to common sense or logic. It is preposterous and absurd to suppose that an omniscient God would contradict His own designs by creating man with an intellect that could not be harmonized with every other work of His cre-

ation. If the mind of man can not be brought into perfect accord with the revelation of God, the fault is due to the discord wrought by sin, and never by the will of God (John 3:19-20, Ephesians 4:17-19). It requires no exalted state of intelligence to determine that no man, regenerated or otherwise, possesses the personal righteousness of Christ. It is to be granted that we may grow in grace, and that there is no prescribed limit to which this growth may attain; yet man, by his very nature, can never, in this world at least, reach that hallowed and infinite state of righteousness possessed by Christ. Man remains a free moral agent and is susceptible, to a limited degree for certain, but susceptible nevertheless, to the temptation of sin.

Justification is an act of God's grace, but this grace is by means dispensed indiscriminately: it is conditional. One of the most important conditions of justification is faith (not that dead, inactive, and passive faith known as historical, but that vital, living, and active faith that literally grasps the will of man and rends it into perfect submission to the will of God and the acceptance of Jesus Christ as the one and only means of salvation—James 2:17. Justification by faith is proclaimed throughout the Scripture (Romans 5:1, Acts 13:39, Galatians 3:11, are only a few passages that establish faith as a condition of justification). Another condition of justification is repentance (Mark 1:4, Luke 24:47, Acts 5:31). God never justifies a sinner who has not realized in his mind the true nature of sin, who has not felt in his heart a godly sorrow for sin, who has not openly confessed himself a sinner, and who has not entirely renounced sin as something evil, vile, and detestable. Good works alone are not a condition of justification (Galatians 2:16). No work of the unregenerate is accepted as righteous by God (Ephesians 2:12). However, true faith always produces good works—the two are inseparable

companions—they go hand in hand (James 2:17).

There is not, as many are led to believe, any palpable contradiction in the doctrine as set forth by Saint James and that set forth by Saint Paul—both are the doctrine of Christ. Paul establishes faith as a condition of justification, exploding the myth of self-justification; James hits at the hearts of the hypocrites and emphatically asserts that faith without the accompaniment of good works is an impossibility (James 2:20)—they coincide at every point. No one stressed the fact more strongly than Paul that good works were the spontaneous and inevitable result of faith—never did he insist that faith was exclusive of good works (Romans 3:31). Good works are the manifestation and perfection of faith (James 2:22). The fruit of a tree is a manifestation that the tree is alive and existing under favorable conditions, but the fruit of the tree is not the life of the tree nor the condition that makes life impossible.

Many people look upon the aim of self-justification as a noble enterprise; but all human experience has proven it to be a vain and futile aspiration. Perhaps the moth that seeks to fly to the moon is to be commended for effort, but that in no manner increases the possibility of reaching the goal. Good works are certainly commendable and worthy of esteem, but without faith, they are totally inadequate to justify the sinner in the eyes of God (Romans 3:20, Galatians 2:16).

This is the teaching of Scripture in regards to justification: the Atonement is the ground; faith, the condition; regeneration, an inseparable companion; obedience and good works, the inevitable product—and, all bestowed through the grace of God.

To avoid old age keep taking on new thoughts and throwing off old habits.

Idleness breeds vice; vice causes weakness and premature death.

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION NEWS

The churches of the Piedmont Association are making progress, gaining in church and Sunday School membership; and having revivals above the average.

About two and a half years ago this Association of churches was organized with eleven churches, now its membership is nineteen. And every church is **full time**. And all but seven **pay from \$45 to \$75 weekly**. The Washington Street church, in West Gastonia, leads in pastor's salary, paying its pastor \$75 weekly. Some others come close to that.

The churches are moving up in their co-operation with the State and National Association's program. The fact in the case is: the state leaders have not contacted this work. Rev. J. J. Brooks of Kannapolis, first contacted the State Association, and the orphanage. Rev. Sherman H. Oakes, having contact with the State and National work, moved to this territory, and began to present the denomination and its work in general. Only one state leader has visited this work, and that was after some few of our pastors attended the State meeting in the East, and made application for this work to line up with the State Association. The minister visiting our annual association was Rev. J. W. Alford, and I understand he made the visit on his own. He was called into consultation by the pastors, relative to our uniting with the State Association, and gave much encouragement and advice.

Rev. O. M. Hilburn, moved from Rockingham, to this territory and did much to organize the new association, and to interest the churches in our general denominational program. He became the first moderator, and still holds that position. Since he moved to Elizabeth City, Rev. Roy Rickard, vice-moderator, is acting as moderator.

Mt. Zion, at Kannapolis, is mother of four churches in that city. Goshen of Belmont is mother of two churches, Mt. Holly and Cramerton. Both of these new churches have fine and commodious buildings. Rhyne St.,

now known as the First Church in Gastonia, is the mother of Washington Street Church, and Entwistle, at Rockingham, is mother of four churches in that territory. And may I say, that I first introduced our church to Rockingham, and would have organized the first church in that territory, if a monkey wrench had not been thrown in the machinery, depriving the Free Will Baptist from using the Independent Tabernacle, that I was pastor of. Rev. O. M. Hilburn, later organized the church and was its first pastor; Rev. Walter Carter, succeeded him and has been pastor of the church for ten years or more.

We have a fine corps of pastors, and they are on fire for God and lost humanity. They are trying to improve their ability, and be more filled with the Spirit. They believe in the old fashioned gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. Yes, they haven't become like an Egyptian mummy, they believe an abundance of life is a requisite to soul saving. They still think that the Scripture relative to the Apostle Paul, "He continued the more to be filled with power," should be carried out in this modernistic age.

We invite you to visit the Piedmont Association.

Sherman H. Oakes, Reporter

WELCOME

The Rocky Mount Free Will Baptist Church welcomes you to the Union and S. S. Convention to meet with us the 28th and 29th of this month.

The Church is located on Cokey Road in front of the Edgemont School. Coming on Highway 64 from Tarboro, when you enter town, do not turn with 64 but come straight on until you enter Tarboro Street, at caution light. Turn left on No. 43, and follow 43 to church. Coming from Pinetops, follow 43, which is Cokey Road to church.

A. L. Reynolds, Pastor

Cultivate broadmindedness and you will be more charitable to others.

Notes and Quotes



By H. C. Griffin

Serpents Can Be Men

Every now and then from the hills to the seashore "Quack Preachers" bob up and put on shows by handling snakes and quoting Mark 16:16 as authority. But often, we also see where some of the "quack demonstrators" are bitten and swell up and die. There are places where the law has had to step in; in order to save the physical torture and death of innocent persons.

The Lord Jesus never played with snakes, if so there is no record in the Bible. Paul, nor any of the apostles, ever put on a show to demonstrate their ability to handle snakes. Paul had one to fasten on his hand, when building a fire with sticks, but Paul immediately shook the snake off. Paul had good sense. He had no time to play with a snake and to brag about his religion. Paul was too much concerned about the salvation of sinners. He did not care about exalting himself.

In the 23rd chapter of Matthew and the 32nd and 33rd verses, we read these words of Jesus, in speaking to those who had rejected His word: "Fill ye up the measure of your fathers" (verse 32). These children were measuring up to their fathers. Now listen what Jesus called them: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell." How do you know that Jesus did not mean that you should handle the men "vipers" instead of the nasty, dust eating snake? Since that, the apostles did handle them, and three thousand of these were saved in one day, which was a greater work than Jesus had been able to do. These snake handlers often refer to the Scripture, "Greater works than these shall ye do," and then tell about the handling of snakes. Jesus was only able to gather about one hundred and twenty believers during the time that

He was upon earth. But Peter did "a greater work," in that he won three thousand souls, in one day. Why? Because Jesus had gone to His Father. Jesus had said, "Greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father" (John 14:12). The reason for greater things was because Jesus went to the Father. The Holy Spirit could not come with saving power upon all believers until Jesus went to the Father, therefore the "greater things" was the salvation of all who would believe, and not the handling of snakes.

The Fruits of the Spirit

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22, 23). There is no handling of snakes listed under the fruits of the Spirit. Yet these deluded snake handlers claim that they are "In the power of the Lord," when they are putting on their shows.

But back yonder when I was serving the world, I saw demonstrations with showmen handling snakes. These men were pronounced sinners and did not claim to do their stunts by the "power of God," yet they handled snakes. I have seen one man take a stick and stir a pile of "rattlers" up and pull out one and handle him. This man took a match and touched the poison pocket of the snake's throat and pushed the poison fluid out by squirts and showed me the fangs of the snake to convince me that they were not pulled out. How do I know that one snake handler is better than another? A few years ago I was informed that a rattler bit a man who was rolling a barrel of blockade whiskey. The bite did not kill the man. But according to the news, religious fanatics have died after being bitten. Often they lied about the pain. The Devil can demonstrate a great deal of power.

No where in the Bible do we have one verse of Scripture which says a man shall be saved by taking up snakes. But it is recorded, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is

born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him" (I John 5:1). "By grace are ye saved through faith" (Ephesians 2:8). So, salvation is by faith in the Lord Jesus as the Son of God, not by putting on shows in sanke religion.

An Angel of Light

The Devil can transform himself into an angel of light. Here is Scripture: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

"Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I confess unto them, I never knew you: Depart from me ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:21-23).

Yes, the Devil can do marvelous things. In the writings of the man of God we read: "Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God: because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (I John 4:1). Here the Scripture teaches that a false spirit is a false prophet.

Since un-Christians, and even evil men and women have demonstrated the fact of mastering snakes, we cannot say that a person is of God because he can handle a snake.

Judged by Service to Others

"Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye came unto me: I was in prison, and ye came unto. Then shall the righteous answer him saying, Lord, When saw we an hungred . . . etc." "And the King shall answer

and say unto them Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25: 31-40). If you have to handle snakes to show that you are a believer in the Lord Jesus, why did Jesus not say so? I had rather do what Jesus says do.

Snake handlers usually exalt themselves instead of exalting Jesus. Thank God, I don't have to play with snakes to be saved, nor to demonstrate religion by handling snakes. The only thing that I do with the snake is to kill him. God wants us to have good sense, as well as good religion.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of thanking the many friends for their kindness and help to me during the many weeks of my illness. Words cannot express my heart-felt thanks to each one, and especially for the many prayers that have been offered up to God for me.

Also, I should like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary, the Bible class, and the Young People's League of the Kinston Church to which I belong for their nice love offering, for the cards and the flowers which they were so kind in remembering me while in the hospital. I am asking God's blessings upon each one of them.

Tonight I am very thankful to God that I am much better, but I am still very weak in my body. I know that there is a great Physician in heaven who can heal my body if it is His divine will, therefore, I am asking all who know the worth of prayer to still remember me at the throne of grace that God's will might be done in my life. I am resigned to His holy will.

I want to say that my doctors tell me that I will never be well again, but praise God I am not worrying about that, for I know that I am ready to go when the Lord shall see fit to call me Home.

I do want to thank my pastor, Rev. W. K. Jordan, for the great help that he has been to me during my illness, and also may God's richest blessings

ever rest upon him, and everyone, is my prayer.

Sincerely, your sister in Christ,

Mrs. B. S. Speight,
Kinston, N. C.

NEWS FROM WAVERLY, OHIO

As I have seen no report from Porter Quarterly meeting, I will say that we had a good one at Slocum Station near Portsmouth, Ohio, last third Sunday. A well-nigh houseful of ministers and delegates, visiting brethren and sisters. Rev. Milum was moderator, and Rev. Coliver, of Ashland, Ky., delivered the morning sermon on Saturday. A good dinner on the ground followed the message.

It is the custom of our quarterly meeting to bring dinner and to serve on the grounds at the church on Saturday. In the afternoon we have our business transacted, and when that is over most of the people go home for the day. There are a few, however, who stay for the evening services, and for Sunday services.

All in all, we had a good spiritual meeting, all being in accord and in perfect harmony. Our next quarterly meeting will be held at Sciotoville on the third Sunday in August.

Just a few words about the movies that portray sacred scenes. I am heartily in favor of these movies. I have seen them and they do certainly make a vivid impression on the mind. They are altogether different from the foolish and worldly pictures, and have nothing in common with them. I myself would like to get in touch with someone who has one for sale. I would prefer one entitled: "King of Kings," or "The Life of Christ."

Yes, Brother Griffin, your NOTES and QUOTES are very good, and everyone should read them. Some of the sisters have been sending in some real worthwhile articles, too, to the Baptist paper.

N. Borders

Some people not only keep expecting the worst, but make the worst of it when it happens.

IF I WERE A GIRL

Linnie Hanley Drake

If I were a girl, a true-hearted girl,
Just budding to fair womanhood,
There's many a thing that I would
not do,
And numberless more that I would.

I would never frown, with my mouth
drawn down,
The creases will come there to
stay;
But sing like a lark, should the day
be dark—
Keep a glow in my heart, away!

If I were a girl, a bright, winsome
girl,
Just leaving my girlhood behind,
I would be so neat from head to my
feet,
That never a fault could one find!

Helpful to Mother, gentle to brother,
I'd have things so cheery and
sweet,
That streets and their glare could
never compare
With the charms of a home replete.

If I were a girl, a fond, loving girl,
With Father o'erburdened with
care,
I'd walk by his side, with sweet, ten-
der pride,
With ever a kiss and a prayer.

No secret I'd keep that'd lead to de-
ceit,
Not a thought I would blush to
share,
Not a friend my parents would dis-
approve—
I'd trust such a girl anywhere.

—Publisher Unknown

NOTICE

This is to inform the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina that Rev. C. J. Harris, son of the late Rev. C. J. Harris, has now united with the Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, N. C., and is open and ready for service in Free Will Baptist churches. He is an ordained minister, and may be reached by mail at 520 E. 9th Street, Greenville, N. C. Those who desire his services will do well to get in touch with him.

★ News From India ★

OUR FIRST SUNDAY IN KOTAGIRI

From early childhood—thanks to devoted Christian parents—I have ever looked upon the Sabbath as the red letter day of the week. It has been a rare occasion indeed when, throughout life, a Sunday passed without our attending Divine Worship. Private and secret worship are necessary to one's spiritual well being, but it does not take the place of the assembling ourselves together in His name at the assigned place and time. Accordingly, it was with both joy and thanksgiving that we made our way to our Kotagiri Sunday School soon after nine o'clock on our first Sunday in Kotagiri. We were given a most hearty welcome by our four Indian teachers and the boys and girls. Three Indian women were also present.

It was indeed inspirational and also heart thrilling to see this large group of the unprivileged classes for whom the Lord showed such keen sympathy while He was here in the flesh, are the particular concern of the Master. The seed—the word of God—is being faithfully sown in the lives of these boys and girls. We rest assured that God Himself will give the increase in His own good time. The Sunday School was conducted in much the same manner as they are in America. Of course, both the songs and lessons were in Tamil. Salome, our Bible Woman, served as the Sunday School Superintendent. She is a sweet consecrated Christian. The order—considering all the difficulties and handicaps—was good indeed.

Mr. Mulli, the teacher of our Kota day school, teaches the older boys. On this day six boys were present of the upper elementary and high school groups. The lesson was about Stephen, the first martyr, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A most

appropriate lesson for these boys. Although an out and out stand for Christ may not force these boys to face death (as was once entirely possible), it would most certainly subject them to all of subtle persecutions. After all, physical persecutions are not always the hardest to bear. The lesson was in Tamil but it was very enlightening to behold the animate countenances of both the teacher and scholars.

No less appropriate was the lesson of the other classes—About Jesus blessing the little children. O, if the Master was once more walking through this world in the flesh, how He would gather these little hungry, abused and often forsaken outcasts to Himself and say: "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." It is for million upon million of the innocent helpless children that our hearts bleed. The righteous law of the just God requires that the iniquities of the fathers be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate Him. But the mercifulness of the same just and only God has made it possible through the shed blood of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord that these children may walk in the light.

In the evening we attended, with Sister Barnard, the Church of the non-conformists. The message was timely, dealing with the fully surrendered life. No other life can be successfully lived by a missionary. To tell the truth, it is the only life for any Christian. As we prepared for the night, it was with the assurance that true Christian fellowship does not depend upon any physical or material condition but on the presence of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the worshippers.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT OUR KOTAGIRI SCHOOL

On the afternoon of the fourth day following our arrival in Kotagiri we attended—with Sister Barnard—the closing exercises at the Kotagiri school taught by three of our workers under the supervision of Sister Barnard. These boys and girls are from the sweeper class—the outcasts considered to be without caste—the worst kind of stigma in India. Too often the people fail to provide sufficient facilities and to see that they have adequate protection at law. Not long ago a caste Hindu killed an out caste; there was of course no inquiry.

Our teachers are not different from teachers in America. They were just as anxious and concerned as the faithful teacher in the States during the closing exercises of their schools. The boys and girls were just as excited as your boys and girls are on similar occasions. On the whole they have not made as much progress as your boys and girls have this past school year. Most of them come from families that for generations past—quite possibly never—have not had a single member that could read or write, not a single member that really could call either his soul or body his own. However, some of these children are exceptionally quick and are much more anxious to learn than the more privileged children both in India and in the United States as well.

There are almost sixty boys and girls enrolled in this school. The grades taught are the lower elementary. Ruby who is our principal is an excellent disciplinarian. Both teachers and pupils were evidently "putting their best foot forward." They had a time getting me seated properly. I first took a seat on Mrs. Woolsey's left that wouldn't work a little bit; so Miss Barnard sat next to Mrs. Woolsey that also failed to satisfy the Indian etiquette. Finally I was seated to the satisfaction of the teachers and students—on Mrs. Woolsey's right. Then and not until then could the program proceed.

Singing seems to be the delight of

the Tamils. After various songs, we adjourned to the playground. Drills after drills. Drills by the entire group—drills by the boys—drills by the larger girls, by the smaller girls, etc. I have never seen anything like these drills; they were really wonderful. Of course—as usual—we had left the movie camera at home. It was getting late then and it was a mile to the house and back. Miss Barnard had ridden her bicycle down; so I jumped on it (very few times have I ridden the contraption—any bicycle). The people of India walk in droves taking both sides and the middle. However, I made it to the house and back with the goods. As soon as the teachers saw that Mrs. Woolsey was planning on taking a movie of the drills, they began to see that each boy and girl were in the exact position, etc. They looked rather chagrined when they realized that they had been included in the pictures.

One of the most interesting things to us was the handiwork of the children. Various kinds of fruits, vegetables, household articles, etc., had been reproduced by the children out of clay. Invariably, the likeness to the original article was most remarkable. The little primitive lamps used in the homes of most of these children are quite pathetic. These lamps were merely composed of a very small and shallow bowl—similar to a little bowl in a child's toy set—and any small ordinary piece of string. I would say that the bowl was usually about five inches in circumference and the string possibly about two inches longer.

We came home praising God for what had been done among these unprivileged children and realizing that none but God through devoted Christian workers can ever complete the work begun. To be able—through God's Holy Spirit—to rescue one of these children from a life of servitude, ignorance, crime, shame and disgrace would be worthy of the life's work of any Christian; to provide the opportunities and training that by the grace of God that through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit will bring scores of children to a sav-

ing knowledge of His love—is a worthy work indeed.

Paul Woolsey

A PRAYER FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mrs. Hattie Lou Mills,
Winterville, N. C.

Dear God, we pray for our Sunday School,

And speak to each small child;
Help us to love and serve Thee, O God,
Whose Son for us had no guile.

We know, dear Lord, everyone who goes

Receives some blessing, 'tis true;
Help us to walk that narrow way which

Someday will take us in with you.

Our souls are filled to study your Word,

It isn't for just one hour;
For we know you are present, Lord,
Because we feel your unseen power.

Dear Lord, our Sunday School is growing fast,

So, help us ever to always be
Active and ready on the firing line
That we may ever live for Thee.

O God, we pray for those who go
And also for those who stay behind;

Because we know you want them all
To go and the green pastures to find.

Yes, pastures where their souls may feed,

And where they may grow in Thy knowledge, Lord;

To become workmen who know no shame

But followers bound by love's strong chord.

We know that prayer an answer will obtain

Though the Lord will awhile delay;
That none shall seek his name in vain,
And none be empty sent away.

Dear Lord, we need our Sunday School,

And the Sunday Schools need us too;

May they ever for Thee stand so that
They shall never prove to Thee untrue.

I feel that it's my duty, Lord,
To always go to Sunday School;
To read Thy Word and sing Thy praise,
For to be free from all cares to be.

When we before the Judgment stand,
Can Thy Son say to us, "Well done"?
Or will He say, "Depart from me"?
Because of His great command.

There's no other way but Thine, Lord,
But how oft man's ways are wrong,
So, help us to the Sunday School belong.

MARSH SWAMP DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The friends and members of Marsh Swamp Church held their fourth and largest Daily Vacation Bible School, beginning on June 2 and running through June 6, in Rock Ridge High School. There were 182 enrolled with an average attendance of 172 and 28 workers, who gave their best to the work. The children, parents, and workers experienced grand co-operation.

The pastor, Rev. M. L. Johnson, held the opening service and leaders from churches in other communities held devotions each morning thereafter. On Friday everyone enjoyed a delightful picnic on the school campus. On Sunday morning at 9:30 the commencement program was presented, including the awarding of 50 perfect attendance certificates.

We are looking forward even now to our next Daily Vacation Bible School being held in the new class rooms which are being built to our church.

Mrs. Lester Fulghum,
Second Vice-President

If a tax were put upon words, slanderers would soon be bankrupt.

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts during the month of May, 1947

Ashland City Church of Tenn.	\$ 50.00
John Moody, Anderson, Texas	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. George Waggoner, Mt. Vernon, Illinois	10.00
Olivet Church of Kentucky	125.00
Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, North Carolina	1.00
Rev. Ray Purdon, Ft. Smith, Ark.	3.00
Mrs. John T. Holland, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas	1.00
Fender Sunday School of Ark.	5.00
Union F. W. B. Sunday School, Johnson City, Tenn.	5.00
Mrs. P. J. Wood, Huntsville, Texas ..	5.00
Mrs. Marion Greene Poole, Neptune, Tennessee	1.00
Preston E. Slocum and Prayer Band, Highland Park, Michigan	10.00
T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.	10.00
Ivan Helsley, Hartville, Mo.	10.00
Mrs. Mary Parker, Nashville, Tenn.	5.00
Rev. C. J. Hearron, Bellmead, Tex.	4.00
Mrs. Mattie Gay, Moultrie, Ga.	15.00
Mt. Zion Church, Eufaula, Ala.	5.00
Rev. E. E. Brooks, Uriah, Ala.	1.00
Mrs. P. C. Conlee, Austin, Texas ..	1.00
Goldia and Dorothy York, Ft. Worth, Texas	3.00
Mrs. N. L. Hurst, Detroit, Mich.	3.00
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Okla.	10.00
Malcolm Rogers, Baxter, Tenn.	2.00
S. P. Easley, Portales, N. M.	10.00
State of Ohio, by Grace Peach ..	600.00
Mrs. Frances L. Oliver, Clarks- ville, Tennessee	5.00
Fannie Smith, Ashland City, Tenn.	2.00
Mrs. Forest Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio	2.00
Central Quarterly Meeting of Union Association of Tennessee	50.00
National Unified Program Fund, by R. B. Crawford	180.00
F. W. B. Mission Board of Ken- tucky, by G. E. Ratliff	13.16
First F. W. B. Church, Elizabeth- ton, Tenn.	15.40
Oak Grove Church of Tenn.	16.30
Eld. J. E. White, New Edenburg, Arkansas	5.00
M. B. and E. L. Hutchinson, McArthur, Ohio	6.00
Mrs. Lillie Pordue, Chapmans- boro, Tenn.	4.00
John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Neb.	5.00
H. A. Pitts, Brilliant, Ala.	21.00
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Moore, Porterville, California	5.00
Mrs. O. A. Munyan, St. Paris, O.	2.00
C. M. Payne, Edge, Texas	10.00
Mrs. Esther Smith, Woodlawn, Tennessee	10.00
Central Avenue Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	4.55
Amanda Duvall Skelton, Comanche, Oklahoma	5.00

Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, South Carolina	10.00
Miss Ruby L. Pierce, Kenly, N. C.	5.00
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Okla.	28.00
J. C. Blinson, Clayton, N. C., for picture poster set	4.00
Rescue Church of Illinois	39.00
Ina Church of Illinois	32.65
Ina League of Illinois	11.00
Mt. Zion Church of Illinois	23.18
S. S. Alliance of Illinois	11.00
Hazel Dell Church of Illinois	50.00
Hope Dale Church of Illinois	5.00
Pleasant View Church of Illinois ..	13.00
Harmony Church of Illinois	6.15
Waltonville Church of Illinois	19.00
Nason Church of Illinois	4.45
Mt. Vernon Church of Illinois	14.09
Webb's Prairie Church of Illinois ..	21.50
Rev. Jack Ketterman, Macedonia, Illinois	10.00
Bear Point Church of Illinois	42.16
Bakerville Church of Illinois	13.15
Rock Spring Valley Church of Illinois	11.50
Alexandria Church of Illinois	12.00
Plasters Grove Church of Illinois ..	10.00
Union Grove Church of Illinois	10.05
Ina League of Illinois	20.00
Eakin Grove Church of Illinois	11.33
West City League of Illinois	7.50
Ina Church of Illinois	81.15
Plasters Grove S. S. of Illinois	10.65
Rev. Wallace Malone, Sesser, Ill.	10.00
Norman Curry of Illinois	5.00
A lady from Ina Church of Ill.	3.00
Tulsa, Okla., First Church	10.00
Coffer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn.	100.00
Grady Hudson, Clayton, N. C.	1.00
Henry D. Bailey, Chucky, Tenn.	12.00
St. Paul Church of Georgia	30.00
Mt. Zion Church of Georgia	11.00
W. F. Vickrey, Broken Arrow, Okla., (for Miss Barnard)	10.00
New Home Aux. of Tulsa, Okla., (for Miss Barnard)	10.00
Rev. J. R. Davidson, Nashville, Tennessee	1.00
Mrs. Ruth M. Dail, Maury, N. C.	10.00
Mae Barber, Maury, N. C.	1.00
Ladies Aid of Horse Branch Church of South Carolina	20.00
Katherine Woodson, Detroit, Mich.	3.00
Pleasant Mount Church of Texas	10.00
S. S. of New Home Church of Ga.	3.00
G. S. Porter, Chicod, N. C.	25.00
Union Grove League of N. C.	20.00
Bible College	4.80
Bethlehem Church of Ga.	10.00
E. Frank Rice, Benton, Ill.	10.26
Midway Church and Aux. of Tenn.	7.50
Bryan, Texas, Church	37.00
Blakley Church, Blakley, Ga.	4.00
Moore's Chapel of Tennessee	3.00
Rev. George Waggoner, Mt. Ver- non, Illinois	6.00
Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C.	26.00
Glades Church of Ohio	23.00
Mrs. C. L. Harris, Enfield, N. C.	1.00
Second Union Aux. Convention of North Carolina	3.00

Ashland City Church, Ashland City, Tennessee	23.26
Young Women's Aux. of F. W. B. Dorothy Conley, Crockett, Ky.	1.00
Central Ave. Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5.65
Auxiliary of Mt. Zion Church of North Carolina	8.30
A. F. Ballance, Newton Grove, North Carolina	3.00
Mrs. Jack Thomas, Walstonburg, North Carolina	1.00
Stella Richman and Verna G. Edson, La Mesa, New Mexico	7.00
State of N. C., by J. W. Alford, Treasurer	366.80
State of Missouri, by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer	537.36
Sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations"	50.00
Received in subscriptions to the Review	2.00
Total	\$3,253.85
WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer	

HOME INFLUENCE

Prof. A. R. Flowers

Not until our educational programs candidly face the facts that the family is the greatest educational influence in the moral and the religious shaping of life, we are still doomed to failure in our hope of living above the common level of life. The church and the Sunday School have their place, and they are our best means of supplementing and guiding that training which has its beginning in the Christian home.

If the church can be gotten into the home, then there will be very little question as to getting the home into the church. If churches build homes, then our homes will build more and more better churches. Then our people will become much happier, and our churches will grow much stronger.

Brethren, think on these things, and place your emphasis where it belongs, and where the emphasis should have been a great many years ago.

(P. S.—Brethren, I am tired out this afternoon. I have been much hedged about by illness.)

To succeed, you not only need INITIATIVE, you need FINISHITIVE, as well.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists for May, 1947.

Receipts

Balance on hand May 1, ---\$2,012.21
Regular receipts for May -- 10.50
Total to account for -----\$2,022.71

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated Ministers \$207.50
Operating expense - 35.13
Total paid out -----\$ 242.63
Balance June 1, 1947 -----\$1,780.08

Receipts Itemized

Friendship Church (Johnston County) -----\$1.00
Fairmont Park Aux. No. 1 ----\$5.00
Core Creek S. S. -----\$4.50
M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Second Union Sunday School convention of the North Carolina Central Conference which is to convene with Rocky Mount Church on Sunday, June 29, 1947.

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School by the local school
11:00—Devotions led by Mr. Kirby Wooten
11:15—Address of welcome by Mrs. N. E. Harris
11:25—Response by H. L. Spivey
—Congregational singing and special music
11:30—Union sermon by Rev. R. B. Spencer. His subject: "The Effective Ministry of the Sunday School"
12:00—A brief business period

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions led by Mr. Leroy Forlines
1:30—An address: "Our Duty to the F. W. B. League," by Miss Louise Hedgepeth
2:00—Business period
2:30—An address: "The Importance of Music in Worship," by Miss Gladys Hines
3:00—Miscellaneous business and adjournment

The special music will be arranged by Mr. E. C. Hines and family.

By Committee,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey

HAZEL DAWKINS' ITINERARY REPORT**June 9 through June 15**

Elwood Lane -----\$ 21.10
Mable Avenue ----- 24.10
West Over ----- 5.00
Goshen Grove ----- 50.00
Mt. Holly ----- 40.10
First F. W. B. Church,
Gastonia ----- 42.00
Washington Street ----- 42.72

Total -----\$225.02

James A. Evans,
Supt. of Orphanage

BURKETTE RAPER'S ITINERARY REPORT**June 9 through June 15**

Goldsboro -----\$ 25.00
Casey's Chapel ----- 100.00
LaGrange ----- 31.21
Kinston ----- 40.00
Mosley's Creek ----- 84.47
Core Creek ----- 130.00
Gethsemane ----- 50.00
St. Mary's, New Bern ----- 237.05

Total -----\$697.73

James A. Evans,
Supt. of Orphanage

PROGRAM**NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION****JULY 3-4, 1947**

Theme: Youth's Responsibility to Our Denomination

Thursday

3:00 - 6:00 P. M. Registration
8:00 P. M. Program
"Youth's Recreation in Our Church"—Micro F. W. B. L.

Friday Morning

9:30—Devotions Miss Zalene Lloyd
"Youth's Devotional Service in the Denomination"
9:45—President's Remarks and Report of the Executive Committee
10:15—Get acquainted period with recognition of Ministers and Delegates
10:45—Appointment of Committees
11:00—Song service led by Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C.
11:30—Convention Message Rev. Burkett Raper
"Youth's Responsibility to Our Denomination"
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions Mrs. L. E. Ballard, New Bern, N. C.
"Youth in Personal Work in Our Church"
1:55—General Business Session
3:00—Round Table Discussion and Discussion on subject: "Making Our State Convention more helpful and interesting," led by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Wilson, N. C.
3:20—Installation of Officers Rev. R. P. Harris, Kenly, N. C.
3:30—Adjourn

We are fortunate to have Miss Zalene Lloyd and Rev. Burkett Raper have a part on this program. Miss Lloyd is from the Edgemont Church in Durham, N. C., and has been in attendance in the F. W. B. Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., preparatory to giving herself to the land of India as a Missionary as soon as the door is open. Rev. Mr. Raper is a very fine young man, who was reared in the F. W. B. Orphanage at Middlesex and has just completed his A. B. degree at Duke University.

(Please send your reports and contributions to Robert Godley, President of the convention. His address is 814 Pollock St., New Bern, N. C.)

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

A MAN WHOSE NAME WAS JOB

(Lesson for July 6)

Lesson: Job 1:1; 27:1-5; 31:19-28.

I. Home Work

1. How large was the family of Job- (Job 1:2).
2. How great was Job's wealth? (Job 1:3).
3. What caused Job to offer sacrifices in behalf of his children, when they had been feasting together? (Job 1:5).
4. Who were the three friends that came to comfort Job in his affliction? (Job 2:11).
5. What was the nature of Job's affliction? (Job 2:7, 8).
6. What losses had Job suffered before his illness? (Job 1:13-19).
7. What effect had these things had on Job's wife? (Job 2:9, 10).
8. What strange facts about Satan are revealed in the Book of Job? (Job 1:6; 2:1).
9. By whose permission only can Satan bring trouble into the life of one who fully trusts God? (Job 1:8-12).
10. Can Satan kill anyone without the consent of God? (Job 2:6).
11. Does Satan still have access to the presence of God? (Rev. 12:9, 10).
12. Can you repeat the Golden Text?
13. Will you please read Luke 18:9-14?
14. Would you say that Luke 18:9 explains the difference between this Pharisee and Job?

II. Sentence Sermons

1. You search in vain for a man

who is perfect and upright among those who do not fear God (Job 1:1).

2. God will hold us responsible for any vow or pledge we make and expects us to keep it as long as we live (27:3).

3. Lying lips and a deceitful tongue are an abomination before the Lord (vs. 4).

4. A loving and praying Christian should have the courage to speak plainly to another Christian who has sinned, and not justify him (vs. 5).

5. Can a real Christian pass by the hungry and naked in cold weather and not attempt to do something to help them? (31:19).

6. Even though man's sins may be responsible for poverty and for the presence of orphaned children, it is yet our duty to seek to help where we can (vss. 20, 21).

7. Not only fear but more especially love should prompt us to render unselfish service to the needy (vss. 22, 23).

8. It is the utmost folly to put our confidence in gold and other riches (vs. 24).

9. Wealth usually tends to unhappiness rather than to real rejoicing (vs. 25).

10. It is just as wrong to sin secretly as to do it openly, for God is aware of all that we do (vss. 26-28).

III. Lesson High Points

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil, verse 1. Job was an Old Testament patriarch who underwent great afflictions at the hand of God with great fortitude and faithfulness. According to the historian Josephus, Job lived in the period of the patriarchs, and was possibly contemporary with Abraham and Isaac. The land of Uz (meaning wooded) was between Palestine and the Euphrates valley. It was adjacent to the Sabaeans and the Chaldaeans (Job 1:15, 17), consequently it was "north of the southern Arabians and west of the Euphrates; . . . and adjacent to the Edomites of

Mount Seir." It was originally settled, perhaps, by or named for Uz, a grandson of Shem, the eldest son of Noah. The book of Job is not only one of the most remarkable in the Old Testament but also in all literature.

We are taught in the first verse of the book of Job that he was "perfect and upright." The term as here used, "perfect," means "complete and without any defect." That is to say, Job measured up to God's expectation in every way, as a finite being. He was not sinless, but complete in character, sincere, well-rounded and well-balanced in integrity. He was blameless in conduct and truly consistent in human behavior. A. B. Davidson says, "It does not imply that the man was sinless, for Job never puts forward any such pretension, but that he was a righteous man and free from any specific sins, such as were held to bring down the chastisement of heaven. That he was so was the very foundation of his trial and the first principle of the book. Job's perfection is actually examined in heaven (1:8; 2:3)." The word "eschewed" means "turned away from" (R V). Job refrained from evil while he zealously adhered to the good, always seeking to manifest before the Lord the true spirit of righteousness and undaunted integrity.

Here is a lesson for us: as Job purposed in his heart to be perfect and upright, so should we resolve in our hearts to follow his example that we might live peaceably and uprightly before God and our fellow man. May we strive daily, as did Job, to shun evil temptations, adhere to the good principles of life, and thus walk righteously before God. May each person think of Job's moral integrity, and then purpose in his heart to have patience, to be brave, to endure with calmness every trial, and to manifest at all times implicit faith in the heavenly Father. — Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

After Job had lost his property, his children, and even his health, three of his friends came to comfort

him. But they only added to his sorrow by accusing him of being sinful, and suffering only what he deserved.

But even now when he did not understand God's dealings, and stood there sick and destitute, he maintained his integrity. He would not turn from the Lord, nor would he be led off into wickedness.

So it is possible for a man to be beaten and bruised and bewildered, and still true to the Lord. Let's never forget that!—Moody Monthly.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

MISS HAZEL DAWKINS ELECTED FIELD WORKER FOR THE ORPHANAGE

It is with pleasure that I announce to the following churches the election of Miss Hazel Dawkins, a student of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and a citizen of Rockingham, N. C., as Field Representative for the Orphanage for the summer of 1947. Miss Dawkins comes well recommended and your cooperation with her will be appreciated by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

James A. Evans, Superintendent

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary

Friday, June 27—
Walnut, Madison County.
Saturday, June 28—
Shoal Hill, Madison County.
Sunday, June 29—
Mt. Zion (11 a.m.), Madison County.
Laurelton Chapel (8 p.m.), Madison County.
Tuesday, July 1—
Mt. Bethel, Buncombe County.
Wednesday, July 2—
Ray's Chapel, Buncombe County.
Thursday, July 3—
Union Chapel, Buncombe County.
Friday, July 4—
Union Valley, Buncombe County.
Saturday, July 5—
Paint Fork, Buncombe County.
Sunday, July 6—
Barnardsville (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.
Hazel Green (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.
Tuesday, July 8—
Avery's Creek, Buncombe County.
Wednesday, July 9—
Canton, Haywood County.
Thursday, July 10—
Hyatt's Creek, Haywood County.

Western Yearly

Friday, July 11—
Pleasant Grove, Cherokee County.
Saturday, July 12—
Conley Creek, Swain County.
Sunday, July 13—
Mt. Vernon (11 a.m.), Swain County.
Saw Mill Hill (8 p.m.), Swain County.

French Broad Association

Tuesday, July 15—
Swannanoa, Buncombe County.
Wednesday, July 16—
Homer's Chapel, Buncombe County.
Thursday, July 17—
E. Black Mountain, Buncombe County.
Friday, July 18—
Old Fort, McDowell County.

Jack's Creek Association

Saturday, July 19—
Davistown, McDowell County.
Sunday, July 20—
Fairview (11 a.m.), McDowell County.
Liberty (8 p.m.), McDowell County.
Tuesday, July 22—
Bowditch, Yancy County.
Wednesday, July 23—
Mine Fork, Yancy County.
Thursday, July 24—
Green Mountain, Yancy County.
Friday, July 25—
Peterson's Creek, Yancy County.

Saturday, July 26—
North Bent, Yancy County.
Sunday, July 27—
Bald Mountain (11 a.m.), Yancy Co.
Big Creek, (8 p.m.), Yancy County.
Tuesday, July 29—
Pilgrim's Chapel, Yancy County.
Wednesday, July 30—
Young's Chapel, Yancy County.
Thursday, July 31—
Terry's Fork, Madison County.
Friday, August 1—
Price's Creek, Yancy County.
Saturday, August 2—
Pensacola, Yancy County.

Sunday, August 3—
Patterson's Branch (11 a.m.), Yancy County.

Higgins' Chapel (8 p.m.), Yancy Co.
Tuesday, August 5—
Law Gap, Yancy County.

Toe River Association

Wednesday, August 6—
Burmitt's Creek, Mitchell County.
Thursday, August 7—
Cane Creek, Mitchell County.
Friday, August 8—
Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.
Saturday, August 9—
Middle District, Mitchell County.
Sunday, August 10—
St. Paul (11 a.m.), Mitchell County.
McCoury's Rock (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

Tuesday, August 12—
Mt. Odell, Avery County.
Wednesday, August 13—
Burleson's Chapel, Avery County.
Thursday, August 14—
Lewis Chapel, Avery County.
Friday, August 15—
Elk Mountain, Avery County.

Saturday, August 16—
Vale, Avery County.
Sunday, August 17—
Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.
Piedmont Association
Monday, August 18—
Erlanger, Davidson County.

Western Conference

Tuesday, August 19—
W. Hillsboro, Orange County.
Wednesday, August 20—
Calvary, Durham County.
Thursday, August 21—
King's Chapel, Durham County.
Friday, August 22—
Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.
Saturday, August 23—
Shady Grove, Durham County.
Sunday, August 24—
Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.
Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.
Tuesday, August 26—
Free Union, Wake County.
Wednesday, August 27—
St. Delight, Franklin County.
Thursday, August 28—
People's Chapel, Wilson County.
Friday, August 29—
Rosebud, Wilson County.

Central Conference

Saturday, August 30—
Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.
Sunday, August 31—
Dilda's Grove (11 a.m.), Wilson Co.
Aspin Grove (8 p.m.), Wilson County.
All services begin at 8 p. m. unless otherwise stated.

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CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

"THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH"

Ethel Miller

Harold was fixing the fence around the chicken pen. For half an hour he worked diligently, and did his work thoroughly, but after a time he grew a little bit weary and did not mend the breaks quite so well. His Uncle Jack coming from the house heard him muttering something to himself as he turned his attention to another hole.

"Did you speak, Harold?" he asked.

"I guess I was talking to myself," Harold answered. "I only said, 'That's good enough'."

"What did you mean by that expression?" questioned his uncle.

"This old fence is very badly broken," explained Harold. "At first I spent a great deal of time on each place, but I don't think I need to be so particular. As long as the spaces are closed sufficiently to prevent the chickens getting out it will be good enough."

"How soon must the pen be finished?" asked the uncle.

"There is no need to hurry with it," came the answer. "Mother does not expect to have any chickens ready to put in it until next week."

"Then let us sit down for a while," said Uncle Jack. "I want to tell you a story."

"When I was a boy about your age," he began, "several of our cousins spent the summer at our home. One day we were allowed to go fishing by the river which ran through the back-end of our farm. The girls decided that it would be more fun to cook our own dinner over an open fire on the river bank than to have Mother prepare a lunch for us. Accordingly we took a frying pan and kettle with us. Since I was the eldest, Father warned me about the fire, and, of course, I promised to be careful."

"We caught and cleaned some fish, and the girls fried them over the

fire which we built. I shall never forget how delicious that meal tasted.

"When the time arrived for us to start for home the fire was still smoldering. Your father, who was then very young, drew my attention to this fact. I told them all to start on ahead and I would attend to the fire and soon overtake them. I kicked a few stones and several pieces of sod over the glowing coals, and using the very words which you used a few minutes ago, went home.

"Some time during the night, I was awakened to feel a strong breeze blowing through my open window. The air was laden with the smell of smoke, but this I scarcely noticed, so startled was I to see some lurid light flashing constantly across the sky. Springing from my bed I rushed to the window. A narrow strip of timberland which lay between the river and the farm yard, appeared to be burning and the flames were leaping madly through the long dry grass in the pasture between the timber and our buildings.

"In a few moments the family were awake and rushed out to fight the fire. The neighbors also were aroused and came to our assistance, but the flames increased steadily with the increasing gale and swept constantly onward toward our new barn, where our hay and grain were stored. Father brought a team of horses and began to plow between the fire and the farm yard. The neighbors, several boys, and I were attempting to check that wall of flames by beating it down with green brush. Occasionally I glanced in Father's direction. I suppose he was plowing as fast as possible, but it seemed very slow to me. I knew that he could not beat the fire whose long red tongues would easily jump across the narrow strip of earth he had turned over. One of the men must have sensed the uselessness of his efforts too, because I heard one of them say, 'If the rain comes in time,

the barn may be saved.' I had fancied that the heavy clouds overhead had been caused by smoke from the fire, but now I saw that a great storm was threatening to break at any moment. The stiff wind which accompanied it was hastening the flames in their work of destruction. In my heart I prayed over and over again. 'Please, God, send the rain,' and as I prayed I beat frantically at the roaring blaze which crept forward continually. At last the fire reached the little strip of plowed ground and Father told us to take the animals from the barn. In agony I turned to obey, and then the rain began to fall. Never have I beheld such a glorious rain. It fell in great torrents. The fire sputtered and made a vain attempt to live before that splendid downpour, but it gradually died out. Our barn and crops were saved!

"Later that night as Mother applied salve and bandages to my blistered hands and face, I tried to tell Father about my carelessness concerning the fire where we had cooked our dinner. Father was a kind-hearted man and only said, 'Son, I knew the origin of the fire, but I appreciate your confession. The careless way may seem the easier but you see how much damage might have been done.' In the morning the blackened meadow and charred trees were the only evidence of the grim battle which had been fought, but I never forgot the lesson I had learned. Though a task may seem unimportant, I never leave it insufficiently done, or say, 'that is good enough,' when I am able to do it better."—Unknown.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl. 9:10).

"The hand of the diligent shall bear rule; but the slothful shall be under tribute" (Prov. 12:24).

—In Juvenile Pleasure

Calm minds can not be frightened or perplexed—they go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.—R. L. Stevenson.

Best results are obtained from mature judgment.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, our heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy has seen fit to call from this earth Mrs. Mittie Harrington, we the members of Piny Grove Church in Pitt County, realizing our great loss, submit the following resolutions:

First, That we express our deepest appreciation for her loyal devotion to the church, although we are saddened by her passing. We bow, therefore, in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father;

Second, That we extend to her family our deepest sympathy, and point them to God and to the church, which she served so well, for consolation and comfort in their bereavement; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Mildred Humbles,
Irene Tyson,
Myrtie Ruth Tyson,
Committee

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His unfailing wisdom opened the gates to the Glory Land early in the morning of July 7, 1946, and the spirit of Brother Ivey Edgerton, with steps assured as one who seeks his home, wended its way to the region from which no traveler returns. The members of Micro F. W. B. Church of sorrowful hearts, realizing their great loss, submit the following resolutions:

First, That as an officer of our church he was ever faithful, taking carefully his part of the responsibility of the organization;

Second, That we extend to his family our deepest sympathy, pointing them to the Saviour of love who can drive away their tears and mend their broken hearts;

Third, That we profit by the example which he set for us in his quiet Christian life; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Edgerton family, a copy to the Baptist Press for publication, and a copy reserved for the minutes of our church register.

Mrs. C. E. Gaddy,
Mrs. H. I. Corbett,
Mrs. Herbert Smith,
Committee

PROGRAM of Youth Vacation Bible Camp to be held at The Children's Home Eldridge, Alabama July 21 through 26th, 1947

Class Schedules

- 6:00 A. M.—Physical exercise
- 6:30—Breakfast
- 7:00—Devotional
- 7:30—Study course in F. W. B. L. (Hazel Cook)
- 8:05—Recess
- 8:20—Study course in Sunday School work (J. Reford Wilson)
- 9:00—Recess and play period
- 9:20—Study course in Personal Soul Winning (Teachers alternate)
- 10:00—Recess
- 10:20—Chorus singing (Mrs. Damon Dodd)
- 11:00—Doctrine (Damon C. Dodd)
- 11:30—Play
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Schedules

- 1:30—Bible Study Sword Drills (W. H. Ryland and Damon C. Dodd)
- 2:00—Sunday School in Action (J. Reford Wilson)
- 2:30—Recess
- 2:45—Woman's Work (Mrs. Damon C. Dodd)
- 3:15—Field Play (W. H. Ryland and Damon C. Dodd)
- 5:30—Supper
- 6:15—Rest period
- 7:15—Evening worship (Rev. J. B. Bloss)

A course in Daily Vacation Bible School work will be taught the smaller children. The Reverend J. B. Bloss will be the general supervisor of the entire vacation camp. This will be one of the best vacation Bible Camps that the young people of our church could attend. Plays, games, drills, and all kinds of wholesome fun will be provided for the week. We are expecting the Children's Home to be filled to its capacity.

In order to be sure that you will get to attend, send \$2.00 to Rev. J. B. Bloss, Leeds, Ala., to reserve your room, and you pay the remaining \$5.50 on your arrival on July 21.

Things to bring: Tooth brush, comb, towels, linens, pillow, Bible, S. S. and F. W. B. L. quarterlies, pencils and writing material. Take with you any kind of musical instrument which you can play.

Sincerely,

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Director,
Rev. W. H. Ryland, Secretary

Application Form

Name _____
Age____, Church_____

Address _____

Please enclose registration fee of \$2.00 with your application, and mail at once to Rev. J. B. Bloss, Leeds, Alabama.

FIRST UNION PROGRAM

The First Western Union meeting of North Carolina will convene with Raines' Cross Roads Church in Johnson County near Princeton on June 28, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions to be led by Rev. Willie Renfrow
 - Welcome address by the local pastor
 - Response by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
 - Moderator's message
 - Roll of ministers
 - Orphanage report by the committee
- 10:30—Business period
- 11:15—Union sermon to be delivered by Rev. M. L. Johnson
- 12:00—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions to be led by Rev. Walter Williams
- 1:15—Report of churches
 - Petitions for the next union
 - Business period
- 2:30—Report of treasurer and finance committee
- 3:00—Adjournment

Sunday Morning

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Sermon by Rev. R. N. Hinnant

High Boyette,
Fred Fulghum,
Committee

SPECIAL NOTICE

We will occupy our new church, the Beaufort F. W. B. Church, next Sunday with an all-day service. The public is cordially invited to attend the services. We are expecting a splendid occasion, and desire all the church members, and the former pastors to be present for this all-day service.

John T. Taylor,
Chairman of the Building
Committee of the Beaufort F. W. B. Church

SPECIAL NOTICE

There will be a Community Song Service at the Greenville F. W. B. Church on Sunday evening, June 29, at 8:00 P. M. We are expecting from other churches singers to assist the local talent in this evening program. The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy the occasion with us. May we worship the Lord in song.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Pastor

**MRS. LEE WHALEY MISSION
ITINERARY**

Eastern Conference

Friday, June 27, Robert's Grove, Sampson County.
Saturday, June 28, Corinth, Sampson County.
Sunday, June 29, Lee's Chapel (11 a. m.), Sampson County.
Sunday, June 29, West Clinton (8 p. m.), Sampson County.

Pee Dee Association

Tuesday, July 1—
Oak Grove No. 1, Bladen County.
Wednesday, July 2—
White Oak, Bladen County.

Piedmont Association

Thursday, July 3—
Mt. Calvary, Richmond County.
Rock Fish Association

Friday, July 4—
Mt. Moriah, Richmond County.
Piedmont Association

Saturday, July 5—
Entwistle, Richmond County.
Sunday, July 6—
Mt. Zion (11 a.m.), Cabarrus County.
Ben Avenue (8 p.m.), Cabarrus Co.

Cape Fear Association

Monday, July 21—
Smithfield, Johnston County.

Rockfish Association

Wednesday, July 23—
Mable Avenue, Rowan County.

Piedmont Association

Thursday, July 24—
Goshen Grove, Gaston County.

Friday, July 25—
Mt. Holly, Gaston County.

Saturday, July 26—
Rhine Street, Gaston County.

Sunday, July 27—
Washington St. (11 a.m.), Gaston Co.
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Tuesday, July 29—
Bailey's Chapel, Polk County.

French Broad Association

Wednesday, July 30—
Asheville, Buncombe County.
Thursday, July 31—
Mountain View, Buncombe County.

Friday, August 1—
Laruel Fork, Madison County.

Saturday, August 2—
Shoal Hill, Madison County.

Sunday, August 3—
Marshall (11 a.m.), Madison County.
Walnut (8 p. m.), Madison County.

Tuesday, August 5—
Shady Grove, Madison County.

Wednesday, August 6—
Red Hill, Madison County.

Thursday, August 7—

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Mt. Zion, Madison County.

Friday, August 8—

Avery's Creek, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 9—

Hyatt's Creek, Haywood County.

Sunday, August 10—

Canton (11 a.m.), Haywood County.

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**MISS ZALENE LLOYD MISSION
ITINERARY**

Eastern Conference

Friday, June 27, Palmetta Chapel, Craven County.

Saturday, June 28, Reunion Chapel, Craven County.

Sunday, June 29, Antioch (11 a. m.), Craven County.

Sunday, June 29, Wintergreen (8 p. m.), Craven County.

Eastern Conference

Tuesday, July 1—
Moseley's Creek, Craven County.

Wednesday, July 2—
British Chapel, Lenoir County.

Central Conference

Thursday, July 3—
Hugo, Lenoir County.

Friday, July 4—
LaGrange, Lenoir County.

Cape Fear Conference

Saturday, July 5—
Daly's Chapel, Lenoir County.

Central Conference

Sunday, July 6—
Walnut Creek (11 a.m.), Wayne Co.

Western Conference

Sunday, July 6—
Pleasant Grove (8 p.m.), Wayne Co.

Tuesday, July 8—
Pleasant Hill, Wayne County.

Wednesday, July 9—
Micro, Johnston County.

Tuesday, July 22—
Selma, Johnston County.

Wednesday, July 23—
Tippett's Chapel, Wake County.

Thursday, July 24—
Oak Grove, Durham County.

Friday, July 25—
Edgemont, Durham County.

Saturday, July 26—
King's Chapel, Durham County.

Sunday, July 27—
Calvary (11 a.m.), Durham County.
W. Hillsboro (8 p.m.), Orange County.

Piedmont Association

Tuesday, July 29—
Arrington Height, Lexington, N. C.

Western Conference

Wednesday, July 30—
Elwood Lane, Cabarrus County.

Jack's Creek Association

Thursday, July 31—

Fairview, McDowell County.

Friday, August 1—

Liberty, McDowell County.

Piedmont Association

Saturday, August 2—

St. Paul, Marion, N. C.

Sunday, August 3—

Ridgeway (11 a. m.), McDowell Co.

Jack's Creek Association

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French Broad Association

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Homer's Chapel, Buncombe County.

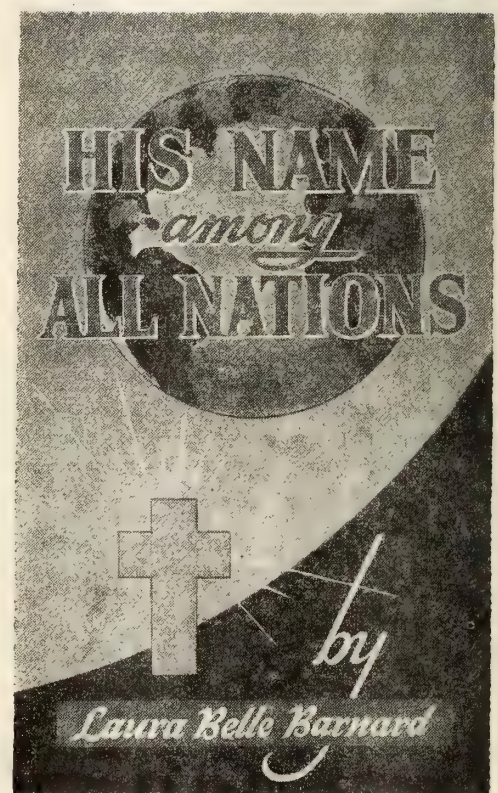
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"Yesterday... Today, and Forever"

Yes, He who walked in yesteryear
This vale of tears below,
Received the sinner in his sins,
Bade cares and sorrows go;
He is the Way, He said, to God,
For sin He did atone;
His precious blood was shed for all
He hung there—all alone.

Today, thank God, He's just the same,
His blood doth still avail;
To all who come in penitence
His mercy will not fail.
He gives the invitation, "Come";
He knocks at each heart's door,
And ready stands to meet the need
Of the weak, the rich—the poor.

And should He tarry yet a while,
Tomorrow just the same
Sweet invitation they will get
Who follow in our train;
He will not change, He cannot change,
Our Jesus—dearest Friend—
Was ever thus from Genesis
To Revelation's end!

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Editorial

MAKING DECISIONS—

Three things are important when an individual is to make a decision concerning a matter which involves the interest or concern of the public. First, the capabilities of the mind of the person who is to make a decision concerning the conduct of a public business. Second, the way his decision will affect the business of public concern. Third, the way his decision will affect other individuals whose interest are linked with the public business.

In the first case, the weight of the individual's decision is to be measured by his mental capacity to analyze, judge and reason through the situation in a public business requiring the decisions of the Board or Committee members. Furthermore, the worth of his decision is usually measured by manifest unbiased and sane reasoning on all matters involved incident upon making the decision. It is too often the case that some make not their own decisions but let others make the decision for them. Then no credit is due the individual who votes yea or nay with the other members.

In the second case, the individual's right decision made for the business of public interest will tend toward favorable growth and expansion of that business, whatever it may be, whether educational, religious, social-civic, industrial, or otherwise. If his decision is wrong, and with the majority, then such joint-decision usually proves detrimental to the just cause of the business involved. Hence, proper decisions require keen analysis, wise judgments and balanced reasoning on a business of vital importance to the people concerned. Hasty conclusions, biased judgments, and partial decisions usually do two things: revert back to those making the decision, with a great deal of regret later on; and the damaging of the business or matter involved, which in turn damages all those who are concerned. In the third case, the individual's decision, when badly made, greatly affects those persons directly concerned in the business or enterprise. Thus, he reaps, by his biased and narrow decision, the reaction of the bitter feelings of those who are greatly concerned about the business. Sometimes life-long enemies are made in this way.

God's rule is this: deal justly and wisely in matters pertaining to public concern. This will apply to the local church, Sunday School, League, church organizations, industrial businesses, politics, religion, education, and the like.

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NEW PRESIDENT AND MANAGER—

In a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee,

a new president and a new Business Manager were elected.

The Reverend L. C. Johnson, of Tupelo, Mississippi, was elected president of the college to succeed Reverend L. R. Ennis, retiring president. Reverend Henry Melvin, of Durham, North Carolina, was elected as Business Manager of the college to succeed Reverend J. R. Davidson, retiring Business Manager.

They will assume the duties of their offices on September the first, as the term of office of the retiring Brethren terminate at that time. Prior to September the first, however, Reverend Johnson will work with Reverend L. R. Ennis at the college in arranging and making all necessary transfers of records and the business matters pertaining to the incoming school year. All correspondence and other matters pertaining to the president will be cared for by Brother Ennis until Brother Johnson arrives and he can have time to arrange and work out the transfer of the office and turn over all official duties and responsibilities to Brother Johnson, the new president.

The Board of Trustees made no changes in the college curriculum for the coming school year, but the work will proceed as heretofore.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE—

The eleventh annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will convene on Tuesday, July 15, 1947, with the Highland Park F. W. B. Church, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan. A splendid program has been arranged for this session of the association, and a large representation is expected to be in attendance from the various states in the Union.

A large delegation is planning, we are informed, to go to this session of the association. Other states will doubtless send large delegations from their church bodies. Certainly, many of the most important and vital business matters pertaining to the denomination as a whole, and the states in particular, should be handled wisely and decisions made correctly on all points of great concern for the good of the whole church or denomination. Where there is unity, there is strength; but where there is division, there is strife and confusion. The Christian links in the spiritual chain of a denomination can be severed or disrupted by one weak link, where the strain is beyond endurance.

A Memory Verse

"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:13.

Jesus--Why Don't You Open That Door?

By Colonel Pendleton
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We read in the seventh chapter of the gospel according to Matthew, verses seven and eight, where Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks the door is opened." Well, might we exclaim, "What a Tremendous statement, and what a staggering promise!" But let us remember that Jesus was a continuous source of amazement to even His own followers. We should know Him as the most thrilling personality this old world has ever known. Over and over again we are told that they were astonished at Him. Those who followed Him had their days filled with continual surprises. Just listen: Matt. 7:28, "... The people were astonished at His doctrine." Then in Matt. 8:27, "But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!" Matt. 13:56. "Whence then hath this man all these things?" and many others, such as, "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46).

Beloved: Please realize that the disciples had listened to Him preach; they had seen Him when He "made the water wine;" they had seen Him raise the dead, heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind, unstop the ears of the deaf, cast out devils, turn a few loaves into enough food to feed a great multitude; but we do not know of them at any time asking Him to teach them how to do these things. Do we? But one time they had heard Him pray—and it seems they felt that here was someone "Who had first-hand" dealings with God. No doubt they said, "Never man prayed like this man." And when He declared, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me. And I knew that Thou hearest Me always: but because of the people which stand by

I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent Me." Methinks, I hear them saying, "Never did any man ever get an answer to his prayers as quick as this man." Surely, they must have felt something lacking in their prayer lives, for when He "Ceased," one of His disciples said unto Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples" (Luke 11:1). Oh! what a grand, and glorious privilege to be taught by one who knows. And we believe that there never was a person who used this precious privilege of communion with God as Jesus did. And then after giving them the "Model Prayer," telling them just what to say in asking their heavenly Father their needs, praising, and extolling His great name, He said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." The true wealth of blessed promise has never been sounded. Little do we Christians realize the mighty power that lies at our door. We hear Peter and John saying to the poor cripple, "... Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee; rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). Do we say, "That was for the apostles only"? Do we reject our blessed Saviour's words as recorded in Mark 16?

Please remember that Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified, That ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love. (Now, here is the secret of the whole matter, just listen.) If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love" (John 15:7-10). Can it be that we do not believe? Can it be that we are not keeping His commandments? Can it

be, that we do not love Jesus? Are we so lukewarm that we have no power? Dear ones: Is it not a fact that, the vast majority of the church members think very little of prayer? Did not Jesus tell His disciples, "... Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." He said this in answer to their question, "Why could not we cast him out?" (Matt. 17:19-20). Many people believe in the Bible after a fashion, and consequently draw little from the bank of heaven.

Beloved: Let us take this home to ourselves. Let us ask ourselves this question: How much do I pray? Why do I pray? Do I pray just to be heard by men? Jesus said for us to enter into our closets and there pray, and God would reward us openly. Do we believe He meant what He said? Have we tried God's promises out? Has a single promise ever failed? Have you said, "I cannot take the promise to 'knock' literally." I have knocked with bruised fists, but have had no reply? Have you become discouraged and perhaps bitter because your prayers were not always answered?

Can you put your statement against that of Jesus' when He said, "... To him that knocketh it shall be opened"? Is it not possible that something is wrong with us when our prayers are not answered? In Psalms 66:18, David, a man after God's own heart, said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Successful prayer requires something of us—it is a two-sided affair.

Beloved: Please let us realize that, To ask implies a sense of need. Notice that the Pharisee prayed after a fashion. He complimented himself before God, he criticized his fellow creatures, and he congratulated God

for having such a paragon of a servant as himself. But did he pray? Can we not very truly say, "His prayer has come down as a sort of a monstrosity to us?" Is it not so easy for us to "exalt" ourselves? It is sometimes said, "The preacher gets too much honour, and God not enough." But I have heard many sermons, that God could not claim any honour, for He was not in that sermon from beginning to end. But there is another man present, and he does all the real praying that is done, for it comes from the very depth of his heart. He was humble. He did not even lift up his eyes. His prayer is born from a sense of need as he cries out, "Lord, be merciful to me a sinner."

Let us notice that, the Pharisee was clinging to something, (good works, which can never merit salvation, no good works are the fruit of salvation, but can never bring it) but the publican was not. He no doubt knew that it is, "... By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Did you ever try to pray when you determined on a course that you knew was contrary to the will of God? If you have, you know what I mean, and you also know that prayer was an utter impossibility under the circumstances. John says, "Whatever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." As we all know, there are times when we know positively what the will of our heavenly Father is, when we have a definite promise to plead. But there are other times when we are not so sure, and in these cases we are to pray in submission to God's will. For our own sakes, God cannot give us our desires if they are contrary to His will any more than a parent will give to his child something it asks for if it will hurt him. God knows the end from the beginning, therefore in His mercy He will not allow us to ruin ourselves by our sometimes foolish prayers.

Over one hundred years ago James Montgomery wrote the words of a great song which more fully express-

es prayer as I understand it. The song goes:

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death;
He enters heaven with prayer."

In Ephesians 6:18, we read, "Continue to pray at all times, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching for it with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Please let us ask ourselves: How does a person pray? Do we pray with our lips, or do we pray with our lives? Let each one of us say from our heart, "Do I pray aright, unless my prayer is a true and honest representation of the things I really desire?" Again let us ask, "Is it not true that our prayers are often unreal because they do not represent what in our innermost being we sincerely crave?" Is it not a fact that many people have been ruined because their real desires were granted, instead of the thing they really needed? Notice that the Psalmist in speaking of the time when the children of Israel tired of the manna and wanted flesh, said, "He (that is God) gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul." They would rather satisfy the hunger of the flesh than know the blessing of trusting God without question.

Let us do as the Holy Ghost, through brother Paul, exhorted us to do, "Examine yourselves to see if you are in the faith; put your own selves to the proof. So let us ask ourselves: Am I honest when I pray? Am I thoroughly sincere? Do I really hunger and thirst after righteousness? Do I pray, O Lord God, please protect our young people, and then fail to provide decent, healthful outlets for their abounding energies? Do we pray, "O God, please give us more mission stations, "and then give in niggardly fashion pennies on mission Sunday? Do we pray, "O God, please take the beer and whiskey out

of our fair land," and then fail to go to the polls to vote the liquor crowd out of office? Do we pray, "O Lord, please save our dear children," and then drink, go to the picture shows, beer joints, every day, and then expect those children to have confidence in our religion? When it is written, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might Redeem us from All iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee" (Titus 2:11-15).

Dear ones: Please realize that hunger and thirst are gnawing desires of the flesh, and that they are constant and insistent until satisfied. Let each one of us ask, "Do I know this kind of craving, this urgent desiring, to see the will of the Lord done through me?" Let us pray with our lives, not with our lips. That is the prayer which alone will be answered. Is it not a fact that, a small, mean, contemptible, proud, self-willed, self-indulgent man or woman cannot pray a noble, acceptable prayer, regardless of his or her vocabulary or fluency of speech? Christian people are pleased to call the "Lord's Prayer" our pattern. It is both a pattern and a gem, it is easy to commit to memory, yet difficult to live out in our hearts, because it probes the very depths of our motives and searches out our heart's sincere desire.

Yes, dear ones: It is surely so that, "To him who knocks the door is opened." And in closing I desire to give a selection by Doctor Theodore Cuyler, entitled "Answered Prayer." I quote:

"The firmament of the Bible blazes with answers to prayer, from the days when Elijah unlocked the heavens on to the days when the petitions in the house of John Mark unlocked the dungeon, and brought liberated Peter into their presence. The whole

field of providential history is covered with answered prayers, as thickly as bright-eyed daisies cover our western prairies. Find thy happiness in pleasing God, and sooner or later He will surely grant thee the desire of thy heart." Or in other words:

"Open the door," "Thou hast helped in every need;
This emboldens me to plead:
After so much mercy past,

Canst Thou let me sink at last?
No; I must maintain my hold;
'Tis Thy goodness makes me bold;
I can no denial take,
When I plead for Jesus' sake."

—Song by John Newton.

May this help some poor eternally bound person to take fresh courage, and press on in the race 'till he wins is the prayer of your humble brother in Christ.

should serve to strengthen **individual** hearts and stimulate auxiliaries to **united** activities." She enjoins us to "Be true to our watchword throughout the year."

We recall what Jesus said in John 15, when He said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit."

If we would "Exalt the Lord" at all times, we must put Him first in our lives, with entire consecration to His will and commandments. This means in every little detail of any work that has been assigned us. May we definitely and whole-heartedly render unto Him the things that rightfully belong to Him, and "let our light shine" for Him at all times. May we pray much for an out-pouring of His Spirit on us in the coming session of our Convention, that we may be used of Him in the promotion of His work.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department



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A MESSAGE TO AUXILIARIES

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As the time is drawing near for the annual session of our National Auxiliary Convention at Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church in Michigan, I feel reasonably sure that we are looking forward with godly anticipation to the reunion with all of our officers and co-workers. At the same time, our prayers take on the attitude of real supplication to the Father, that we may have the very best session yet held since our organization. We know there can be no standing still in the service of the Lord—we are either improving, or growing stronger in our spiritual life and service, or we are deteriorating. St. Paul tells us in Eph. 6:10, "Finally, brethren, be **strong** in the Lord, and in the **power** of His **might**." This we should seek to do, and not to "please ourselves."

There is always some last minute preparations to make prior to our Conventions, although by our procrastination, we often work a hardship on others. There are reports to be completed, but often the officers wait, one for another, to send such information as is necessary, and when reports are called for during the session, we fail miserably to give in detail the items we are supposed to report. I hope we will make an earnest

effort to avoid this, and if any officer has been lax in making report to the proper person, may we do so at once.

As the Corresponding Secretary of the W. N. A. C., I am required to report the number of subscriptions to all Free Will Baptist Papers, also the number of A-1 Auxiliaries, which means all auxiliaries that have reached 10 points on the Standard of Achievement. To the present date, I have not received any report on either of these important points. I shall therefore deeply appreciate all of the information possible regarding them. It is necessary, if we are to render efficient service, that we attend to this work at the earliest possible moment. The secretaries of all State Conventions should have this information, if the District Conventions have been alerted to their responsibilities in making accurate reports to their State Officers. I positively am dependent on the Vice-Presidents whose duties are to keep account of these items, for a full report of my own obligations. We are so dependent on each other, that one cannot function properly without the other. We are like a chain, which can be dreadfully handicapped, if there happens to be a weak link in the chain. Our Theme this year is "EXALT YE THE LORD" (Psa. 99:5). Our First Vice-President, Mrs. Myron Hyatt, tells us on page 5 in our Year Book, that "A watchword is for inspiration, linked to practical uses." That, "It

MEDITATION

Faith may be cultivated by meditation upon the ways and works of God.—C. M. Damon. When Moses was on Mount Sinai he meditated over the majesty of God, and caught a vision of His omnipotence. His experience with the Lord while on the Mount gave him a greater sense of the need of meditation upon spiritual things than he had ever had before. In fact, he was made a better leader for the children of Israel after his experiences on Sinai with God.

When David was brought face to face with his great sin against the commandments of God, he meditated over the matter and confessed to the Lord his great guilt. He became a changed man, and often thereafter was known to turn unto the Lord in deep meditation. Conviction led him to see the need of turning unto the Lord and to spend some time in meditation upon the goodness of God.

The Apostle Paul, shortly after his conversion, went into a solemn place for deep meditation and study of God's holy word. There he was able to commune with God, and to meditate over the words of eternal life. He saw the need of a deep study of the Word, and the consecration of his whole heart and life in the service of

the Master. He gained much strength and courage for the task which God had called him to do by his meditating and communing with the Lord. His understanding was opened and a burning zeal for lost souls soon possessed his soul.

John, on the Island of Patmos, spent much time in deep meditation upon God's holy word, and during his banishment God sent unto him a great vision of things to come. His experiences there were sweet to him, and he wrote down the vision which God had given to him for the people to read and study.

More people in these days should spend more time in meditating over the Scriptures, and in communing with God from the very depths of their souls. If they were to do this, more joy and happiness would come to them than ever before. This has been true with those who do spend much time meditating upon God's great truths in the Bible.

REVIVAL AT EAST SIDE F. W. B. CHURCH

The revival at East Side Church began on June 3 and closed on June 14. It was a glorious revival meeting. The church is located on East Chase Street, Pensacola, Florida. The Reverend Richard M. Hughes is our pastor, and Rev. John M. Rich, of Chipley, Florida, did the preaching in this meeting. He was so filled with the Holy Spirit in these services and brought such soul-stirring messages that the hearts of the people were moved greatly. The ears of the people were opened and several received the engrafted Word of the Lord into their hearts. Many were born again in the kingdom of God. There were fifteen souls at the altar on the first night of the meeting. There were twenty-one saved in all during the course of the meeting.

We are so happy for the love and mercy of the dear Lord which He has shown unto us. Many sin-sick souls were hungry for the blessed Word of the Lord. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (Jon. 14:6). During the meeting the Lord

was very good to us, and He does love us so much that He is willing to save the most depraved person in the world who will come unto Him. God gave His only begotten Son that sinners might be saved. Whosoever believeth on Him will be saved, they will have eternal life.

The last week of the revival, Rev. John M. Rich gave the morning devotion on the air, and his message was food to our hungering souls. Praise the Lord for a man of God as Brother Rich has shown himself to be in the gospel ministry. We want the Christian people to be much in prayer for him and for our pastor. He has done a great work for the Lord here in this place. Our pastor is a very faithful man in the work of the Lord. Please pray that the Lord will make provision for us to get the money to build a church to worship in here at this place. Please pray that we might have good services in the Lord, and also for our Sunday School and Young People's League.

We are planning to organize a Ladies Aid in our church very soon, and may the Holy Spirit lead us in this work. Please pray that we might bring forth good works for the glory of God.

Mrs. Daisy M. Williams,
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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

The refrain of a favorite hymn of mine goes like this:

"Count your blessings, name
them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see
what God has done."

If every one of us today would count our blessings, I will venture to say that they would fill a book. Just stop and think how everyone here in America has been blessed during this last war. Yes, I say blessed even though we did lose a lot of men and boys on the battlefields. Think of the people in Europe who not only lost their loved ones in battle, but their homes and all their worldly possessions. We here in America know not what it was like to see our

homes being blown to bits and our children killed in the wreckage, going for days without food and no place to sleep except out in the rain or under some old shed with dozens of other people.

If sometime you feel like grumbling because the house looks old and needs new paint, just stop and think of the people in the world who have no roof over their heads. And if you get tired of beans and bread three times a day, just thank God you have them. There are people who don't have even that—or not three times in a day anyway. And you people who are strong and healthy that complain about having work to do should stop and think of those people in the world who have no arms or legs to perform tasks of any kind and then thank God that you're able to work.

Yes, we all have many, many blessings for which to thank our Heavenly Father—not only in words but in deeds of love and kindness and my prayer is that in the future all of us will stop and count our blessings before we complain of any hardships and then go about our daily tasks with light hearts and thankful hearts for all that God has blessed us with.

Mrs. James M. Sullivan,
Marianna, Florida

HOME-COMING AT WATERY BRANCH CHURCH

There will be celebrated a Home-Coming festival at Watery Branch Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in July, which will be on the twelfth of July. The services will begin at ten o'clock on Saturday morning. All former pastors, church members and friends are given a cordial invitation to be present for this occasion.

A special invitation is extended to those who sing to come and take part in the program. There will be an all-day service, and dinner will be spread on the church grounds.

Mrs. J. S. Jones

Prayer is a valuable aid to a pious life.



News From India



A VISIT TO THE KOTA VILLAGE

It was to be Mrs. Woolsey and my first visit to any of our work here in Kotagiri. However, it is not really in Kotagiri at all, as hills and valleys up and down which a rough and at some places a steep path winds its way, separate the Kota village from Kotagiri. It was arranged that I should go on ahead with Mr. Mulli, our teacher of the Kota School, and that Miss Barnard and Mrs. Woolsey were to follow later on their bikes—at least part of the way. The village is some two and a half or three miles from "Shamrock" and no bicyclist living could ride the last mile and a half.

Mr. Mulli and I reached the school just as the first scholars appeared. It was still early, not being much past seven o'clock. As you have read in Miss Barnard's letters, the Kotas are known for their ignorance of both water and soap. Miss Barnard and the workers have wrought, by the grace of God, wonders both with the school children and also in the village itself. This morning was the closing day of school and believe me these Kota boys and girls had been scrubbed until their little bright faces shone as the noon day sun. Each boy or girl—as the case might be—came to attention as quick as any soldier ever thought of doing, saluted with a "salam." By the time Miss Barnard and Mrs. Woolsey had arrived there were some fourteen or fifteen boys and girls present. From time to time a man or two would drop by and stay for a while and go on to their work.

The boys and girls exhibited their work with as much pride as any American boy or girl ever dared. They sung several songs as only Indians can sing and then went through some exceptionally lively drills. I then said a few words which were translated by Mr. Mulli. The Old Priest who had first opposed Miss Barnard was present. After the pro-

gram, we went on to the village proper where several men were waiting for us. Again I spoke a few stammering words as a testimony to the Saving Grace of the Son of God. Mr. Mulli does not speak English any too well so this time he translated my talk not in Tamil, as he did before and in which Sister Barnard is very adept, but in the old language used by the tribe and which is not as well known by Sister Barnard.

We then called on the Headman of the village, a middle aged man of above normal intelligence. He was most gracious and insisted on being our guide on our tour of the village. Miss Barnard has especially endeared herself to the women of the village. We shall never forget how the face of a very old and blind woman lighted up as she recognized Sister Barnard. On the other hand, I have been present when large audiences were thrilled and held spellbound while the Holy Spirit used Miss Barnard to the Glory of God in America. However, I can truthfully say that I have never seen such rapture on Miss Barnard before, whatever the occasion. By all accounts the conditions have improved remarkably since Sister Barnard first began the work in the village. This is true in spite of the fact that there is yet no Christian in the entire village. Oh, the influence of even the teachings of Christ on the heathen.

The Kotas are known for their skill in the making of pottery, tools of all kind and all of the things found in the poorer homes. As we looked upon the clay pots only partly finished, we thought of how the prophet Jeremiah must have looked on a similar scene just before he made that wonderful comparison of the potter and the clay to God and the human life. We made rather a complete tour of the village—the women even looked in the maternity ward, a magnificent building of about ten by eight feet.

The Kotas—as Miss Barnard has

written on several occasion—do not have any idols or anything in their temples. These people are definitely friendly to the Gospel. We should join our efforts and our prayers for the conversion of this village.

Both Mrs. and I were much impressed with this, our first visit. A work has begun among this people. God grant that it may continue to grow.

Paul Woolsey

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION WELCOME TO DETROIT

The Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists of Michigan, have invited the 1947 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The Association is scheduled to convene with The Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Michigan, on Tuesday, July 15, 1947.

Host Church Welcomes You!

We, The Highland Park Church, do invite you to come and spend these days with us. Our Church is not so large, and we are not too many in number—but we plan to do our very best to entertain you and make your visit to Detroit as pleasant as we possibly can.

How to Come!

Detroit, Michigan, of course is one of the largest Industrial Cities in the world. You can reach Detroit by every known means of transportation. Aeroplanes, trains, boats, buses, automobiles, trucks, and hitch-hikers arrive hourly in this great city. So, take your choice and come along. We hope, however that as many of you as can will drive your cars, that you might have transportation after you get here.

Points of Arrival!

Those who come by plane, and arriving at one of the airfields, of course will have limousine or taxi service into the city, and either bus or street car will bring you to Victor Ave. in Highland Park, and remember the church is only three blocks

east of Woodward Ave., on Victor in Highland Park. Now don't forget!

Those who travel by train will arrive either at the New York Central Depot or the Union Station, depending of course on what train you ride. Taxi service is available from these points to the church, or you can take a bus or street car on Woodward Ave., and ride to Victor St., for ten cents. (That's what I usually do.)

If you travel by bus (Greyhound)—only a few blocks from Woodward Ave. When you get to Woodward you will arrive in down town Detroit Ave., (the main thoroughfare running north and south) you can board a Woodward bus or street car and ride north to Victor Ave., in Highland Park. Remember when you get here to ask questions and seek information for we don't want you to get lost.

If you travel by car and come into the city either from Toledo or Chicago way, and you do not want to drive through the city traffic, then when you come to Michigan Ave., (Highway No. 112) please make a right turn and travel east until you come to Southfield Road. When you arrive at Southfield Road, then make a left hand turn and travel north until you reach McNichols Road. When you arrive at McNichols Road, please make a right hand turn and travel east until you come to Woodward Ave. Then make a right hand turn and travel south on Woodward until you reach Victor St. Turn left and come three blocks east.

What About Rooms?

We are planning to go as far as we can in securing rooms in private homes for the Ministers and Delegates. Of course you understand the housing situation here is still critical and it might be that several will have to resort to hotels, etc., at their own expense. Those of you who are planning to provide your own keep in the hotels will find it quite convenient and also the rates reasonable. We will be glad to arrange hotel reservations for those who desire this service. If you want it in advance, please let us know.

What About Meals?

Just as soon as you arrive at the

church we want you to register and pay the initial fee of (\$2.00) at that time we will try to arrange for you a room (If you haven't one). Your breakfast will either be furnished by the home you are assigned to or if the home cannot provide breakfast, you will have to eat out some place at your own expense.

We have arranged with two large cafeterias here in Highland Park to provide the noon and evening meal. You will be given a meal ticket for these at the time you register. Now the registration fee of (\$2.00) will not be enough to cover your meal ticket. The entertainment committee has decided it will cost about (\$5.00). I'm sure you will understand that.

Leisure Moments

For the benefit of those who have never been to Detroit, we hope to arrange at least two excursion trips per day during the off hours of the convention.

A large hall with fountain service has been secured next door to the church. This will provide adequate quarters for lounging and relaxation.

Remember, We'll be seeing you!

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Pastor of Host Church,
206 California,
Highland Park 3, Mich.

OUR INTERMEDIATE ASSEMBLY AT CRAGMONT, 1947

Rev. R. P. Harris, Director

These are glorious days with the young people of our church in the hills of Western North Carolina. These young people are drawing near unto the Lord and the Lord has touched the lives of every one even to the definite salvation of some. The others are under conviction and we are praying that they, too, will become submissive to His will before this camp comes to a close. It is impossible for me to describe the wonderful fellowship and Christian spirit made known during these great days. You, dear reader, will have to come to Cragmont and attend an assembly, so that you will know just what we mean. We are sure now, more sure

than ever before, that God has given us Cragmont and that He is nursing us along and giving to us usable portions of His grace and Spirit which improves our spirits tending towards righteousness and true holiness in the Lord.

It is the desire and prayer of every one, responsible for Cragmont, that no young person or adult shall ever attend an assembly at Cragmont and go home unsaved; that is, of course, those who have reached the age of accountability. With a staff of workers and faculty who know the Lord it is almost certain that a definite work of grace will take place among the campers. You should attend one of our evangelistic services and see how the Lord lays hold of an individual, brings him down to penitence and a contrite heart, seeking His truth.

We desire the prayers of all praying people and trust that you will give us all the encouragement you can. Write to us, speak to us, and send your young people to our assembly at the appointed time and under His grace we promise to send them back to you greatly improved, spiritually, mentally, and in better health.

The mountain air, the fresh pure water from the springs, and the fellowship and food are almost a guaranteed ticket to good health. Some of these who complained of suffering from hay-fever and asthma and other ills report that, in spite of their exposing themselves more to cool weather, they still have no ill effects. They eat more heartily and seem to be full of pep and energy.

NOTICE

This is to inform the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina that Rev. C. J. Harris, son of the late Rev. C. J. Harris, has now united with the Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, N. C., and is open and ready for service in Free Will Baptist churches. He is an ordained minister, and may be reached by mail at 520 E. 9th Street, Greenville, N. C. Those who desire his services will do well to get in touch with him.

The first call for Christian service is the best one to answer.

FAMILY WEEK OFFER

Remember, July 5-11, will be family week at Cragmont. Surely you will come to Cragmont, the best all-around place for a vacation you can find in North Carolina. There are exciting interests for all ages, touring trips, party games, swimming, bad mitten, horse shoes, croquet, and plenty of good eats in our canteen. The weather is grand and people who come here just feel better, because up in these mountains, so gorgeous and picturesque, you just feel better, for it's cooler especially at night. We'll show you a grand time every body come! You'll never regret it! Give Cragmont a try!

Now back to the churches and pastors. Have you done your part toward the young people, by sending them to Cragmont? Send one at least to represent and more if you possibly can. God will reward you for it, and you'll be blessed when they return to you.

Rev. J. Albert Harris

THIS IS TO ANNOUNCE

Beginning with September, 1946, a great deal of my life's work was sacrificed for the furtherance of my education. My family and home life, and my pastorates, and associate pastorates in New Bern and vicinity, were sacrificed for the cause of Christ. Because of adverse living conditions and situations, I was forced to return home in December from school, and then soon afterward, I accepted this office, as Business Manager-Treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

Upon my suggestion, this position will close on October 1st, instead of January.

Although I enjoy this work very much, I am taking pastoral work, Lord willing, because that is what the Lord has trained and called me for, and my wife likewise. Some work already has been accepted in different fields, but I still have a few openings for 1948.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Mrs. Harris and I were trained at Bob Jones college, and other good schools, to speak, teach, work and play many instruments and sing for our Master. That is what we enjoy. We've had four years of experience

since leaving college, and were leaders in college and high school.

Rev. J. Albert Harris

When you want to make a contact let it be with the church of God.

Program of the THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION for the NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION to be held at Shady Grove Church, Sampson County September 17, 18, 1947

Wednesday Morning

9:30—Devotions	- - - - -	Rev. R. P. Harris
9:45—Welcome Address	- - - - -	Rev. Bob Woolley
—Response	- - - - -	Rev. J. C. Griffin
10:00—Appointment of Committees		
10:15—Report of Executive Committee		
10:30—President's Message		
10:50—Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention	- - - - -	By President
11:00—Report of Historian	- - - - -	Rev. T. E. Beaman
11:15—Congregational Singing and Special Music		
11:30—Introductory Sermon	- - - - -	Rev. D. W. Alexander
12:00—Lunch		

Wednesday Afternoon

1:00—Song Service and Devotion		
1:10—Report of Promotional Service		
1:25—Report of Special and Standing Committees		
1:50—Report of Mission Board	- - - - -	Rev. J. W. Alford
2:00—Report of Board of Superannuation	- - - - -	Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
2:10—Report of State Sunday School Convention	- - - - -	By President
2:20—Report of State League Convention	- - - - -	By President
2:30—Report of Cragmont	- - - - -	Rev. J. Albert Harris
2:40—Report of Church Finance Association	- - - - -	Rev. D. W. Alexander
2:50—Report of Board of Education	- - - - -	Rev. Rashie Kennedy
3:00—Report of Free Will Baptist Press	- - - - -	C. K. Dunn, Sr.
3:15—Business Session		
3:30—Adjournment		
8:00—Evening Services	- - - - -	To Be Supplied

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotion	- - - - -	Rev. Burkette Raper
9:45—Report of National Association	- - - - -	Rev. R. B. Crawford
10:00—General Business Session		
11:00—Orphanage Report	- - - - -	W. A. Jackson
11:30—Association Sermon	- - - - -	Rev. J. A. Evans
12:00—Lunch		

Thursday Afternoon

1:00—Song Service	
1:10—Report of Appointed Committees:	
(1) Credential, (2) Resolutions, (3) Temperance, (4) Nominating	
1:45—Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee	
2:00—Business Session	
3:00—Adjournment	

M. L. JOHNSON,
R. N. HINNANT,
J. A. EVANS.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

On the eighth of June we held a quarterly conference at Mt. Pleasant Church, which was very good and everyone present was to be considered a committee to try to encourage all church members to have better church attendance. Each one is to do all possible to increase our church attendance.

If each member would pray as he or she should pray, we believe that there would be many more people attending church services than there are at the present time.

Our next quarterly church conference will be held at Liberty Church, near Lawley, and on the third Sunday in August, which will be the seventeenth. Let us make this the best meeting with full attendance, and may the Lord be with us on that occasion. Anywhere with Jesus there is peace and happiness, so let everyone go to this meeting, the Lord willing, with the hope that we shall experience a good time in the Lord.

Mrs. J. W. Barnett

"Daddy," asked the minister's little daughter, "Why do you bow your head when you go into the pulpit?"

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TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION Highland Park Church, Detroit, Michigan July 14-15, 1947

Theme: "LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP" (Luke 5:4)

Watchword: "That ye may know—the breadth and depth of the love of Christ."

Convention Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation."

4:00 p. m.—Executive Committee Meeting.

Monday Evening

7:30—Convention Hymn

—Invocation Rev. B. F. Rogers, Oklahoma

—Devotional Service Miss Hazel Cooke, Alabama

—Topic—"Attempt Great Things for God." Phil. 4:13

—Special Music Highland Park Church

7:45—Organization:

Enrollment of Delegates

Appointment of Committees

Election of Nominating Committee

8:30—Welcome Address Mrs. Preston Slocum, Michigan

—Response Mrs. J. C. Griffin, North Carolina

8:40—Hymn: "Send the Light"

—Convention Message Rev. D. C. Dodd, Missouri

9:30—Benediction Rev. K. V. Shutes, Alabama

Tuesday Morning

9:30—Hymn: "Faith Is the Victory"

—Devotional Miss Rebecca Stewart, Tennessee

—Topic: "Expect Great Things from God," Psalms 121

—Prayer Rev. Mark Lewis, Missouri

9:45—Fellowship Greetings from ministers present

10:15—Message of the President Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Missouri

10:30—W. N. A. C. Launching Out:

In Enlistment and Literature . . . Mrs. Myron Hyatt, Mo., 1st Vice-Pres.

In Training Our Youth . . . Mrs. Cleo Purcell, Okla., 2nd Vice-Pres.

—Chorus "Go-Tell Band", Highland Park Church

In Mission Study and Prayer . . Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, N. C., 3rd V-Pres.

Through Stewardship . . . Mrs. Alice Childers, Ohio, 4th Vice-Pres.

Through Personal Service . . Mrs. Alvin Halbrook, Tex., 5th Vice-Pres.

11:20—Hymn: "If Jesus Goes With Me I'll Go"

—Vocal Solo Rev. R. B. Crawford, Tennessee

11:30—Message Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, Blackshear, Georgia

12:00—Benediction Rev. J. R. Davidson, Tennessee

Tuesday Afternoon

2:00—Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

—Reading of Minutes

—Devotional Service Mrs. G. V. Goolsby, Tennessee

Topic—"Witnessing for Jesus," Acts 1:8

—Prayer

2:15—Launching Out:

In General Activities . . . Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Tex., Field Worker

Through Gifts Mrs. Fannie Polston, Tenn., Treasurer

Through Convention Plan of Work . . Mrs. Alice Lupton, N. C., Cor.-Secy.

—Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

2:45—Reports:

Registration Committee

Appreciation Committee

Business Resolutions Committee

Plan of Work Committee for 1949

Obituary Committee

Nominating Committee, Election of Officers

3:45—Miscellaneous Business

—Closing Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

—Adjournment

Program Committee:

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GOD IN HIS WORLD

(Lesson for July 13)

Lesson: Job 38:1-7, 16-18, 22, 28, 31, 41.

I. Golden Text Illuminated**"The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them" (Prov. 20:12).**

The world's scientists stand in amazement when they study the human ear and eye. There is no invention of man that can equal their perfection.

"Brother Leon Tucker loaned me a mighty good book to read. It was one of those 'so different kind of books. It was the story of the 'eccentric' preacher Lorenzo Dow. Dow believed in God. He believed the Gospel. He did not do it the way everybody else did it, he did it the way he believed God wanted him to do it.

"I can do all things,' he had once announced as his text, reading it solemnly from the open Bible before him. 'No Paul,' he went on, wagging his head as he addressed the sainted author of the words, 'You are mistaken for once and I'll bet you five dollars on it.' With this Lorenzo Dow drew a five dollar bill from his pocket and slapped it down on the Book. After a pause, he read the remainder of the text, 'through Christ which strengtheneth me.' 'Ah, Paul,' he cried, snatching up the bill and putting it back into his trouser pocket, 'that's a very different matter. The bet's withdrawn.'

Truly the fool, and only a fool could say: There is no God.

II. Heart of the Lesson

In Previous chapter of Job we have had the answers of men as they debated with each other, but here in

this lesson God speaks to Job in profound terms of divine knowledge. To what had previously been said by Job and his friends, God here speaks out of the storm cloud direct to Job. Job saw no vision of God, for He spoke from heaven through the storm cloud, thus veiling himself from Job's vision. 'In reference to him who 'darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge,' God here is condemning much that Job's friends had previously uttered in an attempt to convince Job that his sufferings were due to his own sinful acts."—Peloubet's Select Notes. Here we see how God invites Job to prepare himself for that contention or argument which he had appeared anxious to desire (chs. 9:35; 13:20, 22). In previous chapters Job had made eight speeches; Eliphaz, three; Bildad, three; Zophar, two; and Elihu, one. Now God speaks with authority and power out of the storm cloud direct to Job as he had desired. Thus Job was to face the facts, and to look to God for light and understanding. The thought here hinges upon the expression "darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge." The all-wise God is to show Job and his friends how limited is their knowledge and how errancy they are as finite beings of earth. Thus they needed divine reproof, guidance and knowledge of the wonders of earth.

Mankind is not perfect in thought, speech, or action. He is prone to err from the right way, therefore, he is to listen to God's voice as he speaks to him out of his holy Word. We are to accept the gospel teachings of Christ and to abide by his commandments, for he is the supreme guide for our lives as we live day by day. God speaks to our hearts in many ways to teach us how we should live in this world. May each one of us heed God's voice as he speaks to our hearts, revealing himself to us by his holy will.—The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

III. The Lesson Illustrated**God's Handiwork, and Man's**

Look through a magnifying glass at any of man's handiwork. Take a beautiful painting, for instance, or the superb work of the engraver, or

the keen razor edge of the tool of the skilled mechanic. Instead of the beauty of the painting you see only rough dabs and splotches of paint. In the beautiful engraving you see coarse, ragged lines and every tiny error magnified. In the keen edge of the tool you see a sawlike and jagged edge that makes you wonder how it could ever make a clean cut. Now take the strongest microscope known to man, and put under it any part of God's creation. To our amazement we will see a perfection of detail and marvel of structure that is simply overwhelming. Yet the same Creator who fashioned the tiny bell of a woodland flower with petals of exquisite form and beauty is the One who also swings through space the mighty suns that make our own look like grains of dust, and whose galactic systems, millions of light years beyond the borders of our universe, move with speed that staggers the thought.—The S. S. Times.

Napoleon's Defeat at Moscow

Job 38:22

Napoleon was defeated at Moscow by the soft-falling snow. "Earthly state had never reached a prouder pinnacle than when Napoleon, in June, 1812, gathered his army at Dresden—that mighty host, unequalled in all time, of 450 thousand, not men merely, but effective soldiers—and there received the homage of subject kings. And now, what was the principal adversary of this tremendous power? By whom was it checked, and resisted, and put down? By none, and by nothing, but the direct and manifest interposition of God. I know of no language so well fitted to describe that victorious advance to Moscow and the utter humiliation of the retreat, as the language of the Prophet, with respect to the advance and subsequent destruction of the host of Sennacherib, 'When they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses,' applies almost literally to that memorable night of frost, in which twenty thousand horses perished, and the strength of the French army was utterly broken."—Thomas Arnold, in Biblical Encyclopedia.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

MISS HAZEL DAWKINS ELECTED
FIELD WORKER FOR THE
ORPHANAGE

It is with pleasure that I announce to the following churches the election of Miss Hazel Dawkins, a student of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and a citizen of Rockingham, N. C., as Field Representative for the Orphanage for the summer of 1947. Miss Dawkins comes well recommended and your cooperation with her will be appreciated by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

James A. Evans, Superintendent

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary

Saturday, July 5—
Paint Fork, Buncombe County.
Sunday, July 6—
Barnardsville (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.
Hazel Green (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.
Tuesday, July 8—
Avery's Creek, Buncombe County.
Wednesday, July 9—
Canton, Haywood County.
Thursday, July 10—
Hyatt's Creek, Haywood County.

Western Yearly

Friday, July 11—
Pleasant Grove, Cherokee County.
Saturday, July 12—
Conley Creek, Swain County.
Sunday, July 13—
Mt. Vernon (11 a.m.), Swain County.
Saw Mill Hill (8 p.m.), Swain County.

French Broad Association

Tuesday, July 15—
Swannanoa, Buncombe County.
Wednesday, July 16—
Homer's Chapel, Buncombe County.
Thursday, July 17—
E. Black Mountain, Buncombe County.
Friday, July 18—
Old Fort, McDowell County.

Jack's Creek Association

Saturday, July 19—
Davistown, McDowell County.
Sunday, July 20—
Fairview (11 a.m.), McDowell County.
Liberty (8 p.m.), McDowell County.
Tuesday, July 22—
Bowditch, Yancy County.

Wednesday, July 23—
Mine Fork, Yancy County.

Thursday, July 24—
Green Mountain, Yancy County.

Friday, July 25—
Peterson's Creek, Yancy County.

Saturday, July 26—
North Bent, Yancy County.

Sunday, July 27—
Bald Mountain (11 a.m.), Yancy Co.
Big Creek, (8 p.m.), Yancy County.

Tuesday, July 29—
Pilgrim's Chapel, Yancy County.

Wednesday, July 30—
Young's Chapel, Yancy County.

Thursday, July 31—
Terry's Fork, Madison County.

Friday, August 1—
Price's Creek, Yancy County.

Saturday, August 2—
Pensacola, Yancy County.

Sunday, August 3—
Patterson's Branch (11 a.m.), Yancy County.
Higgins' Chapel (8 p.m.), Yancy Co.

Tuesday, August 5—
Law Gap, Yancy County.

Toe River Association

Wednesday, August 6—
Burmitt's Creek, Mitchell County.

Thursday, August 7—
Cane Creek, Mitchell County.

Friday, August 8—
Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.

Saturday, August 9—
Middle District, Mitchell County.

Sunday, August 10—
St. Paul (11 a.m.), Mitchell County.
McCoury's Rock (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

Tuesday, August 12—
Mt. Odell, Avery County.

Wednesday, August 13—
Burleson's Chapel, Avery County.

Thursday, August 14—
Lewis Chapel, Avery County.

Friday, August 15—
Elk Mountain, Avery County.

Saturday, August 16—
Vale, Avery County.

Sunday, August 17—
Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.

Piedmont Association

Monday, August 18—
Erlanger, Davidson County.

Western Conference

Tuesday, August 19—
W. Hillsboro, Orange County.

Wednesday, August 20—
Calvary, Durham County.

Thursday, August 21—
King's Chapel, Durham County.

Friday, August 22—
Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.

Saturday, August 23—
Shady Grove, Durham County.

Sunday, August 24—
Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.
Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.

Tuesday, August 26—
Free Union, Wake County.

Wednesday, August 27—
St. Delight, Franklin County.

Thursday, August 28—
People's Chapel, Wilson County.

Friday, August 29—
Rosebud, Wilson County.

Central Conference

Saturday, August 30—
Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.

Sunday, August 31—

Dilda's Grove (11 a.m.), Wilson Co.

Aspin Grove (8 p.m.), Wilson County.

All services begin at 8 p. m. unless otherwise stated.

DEDICATION

By William Atherton

Lord, can I dare sit idly by
And watch the millions Christless die;

Doing nothing to save the lost,
Afraid of what might be the cost;
Like Peter, warming at the fire—
Sheltering under the church's spire?
Dare I sit and waste the years,
Sharing Thy joys, but not Thy tears;
Unheeding Thy low, tender plea,
"Take up thy cross and follow Me";
While Thy footprints leave crimson stains

In city streets and country lanes,
As Thou dost carry Thy cross anew,
Seeking the lost as I should do?
O Lord, forgive, I weep in shame,
I love Thee truly; in Thy name,
I turn my back upon the past
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SEVEN "I AMS"

Dear Young Friends,

Have you ever boasted? Remember that most boasting begins with "I". Surely, we know what it is to boast. One chap may say, "There is no better catcher on the team than I am!" A girl may boast, "Mamma said she never knew anyone could bake as good cake as I have baked; and for the first trial, too!" Well, some things are better not mentioned. But the Lord Jesus, and the Apostle Paul could boast of things that none of the rest of us dare mention.

Let us talk about seven things the Lord talked about Himself. The first one we will mention is that He said, **"I am the Door."** Now a door is a thing that is handy to have around, an absolute necessity for privacy and protection. A door admits one or bars one out. Jesus Christ was saying by this expression that He is the entrance to the Kingdom. We must come through Him if we expect to get saved or get to Heaven. He also said **He was the Way to Heaven.** There are no by-paths on the road to glory. He was or is the Truth. Man has many false doctrines, but the Jesus-Way is the Truth. He is also our **Life.** We are dead in trespasses and sins until we come to Jesus for Life. We get Life when we are born again.

He also stated He was the **Bread of Life.** If we failed to eat bread and drink water, we soon would die. He is our sustenance—the **Supplier** of our daily need. Jesus also said He was the **Water of Life.** He is the **Provider** of every good thing that we need. He also said He was the **Good Shepherd** who gave His life for the sheep. We are the sheep. Jesus was the Shepherd who died for us on the Cross. Then He is our Hope for eternity, for He says He is the Resurrection. There is coming a time when the graves will be opened and the dead shall rise. First the saved ones shall rise to meet their Lord in the air. Then the time will come

when the unsaved shall be called forth for judgment. I want to take part in the first resurrection, don't you? You can if you will be saved to-day from your sins. Come to-day and take Jesus as your Saviour.—L. L. K.

Somebody told of this little boy, nine years old, who lived in the state of Maine.

One day while he was playing in the yard with other children, he stepped on a nail and it stuck in his foot, making a bad wound. The doctor took care of it the best he could, but it grew worse instead of better. His father went to the city for a doctor, and he said if they wished to save the boy's life the foot would have to be taken off.

Of course, they thought it was better to have a lame boy than to lose their little William, and they planned a day to have the foot taken off; but Willie felt he could not stand having only one foot all his life. He was a Christian boy and thought God might help him, so he prayed this prayer:

"O blessed Saviour, the doctors cannot save my poor foot, and I can

not bear to have it taken off; if You were only here on earth now, my papa would send for You, and You would come and lay Your hand upon it and make it well, I know You would. O blessed Jesus, You can do it just as well as though You were here, can't You? And I know You will."

After this Willie was quiet, and did not seem to dread the morrow, when his foot was to be taken off.

The next day the doctor came to see it, but when he looked at the foot he was very much surprised, and said it was much better and would not need to be taken off. Then the doctor asked what they had done to make it better.

Willie looked up with a smiling face, and said: "I asked Jesus to save my foot and He did it. Don't you love Him, doctor?"

By faith Willie's foot was healed just as by faith the walls of Jericho fell.—Unknown.

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WITH A FRIEND

Look, God, I have never spoken to you
But now I want to say "How do you do?"
You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,
And like a fool I believed all this.

Last night from a shell hole I saw your sky
And figured then they had told me a lie.
Had I taken time to see things you made
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, God, if you'd shake my hand,
Some how I feel you will understand.
Funny I had to come to this hellish place
Before I had time to see your Face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more I can say,
But I'm sure glad, God, that I met you today.
I guess the zero hour will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid since I know you're near.

There's the signal, I've got to go,
I like you lots, I want you to know;
Look now, this will be a horrible fight,
Who knows? I may come to your House tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly to you before,
I wonder, God, if you'd wait at Your Door?
Look, I'm crying—me!—shedding tears!
I wish I had known You these many years.
Well, I have to go now, God, Good-bye;
Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die.

Pfc. J. J. W.

(Found on a boy killed on Anzio Beachhead)

—Selected by Major Stanley

CRAGMONT NEWS

Just at the close of our first assembly for the year of 1947, we are indeed grateful to each church represented by a camper. The churches by the way of representation here with a camper will receive the blessings through these campers. In the Word we are told to "Train up the child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." May I add my proverb, too? "Train a child to train others and they will continue to train and never depart from that." Co-workers, are you training your children to train others? The greatest personal work to me is done with children and by children. One morning we heard some little girls say, "I love God." Another said, "I love Jesus." Another

said, "I love God because he made this big old world." Then the other said, "I love Jesus because he died on the cross to save this world from sin." This is what thrills—to train our children to tell others about Jesus and his love.

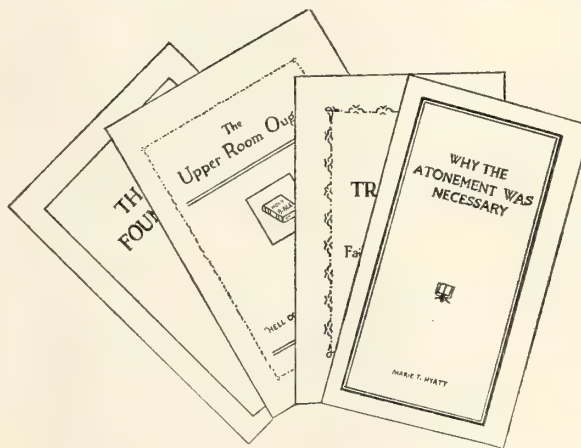
This training we have at Cragmont, and through it all, we have had several conversions and re-dedications for Christ. We pray that you praying Christians will pray for them and for others to accept him, too. Encourage them and build them up and guide them, then some day they will be perhaps another Moody, Billy Sunday, Spurgeon. Who knows?

Rev. J. Albert Harris,
Business Manager

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Piedmont Association

Saturday, July 5—
Entwistle, Richmond County.
Sunday, July 6—
Mt. Zion (11 a.m.), Cabarrus County.
Ben Avenue (8 p.m.), Cabarrus Co.

Cape Fear Association

Monday, July 21—
Smithfield, Johnston County.

Rockfish Association

Wednesday, July 23—
Mable Avenue, Rowan County.

Piedmont Association

Thursday, July 24—
Goshen Grove, Gaston County.
Friday, July 25—
Mt. Holly, Gaston County.
Saturday, July 26—
Rhine Street, Gaston County.
Sunday, July 27—
Washington St. (11 a.m.), Gaston Co.
Caroleen (8 p.m.), Rutherford Co.
Tuesday, July 29—
Bailey's Chapel, Polk County.

French Broad Association

Wednesday, July 30—
Asheville, Buncombe County.
Thursday, July 31—
Mountain View, Buncombe County.
Friday, August 1—
Laruel Fork, Madison County.
Saturday, August 2—
Shoal Hill, Madison County.
Sunday, August 3—
Marshall (11 a.m.), Madison County.
Walnut (8 p.m.), Madison County.
Tuesday, August 5—
Shady Grove, Madison County.
Wednesday, August 6—
Red Hill, Madison County.
Thursday, August 7—
Mt. Zion, Madison County.
Friday, August 8—
Avery's Creek, Buncombe County.
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Canton (11 a.m.), Haywood County.

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Western Conference

Sunday, July 6—
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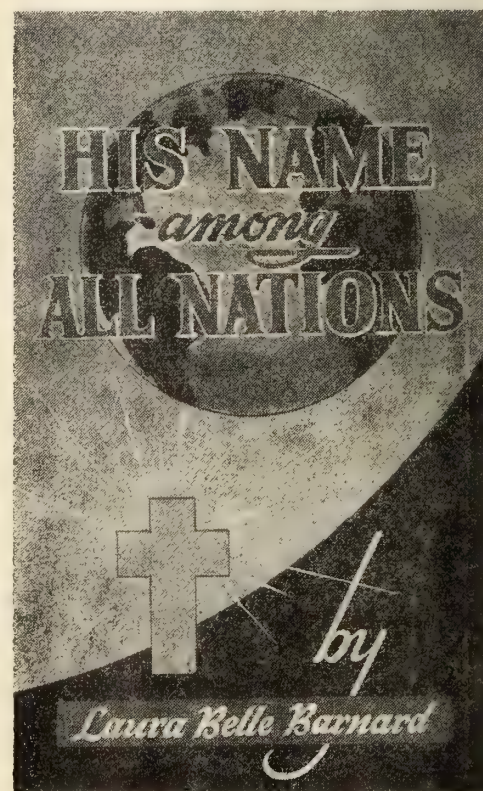
On Monday night after the second Sunday in June, a revival meeting began at East Lake. It lasted through the week until the next Sunday night, and the Spirit of the Lord was present from the very beginning of the meeting. Different denominations in the surrounding section came and worshipped with us. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the services very much. There were many who testified to the saving grace of our

Lord, and some rededicated their hearts to God. The people seemed to have been very hungry for the gospel. These people are in the remote spot of the world, and it would be a good place for a church to be established. There are plenty of people down there that the Lord can use for His glory, for only a little cultivation is necessary to enable them to do service for the Lord.

In the past there has been a Free Will Baptist church in that locality, but it went down. We are asking all Christians who are interested in seeing souls saved to please pray for those people at East Lake that they may be always found working for the Lord.

Yours for His service,

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Should You Go First

Should you go first, and I remain
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories' garden, dear,
With happy days we've known.
In spring I'll watch the roses red,
When fade the lilacs blue;
In early fall, when red leaves call,
I'll catch a breath of you.

Should you go first, and I remain
For battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the way,
Will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile,
Though blindly I may grope;
The memory of your helping hand
Will buoy me on with hope.

Should you go first, and I remain
To finish with the scroll,
No lengthening shadows shall creep in
To make this life seem droll.
We've known so much of happiness
We've had our cup full of joy
Ah, memory is one gift of God
That death cannot destroy.

Should you go first, and I remain,
One thing I'd have you do,
Walk slowly down the path of death,
For soon I'll follow you.
I'll want to know each step you'll take
That I may walk the same,
For some day down that lonely road
You'll hear me call your name.

—Author Unknown

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The T. H. Willey League, of the Edgemont F. W. B. Church, Durham, N. C., held its May monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. W. L. Gibbs, on Glendale Ave. After song and prayer, business was called to order by the League president. Several items of business received attention during the session. Our chief discussion being that of visiting the Orphanage home with an ice cream treat. The exact date of our visit is not, as yet, set. The bulletin board has been purchased, and is now in the church serving a much needed purpose.

After the benediction, refreshments were served by the hostess, to the following members present: Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carney, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Lloyd Williford, Mrs. Mae Scott, Mrs. Mary Rochelle, Mrs. C. A. Clements, Mr. Millard Parnell, and two visitors, Linda and Charles Gibbs.

James Brown, Pres.,

Venie M. Carney, Cor.-Secy.

GOD'S UNCHANGING WORD

For feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God,
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned

For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever;
For, though all things shall pass
away,

His Word shall stand forever.

—Martin Luther

Editorial

WANTED!

The editor is asking that each local church, which has not already done so, to name a good church worker to be the person who will be responsible for taking subscriptions to the Baptist paper among the people of the church and community. For each ten subscriptions raised a free subscription for one year will be given to, either the one who is getting the subscriptions or to the designated person whom the worker wants to have the free paper for one year. Some worthy person of the church, who is not able to pay for the subscription, would be a good person to receive the free subscription.

We want to increase the list of subscribers to four thousand by August the first. The present list is near thirty-eight hundred, which shows a decline for the past few months. We think more people should be taking the paper and reading it for the good that it will do them. It is the best means we have to inform the church people concerning what is taking place in the denomination from time to time. We hope, therefore, that all the churches will name some active person to be responsible for soliciting subscriptions for the paper and turn in their subscribers' names and the money at regular intervals so that the paper will be going to the homes of the people without any delay.

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A REQUEST, PLEASE!

Those submitting manuscripts for publication in the Baptist paper, will you please mail them in time so that they can be published in the issue you desire. Here of late several short messages to the church people came too late to be published when they should have been published, due to the fact that they did not reach the editor in time for appearance in the paper the week they should have gone out to the people.

The manuscripts are being checked and set on the linotype machine on Thursdays and Fridays of the week previous to their being run on the Press machine on Monday of the week the paper is mailed out to the people. Quite a number of notices and programs arrive too late to be published in the issue in which they should appear. Please mail the messages in ample time to allow the editor time for checking and having them set for the issue of the paper in which they should appear. By doing this, it will avoid dissatisfactions and misunderstandings.

LEAGUE MANUALS READY

A new supply of the League Manuals for the Young People's Leagues have been printed and ready for sale. Those needing copies of these manuals may get them by mailing their orders to the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, North Carolina. All orders will be promptly filled so long as the supply lasts. The price per copy is 50 cents, 3 for \$1.35, and \$5.00 per dozen. These are new prices, as materials and labor have made some advances since our last printing of the manuals.

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CHURCHES NEEDING PASTORS

The churches which are needing new pastors for the coming church year, and do not know how to get in touch with the ministers who may be available for new pastoral work, would do well to write to the editor of the Baptist paper, making their needs known. He could probably be of advantage, through the columns of the paper, to them in securing the preachers they want for the new year's work.

Some pastors are hesitant to let it be known through the columns of the Baptist paper that they want work, and therefore some needy churches might not know of their being available for pastoral services. At any rate, if there are churches that would like to let it be known that they are open for a change of pastors, those ministers who are seeking work could communicate with them, and thus be of advantage to them in this way. This is a suggestion which the editor thought worth passing on to the church people.

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≈ The Christian's Walk with God ≈

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.—Matt. 16:24.

When men and women, girls and boys have been born of the Spirit, and have become followers of Christ, they are to do certain things to be able to walk with God through the uneven journey of this life.

Practice Self-Denial

When the average sinner has truly become a child of God, he has many things of a worldly nature to give up. He must be willing not only to have faith in Christ, but also willing to surrender those evil habits, things of a sinful nature which formerly gave him joy by his indulgence in and practice of them. Self-denial of those things which would tend to corrupt and to draw the new convert from God must be adhered to by the new creature in Christ Jesus. A new standard of life has come into his heart; consequently he is expected to deny himself of those sinful lusts or pleasures of the flesh that defile the human heart.

The apostle Paul, for example, wrote the Christians at Ephesus not to walk as other Gentiles, but to walk circumspectly, or wisely, before the Lord (Ephesians 4:17). He reminded them of the fact that they in times past had "walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2). Likewise, in his letter to the Romans, he wrote the truth of the new walk in Christ Jesus in these striking words: "We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also **should walk in the newness of life**" (Romans 6:4). Paul emphasized in these words the necessity of Christians walking in the new way; that is, the Christian is to have **a new direction, a new desire and a new destination**. All things of a carnal nature which he, as a sinner, enjoyed must give way to things of a spiritual nature which

the Christian can fully appreciate and understand.

The new convert to Christianity surely has caught a new vision of life; for he has taken Christ as his Pilot, his true Guide and Master, to lead him on his uneven journey through this sinful world. Although temptations, disappointments, and sorrows confront him in various ways and at different times, as the weeks, months and years pass, yet he can walk with greater courage, and with a surer step because his Pilot is leading in the Heavenly way. With a new hope and a newly conceived purpose of life, then, he can follow in the steps of the Master by denying himself of the things that would draw him into the way of the ungodly. Happy is the Christian believer who has resigned his life to the will of Christ, and who has separated himself from the ways of the world. With perfect contentment, he can say as Paul of old said, "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

May we go further and note that on one occasion Jesus said to his disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). Jesus told them the need of self-denial; their need of giving up self and selfish desires; their need of taking up the cross of truth and righteousness; and their following Him. Yes, this truth is to be applied today to every child of God; that is, everyone must be willing to deny himself of those things which will, if participated in, cause him to fall from the straight and narrow way, and his friends to be offended, and his own Christian influence to be destroyed. Jesus would have all professed Christians to know that they are to be set apart as true followers of His, faithful ones meet for the Master's use. He is for the world the true example of self-denial; for He sought to carry out the will of the

Heavenly Father while He was on earth. In fact, all who would seek His pardoning power, and who would become followers in His great name, He would insist on their giving up personal ambitions for the sinful pleasures of life, and follow Him free of all hindrances to the Christian's walk with God.

Another example is given by St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians in which he admonishes the Christians by saying, "Mortify your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection (passion), evil concupiscence (desire), and covetousness, which is idolatry." . . . "Also put off all these; anger, malice, blasphemy (railing), filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have **put off the old man with his deeds**, and have **put on the new man**," . . . (Colossians 3:5-8, 9, 10). The apostle desired to make it plain that the Christian brethren were to lay down all such deeds of a sinful nature; that is, they were to separate themselves from those things which they had been doing while they were sinners. He urged them, therefore, to put off all such with their former carnal ways of living. They were to deny themselves of certain practices, and to walk in the newness of life, in the Christlike way. As Christians who had **put on the new man**, they were to take a stand against such habits of worldly living. Christians are to deny themselves today of certain earthly pleasures, certain habits of thinking, and evil ways of living which they practiced before becoming children of God in order that they may be able to walk in the newness of life, and to enjoy the close fellowship with the Lord. They must walk in the Spirit to be able to witness the greater joy of life, for Jesus said, "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23).

Attend Worship Services

It becomes the duty of every child

of God to attend the church services as regularly as possible. God expects those who have taken Jesus Christ as their personal Savior to worship Him in spirit and in truth. They need not only the prayers of the Christian people of the church, but their presence is also needed for the good of others who attend the religious services; hence a mutual benefit will result from their presence at worship on each Lord's Day. They are held responsible by the Heavenly Father for the way they conduct themselves as professed Christians; and therefore, they owe it to Him to be found faithful in observing the Lord's Day as a day set apart for consecrated worship. The tragic thing is the majority of new church members soon neglect this duty, as many others do, even though they started out with good attendance. Jesus said, "Follow me," and this is what the Christian is expected to do. It is much easier for the Christian to walk closer to the Lord the other six days in the week if he is a strict attendant on Sunday to the religious services.

Moreover, he is made happier and better able to carry his burdens with a smile as he mingles with his fellow-man day by day. The minister's message, the music by the choir, the prayers, and the quiet meditations during the hour of service—all lift the heart and mind heavenward and fill the souls with joy. It is what God wants to take place in the Christian's heart; and the Christian thus goes away from the services with new inspirations and with new aspirations. He is receiving untold blessings from his regular worship before the Lord. This practice will not only strengthen his step with the Lord, but it will also give courage and assurance that God is ever near those who are seeking to follow in His footsteps, and He will lead His own children over the uneven journey of life. The call to worship, then, is to be accepted with gladness by every child of God.

Study the Word

When the sinner comes to Christ, repents, makes a profession of faith in Him as his personal Savior, and is baptized, he has just begun the walk

with God. Not only must he practice self-denial and be a good church-goer, but also he needs to know more of God's will toward mankind; consequently he needs to study the word. Only a small number of those who become Christians know at the time of conversion, much about God's Holy Word; hence the majority of newly made Christians need to study the Bible. God's Holy Spirit will guide, it is true; but the Christian is to study the Word that he may learn more of God's love, and what he must do to walk in the straight and narrow way with God.

The apostle Paul was a scholar of recognized ability. He saw the need of urging the young minister Timothy to study the Word. In the second chapter of Second Timothy, he exhorted Timothy in these words, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." St. Paul knew that young Timothy needed to study God's Word; for he had taken upon himself the name of Jesus as his Lord and Master, and had dedicated his life to the Gospel ministry. It is no less true today that the new child of God should study faithfully and sincerely the Bible for inspiration and spiritual guidance. For the Christian's walk with God to be rich with life experiences and sweet fellowship, he needs to read God's Word in the search of divine Light and the sweet promises which it has for him. Those who meditate on the great teachings of the Bible are the ones who, most likely, receive the greater satisfaction in knowing God. Knowledge is not only a power in motivating the lives of people; but it is also a joy-giving testimony in the heart of man when the Light of God's Word is made known through study and divine revelation.

The Saints of old kept close to the Lord by careful and prayerful study of His word. The religious divines; as, St. Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, the Wesleys, Dwight L. Moody, Spurgeon, and hundreds of others walked closely with God; because they drank deeply the truths of the Bible through their prayerful study which they made of it as they

went forth on their mission for God. Christian missionaries, home and abroad, take the Bible as their close companion for spiritual light and guidance as they proclaim the Gospel of Christ. Moreover, all loyal Christian workers everywhere could not hope to be of the greatest service to God and their fellow-man without a continual study of the Bible. Most assuredly the fact is granted without question by the world's Christian leaders that the **new child of God** needs to study the Bible for the purpose of being better able to walk the straight and narrow way with the Lord. Therein lies one secret, at least, that is, **knowing the will of God toward mankind.**

Another very good reason for Christians to study the Bible is the acquiring of a better understanding of the Scriptures for the purpose of rendering more efficient Christian service in life. In as much as Christians are expected to live not only lives above reproach, but to render also loyal Christian service, they need, therefore, to study the Scriptures diligently. When young Christians join the church, and become members of a religious organization, they are needed to render services in different ways to help spread the Gospel; and as young soldiers of the Cross, they should go forth as efficient, willing workers. Through study and faithful service in the work of the Kingdom, they will grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord; hence spiritual growth will result from such study. The Christian's walk with God is not only one of self-denial of those things that would destroy one's faith in Jesus, but it is also a walk of happy Christian service to mankind. Consequently, the child of God who is living daily close to the Lord will reflect credit of such a Christian life, and will have a lasting influence on the lives of others with whom he comes in contact day by day.

Pray Daily

The fourth and last point which I want to emphasize is daily prayer in the life of the Christian. God's Word abounds with the subject of prayer. God taught people in the early begin-

nings of man the need of turning to him in prayer. The prophets and servants of old have left in the holy word examples of their petitions to God in prayer. By their faith and trust in God through His Word, He brought to pass their most earnest prayers. It was through their humble petitions before Him that He revealed His will oftentimes to them for the safety and guidance of His people.

Jesus the blessed Son came in the flesh as mortal man, and even tho tempted as we, yet He sinned not. He prayed often to the Heavenly Father. He chose often early morning hours for prayer. Before the great crises in His earthly life, He prayed as well as after great victories which He accomplished. Before the great temptations of His life He prayed. He taught His disciples how to pray and what to pray for that they might be heard. When life is very busy with the material things, and difficulties come to individuals, He taught the need of prayer.

In like manner, the Christian today needs to pray earnestly. The new convert should learn early to pray to God for guidance, courage and strength to enable him to walk close to the Lord. When trials, troubles, disappointments and sorrows come to the new child of God, then prayer is most needed that the Lord may give consolation and courage to the troubled heart. All Christians should turn to the Lord in daily prayer, thanking Him for His blessings, and mercies which they have received from His bountiful hand. Those who go to God in sincere prayer often are drawn closer to Him, and experience greater joys in knowing the Lord. The late Dr. R. A. Torrey in his book on prayer said: "Prayer is God's appointed way for obtaining things, and the great secret of all lack in our experience, in our life and in our work is **the neglect of prayer.**" Jesus said, "Ye have not because ye ask not." In obtaining the great and worthwhile desires of their hearts, people are to ask God's assistance through their prayers. There is no better way for the young

Christian to keep close to the Lord than through his daily prayer to God for spiritual strength and guidance. God will hear and answer the fervent and honest prayers of the righteous.

For the child of God, prayer promotes spiritual growth as almost nothing else can in fitting him for true Christian service. Moreover, when the new creature in Christ Jesus humbly turns to the Lord in daily prayer, and honestly entreates (as did the psalmist in these words, "**Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me**"—Psalm 139:23, 24.), he will then feel the nearness of God, and experience His presence with the soul. His heavenly light will enter the innermost recesses of the heart. Deeply consecrated men and women have witnessed such joy and satisfaction in communing with God in fervent prayers. Accordingly, the young Christian should pray for this sweet experience with God. It will give new light and hope to the soul. A greater love for his fellow-man will come to his very being. His eyes will be opened to greater and nobler things worthy of his best efforts. New joy will come for better living and serving in the name of Jesus. Yes, pray daily, young Christians; take hold on God; let your spiritual light shine in the world for Him; and be ready to serve well your church, your League, your Sunday School that others may be moved to accept Christ as their personal Savior. Sincere prayer will help you to overcome many difficulties, for God will hear your petitions, and give you the blessed assurance that he will be with you. Other Christians have witnessed blessings through answered prayer, and God will answer your petitions according to His holy will. Each day of your true prayer life to God, you will be drawn closer to the Lord.

In conclusion, may we hope that the reader has derived much good from the reading of this tract. It is hoped that his heart has been drawn closer to the Lord and that he will resolve to walk closer to God; First,

by practicing self-denial of those things which tend to draw one away from God; second, by resolving to attend religious services regularly; third, by studying the Bible as the inspired Word of God; and fourth, by living a life of prayer. If the reader will conscientiously do these things, God being his helper, then the tract will have been worth the time and effort which the writer has put forth in presenting it to the public. May all the praise and honor go to God who led the writer to prepare the little message that someone might be drawn closer to the Lord.—AMEN.

—R. B. S.

PROGRAM

of the
1947 Session
of the

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

July 15 through 18

to be held with

Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church

242 Victor Avenue

Highland Park, Michigan

Monday Afternoon, July 14

2:00—National Sunday School Convention
7:30—National Women's Auxiliary Convention

Tuesday Morning, July 15

9:00—Annual Meeting of General Board of National Association

Tuesday Evening

8:00—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer by Rev. Luther Gibson, Mississippi
8:30—Moderator takes charge
—Sermon: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Fort Worth, Texas
—Address of Welcome—Chairman of Host Committee, Local Church
—Response to Address of Welcome—Rev. Lewis Holliday, Manning, S. C.
—Music by Association Choir
—Announcements by Host Pastor
—Adjournment

Wednesday Morning, July 16

9:00—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer by Rev. W. C. Combs, Crab Orchard, West Virginia

- 9:15—Moderator in charge
—Receiving of letters and seating delegates
- 9:30—Appointment of Committees
- 9:40—Hymn of Praise
- 9:45—Report of General Board—Rev. James F. Miller, Chairman, Huntsville, Texas
- 10:00—Report of Women's National Auxiliary Convention—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, President, Desloge, Missouri
- 10:40—Report of Credentials Committee
- 11:00—Music by Association Choir
—Greeting from City of Highland Park, Dr. William G. Coltman
—Associational Message—Rev. L. C. Johnson, Tupelo, Mississippi
- 12:00—Luncheon

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer by Rev. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Arkansas
- 1:45—Report of Executive Secretary—Rev. Robert B. Crawford, Nashville, Tennessee
- 2:15—Report of Board of Publications and Literature—Rev. J. C. Griffin, Chairman, New Bern, North Carolina
- 2:55—Hymn of Praise
- 3:00—Message—Dr. H. H. Savage, Pontiac, Michigan
- 3:30—Business Session
- 4:30—Adjournment

Wednesday Evening

- 8:00—Foreign Mission Session—Rev. Raymond Riggs, Chairman
- 9:15—Business Session
- 10:00—Adjournment

Thursday Morning, July 17

- 9:00—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson, Lexington, Oklahoma
- 9:15—Report of Superannuation Board—Rev. F. C. Zinn, Chairman, Flat River, Missouri
- 10:00—Sunday School Convention Rally
- 11:00—Hymn of Praise, Prayer, Special Music—Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, Chicago, Illinois
—Sermon—Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, North Carolina
- 12:00—Luncheon

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—Hymn, Scripture, Prayer—Rev. H. A. Pitt, Brilliant, Alabama
- 1:45—Report of Home Mission Board—Rev. James F. Miller, Chairman, Huntsville, Texas
- 2:15—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board—Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, North Carolina
- 2:45—Hymn of Praise
—Report of Treasurer—Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:15—Business Session

4:00—Adjournment

Thursday Evening

- 8:00—Free Will Baptist Bible College Session—Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman

Friday Morning, July 18

- 9:00—Worship, Hymn, Scripture, Prayer by Rev. Bill Newsome, Michigan
- 9:20—Report of Special Committees: Temperance, Resolutions, Nominating
- 10:00—Miscellaneous Business
- 11:00—Hymn of Praise
—Worship and Closing Message—Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Marietta, Ga.
- 12:00—Adjournment
—Luncheon

REPORT OF CENTRAL AVENUE CHURCH—OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Greetings in the Lord:

We are happy to report great progress in the war against sin and the Devil. Recently we have gone on the air with a 30 minute program over Station KLPR, featuring Rev. Melvin Bingham and his Gospel Singers. Letters have been pouring in from all over the state—and even a few from bordering states.

We are certainly grateful for the response given to our broadcast, and we welcome a card or letter from you. If you, as a sister church, are happy to have the voice of the Free Will Baptists on the air, then let us hear from you. Address all correspondence to: Rev. Melvin Bingham and his Gospel Singers, % Station KLPR, Capitol Hill Station, Oklahoma City, 9, Okla. Offerings and prayers for continued success of the program are appreciated.

Station KLPR has a power of 1,000 watts and a frequency of 1140 k. c., and the time of our broadcast is 3:00 to 3:30 P. M. Sundays.

Our Sunday School is growing steadily, with an average attendance of about 100. The Holy Spirit is greatly in evidence in all our services—with saints of God shouting His praises!

We are happy that Bro. Bingham is to be our pastor for another year, and we are certain to adopt his program. We feel there is a definite work here for him to do. There is

great need for a "Voice" to be heard crying here in this "wilderness" of sin and worldliness. Pray for us that we may reach out into this wilderness and rescue, by the Word of God, the lost and straying sheep. As Bro. Bingham said in his broadcast last afternoon, "Help us to keep on keeping on."

We are hoping and praying that very soon Free Will Baptists will have a national radio program every week. We are making a small beginning, and the Lord is blessing our efforts. If you can visualize such a program, help to make it a reality by rallying behind us.

Bro. Melvin Bingham, Pastor,
Fred Potter, Cor.-Secretary

FOREIGN MISSION DISTRICT CAPE FEAR CONVENTION

Please notify me as soon as you can concerning your mission offering raised during the month of June. As you know, the church that will raise the most will receive ten dollars in cash to be added to your mission fund. So, please let me know so that I can send it to the auxiliary that has had the greatest success.

I am looking to hear from each auxiliary of the District Cape Fear Convention, as early as possible. I have heard from two auxiliaries and they both have done fine. Thanks to each of you who had a part in this wonderful work of foreign missions. I am sure the Lord will bless each of you in His own way.

Please send this money to our State Treasurer, Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Lucama, North Carolina. Again, I say "Thank You."

Mrs. Robie Strickland,
Third Vice-President,
Goldsboro, N. C., Route 4

Neglect causes so many disasters that alertness should always be our watchword.

Smiles and frowns cost nothing, but the difference in effect is enormous.

Notes and Quotes



By J. C. Griffin

More About Tongues

Some time ago I wrote on the subject of "Tongues," using the second chapter of the Acts as the basis for my remarks. In this message, as set forth in the Bible, I stated that the Bible teaching of this incident was entirely different from the modern so-called "Gift of Tongues." I reaffirm the statement, on the facts, that "then every one understood," but now the so-called "gift" no one understands. So I am not interested in the modern use of gibberish words that no one understands, which is wholly un-scriptural and without Biblical authority, anywhere in the whole Scriptures.

Now, I want to take up the subject as preached by the Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Corinthian Christians. In this the 12th chapter of I Corinthians, Paul teaches that there "are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit" (verse 4). "But the manifestation of the Spirit (notice that Spirit is spelled with a capital, which makes it plain to the man who knows the Scriptures that he means the Holy Spirit) is given to every man to profit withal" (verse 7). "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit" (v. 8). In this message Paul sets forth the fact that "every one did not receive the same gift. There were those who Paul said received the gift (divers) 'tongues.' They did not all receive the gift of tongues. If the un-scriptural doctrine of the 'Tongue-ites' were true, only a part of the Corinthian Christians had received the 'Baptism of the Holy Ghost,' for only a part spoke in tongues according to the apostle Paul. Therefore, 'Tongueites' contradict the plain teaching of the Holy Scrip-

tures. As he reaches the 13th verse, Paul says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles; whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." Now, if the doctrine of the "Tongueites" were true, Paul made a mistake, for according to their doctrine only those who have their "gibberish," so-called tongues, are "Baptized into the one body." But Paul says, "All we," those who had other gifts and did not have the "Gift of tongues," had been baptized.

Paul compares the "Baptism into one body" to that of the natural body. "If the foot shall say, because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it not therefore of the body?" (v. 15). Now, these "Tongue-ites" say "All who do not speak as we do with this so-called Gift are not of the body."

Notice verses 27-31; "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. Not only those who had the gift of tongues, but those who did not have this gift, but had other gifts were the body of Christ." They had been "Baptized by one Spirit," even though they did not all receive the same gift. "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." (Not un-known but a language understandable.) And in summing up he asked the question, "Do all speak with tongues?" No, but they were "Baptized into one body by the Holy Spirit." But those who claim the modern use of the so-called tongues, discredit all Christians who do not speak as they "Jabber." That is, the most of them excommunicate you from Christ in their judgment.

Paul strictly forbids the use of "Unknown tongues" in the church. Here is his reason in the 15th Chapter of I Corinthians for objecting to the "Unknown tongues."

1. "No man understandeth him (v. 2). "He edifieth himself" (v. 4). I never saw one who claimed the "modern gift" but who was continually

"bragging on himself" and running other Christians down. 3. It is not so great as "preaching or prophesying" (However, the tongueites of to day make it the greatest of all gifts.) 4. "It fails to lead God's host as an uncertain sound of a trumpet" (v. 8). 5. It sounds like a barbarian (v. 11). 6. It does not exercise or develop one's understanding (v. 14). 7. "Cuts off others from uniting in worship" (v. 16). 8. It is not calculated to edify believers (vs. 21-22). 9. Impresses others like a madhouse (v. 23).

Paul's estimate of an unknown tongue was: "I thank my God, that I speak with tongues more than you all: Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (vs. 18, 19). Look at the ratio! "Five Words with Understanding" put up against "ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." Paul makes the "Unknown tongue" the least of all gifts, while people make the so-called "Unknown tongue" the biggest thing.

Paul was an educated man. He knew many languages. Language is a tongue. Paul said, "I speak with tongues more than ye all." Paul says, "I will pray in the Spirit and I will pray with the understanding also" (v. 15). Paul says that you cannot pray with understanding when you talk in an unknown tongue, so he says that he "will pray with the understanding."

Written In the Law

"In the law it is written, with men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that they will not hear me, saith the Lord" (v. 21). "This people," means the Jews—God's chosen people. So God has spoken and is speaking today to "this people with men of other tongues," and as a nationality they are still refusing to hear the Lord. But God did not say that He would speak to them in an unknown tongue, for if God was to speak to them in an "unknown tongue" a language that they could not

understand, and then charge them up with their unbelief, God would contradict Himself. But God does not contradict Himself, neither does the Holy Spirit contradict Himself. So, if Paul wrote in the Spirit and spoke in the Spirit, and he was right, then those people who practice the "unknown tongue" contradict Paul. Some one is wrong, and it is not God nor Paul.

The Unlearned

"If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues" (note, Paul says "with tongues"—not "unknown tongues"—and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will not say that you are mad?" (v. 23). Notice that Paul says "unlearned." This shows plainly that the tongues spoken of by Paul is acquired knowledge, or either natural tongues.

The Law for Tongues

"If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret" (v. 27).

Only three at the most can speak in an "Unknown tongue," and then "by course"; that is, one at a time, not but one speaking at a time.

"But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let speak to himself and to God" (v. 28).

God's word absolutely forbids confusion as taught in the 33rd verse, so why do people contradict God's word and add to the law of God?

"God is not the author of confusion" (v. 33).

One thing I have always admired about my brother Cecil is his ability to bite off more than he can chew—and then chew it!—William C. DeMille.

He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself.—George Herbert.

All things are possible through Christ.

REVIVAL AT MOUNTAIN GROVE

Our church here at Mountain Grove, Missouri, was very fortunate in getting Rev. and Mrs. Harry E. Staires of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to come and help us in a two weeks revival meeting. Brother Staires did the preaching throughout the meeting, and Brother Marvin Dalton also from Tulsa was here and taught a singing school in the afternoon for the boys and girls, and he directed the singing for the evening services.

Brother Staires brought some very real soul-stirring messages which not only reached the hearts of the unsaved, but also helped the Christians in many ways. There were 22 conversions, 13 united with the church, and 12 were baptized. The church here has just completed a new church building which will be dedicated free of all indebtedness on Sunday, June 29, 1947.

The Reverend George W. Scott, Jr., is pastor here and has been for the past six years. The church activities, as Sunday School, League and prayer meeting are going strong, and the church is making a steady growth.

By a church member

THE CLOCK OF SPIRITUAL EVENTS

The clock of current events beats hours instead of seconds, it seems—time is so freighted with events, so many things come to pass in a day.

What about the clock of spiritual events? What is being accomplished for the Lord in these hectic days? Peradventure it is the very opposite. The clock of spiritual events permits the seconds to become hours. In other words, so little is accomplished that the hours mean merely seconds. Think it through. God forbid that the clock of spiritual events should be behind time!

If we fail to wind a clock, it is apt to become slow, and it stops. Let us rewind the clock of spiritual events this new year.—David F. Nygren.

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE ASSEMBLY JUNE 21-27, 1947

Rev. R. P. Harris, Director

The Junior Sunday School and League Assembly for the year 1947 is now history. As director of the Assembly, I am proud to announce that we have enjoyed a most spiritual and successful program for the recreation of those taking part. These boys and girls will be the men and women of tomorrow and I believe that the Holy Spirit will attest to the fact that great and eternal good has been accomplished. For this we give our most sincere appreciation unto God for His abounding grace which made such possible.

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., is becoming more and more consecrated unto the Lord, and the Holy Spirit is doing a fine job of making Himself known to those who never knew Him before. Praise the Lord for His wonderful Grace and power! May God inspire you and encourage you, dear reader, to take advantage of the very next opportunity to attend the Assembly. Encourage your youth to spend their vacation each summer at Cragmont and the Lord will give them back to you greater Christians than they were before.

Every one between the ages of 9 and 30 will have the opportunity of attending another assembly August 4-16, 1947. There will be two weeks but each week will be a unit within itself so that you may come either of the two weeks or remain for the entire two weeks and receive wonderful training for the Lord's service. Please tell every one of this arrangement and send us your registration as soon as possible. The Camp will be full those two weeks and you will have to register early in order to get reservations. We will be expecting you at that time, the Lord willing. Amen.

There are many things to which we may cling, not the least of which are truth and honor.

The waste of time and money has made many a man impecunious.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In memory of our beloved member of St. Mary's Grove Church, Mrs. Gladys Owen, who died on December 10, 1946, we do hereby set forth the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission to the holy will of the heavenly Father who doeth all things well;

Second, That in the death of Mrs. Owen this church has lost a loyal and faithful member. Her absence will be felt very much among our church membership;

Third, That we extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family, and point them to our heavenly Father that they may find comfort and consolation; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist Press for publication and a copy be reserved in the minutes of our church ledger.

Junius A. Barbour,
Mrs. Eula Coates,
Rebecca Ann Hobbs,
Committee

CLEVELAND. William Lorenza Cleveland, was born August 25, 1884, in Miller County, Ga. He was the son of the late J. D. and Betty Dunn Cleveland. On the 27th day of May, 1906 he was married to Miss Annie C. Cleveland also of Miller County. Brother Cleveland joined Bellview Free Will Baptist Church in 1909, and about 1910 he was ordained a Deacon. He served in that capacity until death, which came May 23, 1947. He became a rural letter carrier with the Post Office Department on May 15, 1906, which position he held throughout his earthly domain.

Thirteen Postmasters and rural letter carriers served as active and honorary pallbearers. His funeral was conducted by his Pastor, Rev. H. L. Catrett, and assisted by Rev. B. W. Clenny. The body was laid to rest in the Bellview Cemetery, to await the call of Him, at whose voice, the graves must give up their dead, and after whose likeness our vile bodies shall be fashioned. Besides being a very faithful and loving father, husband, and Christian brother, he had served as moderator of the Union Meeting for several years, president of the Sunday School convention, chairman of the Mission Board of the Martin Association, chairman of the Superannuation Board of his local association. He had served on both the Planning Board and Executive Board of the State Association, and at death was a member of the State Mission Board, also State Superannuation board.

Survivors include his wife, four daughters, Miss Betty Cleveland, Miss Naoma Cleveland, Iron City, Ga; Mrs. John K. Stewart, Pioche, Nev., Mrs. Charlie Mae Perry, Tallahassee, Fla., two grandchildren, Miss Anne Perry, Iron City, Ga., and Nevada Peggy Stewart, of Pioche, Nev., a step mother, Mrs. Tenella Cleveland, of Colquitt, Ga., and a host of friends.

Sleep on dear Bill and take your rest,
Though slumber may be long,
We'll join you on the golden shore,
Safe in the Master's arm;

Your life to us did mean so much,
The half can not be told,
But Jesus said you've toil'd enough,
Come now into My fold.

—By his Pastor, Rev. H. L. Catrett

MRS. RENDA JOYNER

On May 26, 1947, at her home at Silver Lake, near Wilson, N. C., Mrs. Renda Joyner left us so that she might join her loved ones who had gone to seek their reward. We think very deeply of her absence since she had been among us so many years. She was one of the oldest and best loved members of Peoples' Chapel Church.

Surviving are three daughters and several grandchildren with whom we sympathize very much.

She was laid to rest at Peoples' Chapel Church with Rev. J. Frank Parrish officiating.

Rev. J. Frank Parrish,
Mrs. Frank Joyner

NEWTON. God saw fit to call, in His wisdom and power, from our midst, our beloved Brother Harold T. Newton. He was born on July 29, 1921, and died on November 27, 1946, making his stay on earth 25 years, 3 months, and a few days.

Brother Newton united with Mt. Zion Church, in Pamlico County, at the age of nine years old. He was a faithful Christian who let his light shine that it made all who knew him love him. I can truly say that he loved his church, and that he was a faithful worker. He loved to be with the children of God. He was superintendent of the Sunday School for several years, and he was always present for every service until his health failed him.

He was a loving and devoted son to his parents, and all was done for him that the doctors, friends and loved ones could do, but God said, "I have need of thee today."

He leaves to mourn their loss his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newton, and two brothers, Edgar and William, Jr., one sister, Mrs. Raymond Tompkins, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted at the church by Reverend Philip Woodard, and assisted by Rev. Clinton Lupton. His

body was laid to rest in the Baptist Cemetery beneath a mound of lovely flowers.

Your passing points us to a land of rest,
Where with Christ you do reign;
And we hope to meet you over there
Where we will never part again.
Written by Mrs. H. C. Barnes

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On February 17, 1947, God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst one of our faithful members, Mrs. Delia Massengill, at the age of 79 years. She had been a devoted member of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church for around fifty years. She was loved by all of the church members. She was also a faithful member of the auxiliary and Sunday School. We the auxiliary members do submit the following resolutions:

First, That though we miss her we bow in humble submission to His holy will in calling the spirit of our Sister to be with Him forever, realizing that He is an all-wise God;

Second, That we extend to her family our deepest sympathy, and we trust that they may find peace and comfort in Him who said, "Come up higher thou good and faithful servant";

Third, That although she has left us, her faithful service in her church will be an inspiration to those of us who remain to carry on the Lord's work; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist paper for publication, a copy be sent to her family, and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our auxiliary.

Mrs. Rufus Allen,
Mrs. Coleman Dunn,
Mrs. Wilbur Temple,
Committee

THE SIN OF INGRATITUDE

Some years ago, while conducting evangelistic meetings in Ontario, a Canadian told me of his conversion, and how he was made to realize his sinfulness and his need of salvation.

One day he was invited to eat dinner with an old Indian, a highly respected man in the community, and they went to the hotel together. As soon as they sat down to the table he began to eat, but the Indian paused, bowed his head and gave thanks to God for the food. Presently the Indian said to him in his usual drawl:

"Do you know what a man reminds me of who sits down to the table and eats the food that God gives him without thanking God for it?"

"No," said my friend quite abrupt-

ly; he didn't care to talk about such matters, and continued to eat.

"Well," said the Indian, "the man who sits down to the table and eats the food that God gives him without thanking God for it, reminds me a good deal of the hog under a chestnut tree eating chestnuts, and doesn't so much as look up to see where the chestnuts come from."

This made my friend mad, but God used it to convict him of his sin of ingratitude and to show him his sinful nature. He was led to call upon the Lord to save him from his sins, and to receive Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. God heard his cry and he experienced the transforming power of God unto salvation.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18).
—Norman H. Camp

SPECIAL CRAGMONT ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that our plan for the SENIOR TWO WEEKS at CRAGMONT has been altered as follows:

Any one between the ages of 9 and 30 may attend.

You may attend either the first or second week or stay for the entire two weeks.

The program each week will be a complete unit within itself.

The price for one week is \$15.00, room and board, and \$2.00 registration. The cost for two weeks will be \$30.00 and \$2.00.

You will have the privilege of riding on a chartered bus with a schedule that will be announced soon. The cost will be reasonable.

You can bring your swim suit as swimming in the lake will be allowed. Ample Life Guard protection is guaranteed.

All Sunday Schools and Leagues should send at least one person to Cragmont during this time.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Director

Collecting thoughts, like collecting debts, is impossible with a befuddled mind.

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION Highland Park Church, Detroit, Michigan July 14-15, 1947

Theme: "LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP" (Luke 5:4)

Watchword: "That ye may know—the breadth and depth of the love of Christ."

Convention Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation."

4:00 p. m.—Executive Committee Meeting.

Monday Evening

7:30—Convention Hymn

—Invocation Rev. B. F. Rogers, Oklahoma

—Devotional Service Miss Hazel Cooke, Alabama

—Topic—"Attempt Great Things for God." Phil. 4:13

—Special Music Highland Park Church

7:45—Organization:

Enrollment of Delegates

Appointment of Committees

Election of Nominating Committee

8:30—Welcome Address Mrs. Preston Slocum, Michigan

—Response Mrs. J. C. Griffin, North Carolina

8:40—Hymn: "Send the Light"

—Convention Message Rev. D. C. Dodd, Missouri

9:30—Benediction Rev. K. V. Shutes, Alabama

Tuesday Morning

9:30—Hymn: "Faith Is the Victory"

—Devotional Miss Rebecca Stewart, Tennessee

—Topic: "Expect Great Things from God," Psalms 121

—Prayer Rev. Mark Lewis, Missouri

9:45—Fellowship Greetings from ministers present

10:15—Message of the President Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Missouri

10:30—W. N. A. C. Launching Out:

In Enlistment and Literature . . . Mrs. Myron Hyatt, Mo., 1st Vice-Pres.

In Training Our Youth . . . Mrs. Cleo Purcell, Okla., 2nd Vice-Pres.

—Chorus "Go-Tell Band", Highland Park Church

In Mission Study and Prayer . . Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, N. C., 3rd V-Pres.

Through Stewardship . . . Mrs. Alice Childers, Ohio, 4th Vice-Pres.

Through Personal Service . . Mrs. Alvin Halbrook, Tex., 5th Vice-Pres.

11:20—Hymn: "If Jesus Goes With Me I'll Go"

—Vocal Solo Rev. R. B. Crawford, Tennessee

11:30—Message Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, Blackshear, Georgia

12:00—Benediction Rev. J. R. Davidson, Tennessee

Tuesday Afternoon

2:00—Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

—Reading of Minutes

—Devotional Service Mrs. G. V. Goolsby, Tennessee

Topic—"Witnessing for Jesus," Acts 1:8

—Prayer

2:15—Launching Out:

In General Activities . . . Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Tex., Field Worker

Through Gifts Mrs. Fannie Polston, Tenn., Treasurer

Through Convention Plan of Work . Mrs. Alice Lupton, N. C., Cor.-Secy.

—Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

2:45—Reports:

Registration Committee

Appreciation Committee

Business Resolutions Committee

Plan of Work Committee for 1949

Obituary Committee

Nominating Committee, Election of Officers

3:45—Miscellaneous Business

—Closing Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

—Adjournment

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Mrs. J. B. Bloss

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JOB FACES THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING

(Lesson for July 20)

Lesson: Job 1:8; 2:7-10; 19:7-10; 42:1-5; James 5:11.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (II Tim. 2:3).

God never permits affliction without a wise purpose. When Dr. Moon, of Brighton, England, was at the height of all his mental powers and acquisitions, he became blind. At first there was a constant rebellion against God. "What are all my acquisitions, what are all my powers worth now, when I am shut up here and the whole world shut out?"

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We all recall that Fanny Crosby was blinded when only six weeks old. Yet during her lifetime she wrote over 9,000 hymns and gospel songs and thus became a blessing to literally millions of people.

II. Heart of the Lesson

Human suffering—what a problem it is to all of us, in greater or smaller measure. From the broken hearts of men and women come the question, "Why?"

We cannot always answer, nor do we fully know the meaning and purpose. We must often simply put ourselves and our loved ones into the hands of God, trusting Him to bring us into assurance and victory.

Read the entire story here and you will see that Satan, when faced by God with the godly example of Job's life, threw down a challenge. He declared that the only reason Job loved God was because he received so much good out of it, because God protected him.

The issue was clearly drawn; the question was whether God was able to keep a man in the midst of trial and suffering. Was His grace sufficient for the dark hours of life as well as the happy and bright ones?

Job had to come to the end of himself. Judging himself to be unworthy (42:6), he repented of all his own self-righteousness and cast himself upon the mercy of God. God then vindicated him and restored him to a place of blessing and usefulness.

The answer then to our problem is this—God is able to keep to the uttermost those who put their trust in Him (Heb. 7:25) through the grace He gives. Suffering may be in His permissive will for our own self-judgment and growth in grace. But back of it all is the assurance that God knows about it, He has not turned away; that in due season, if we faint not, we shall see victory.

Ultimately, the question is not whether we can stand or not, but whether God is able to keep us in the midst of the onslaught of the world, the flesh and the devil.

The answer, praise His name, is that He both can and will! Let us trust Him! Our very suffering may be for His glory (read the story in John 9).—Moody Monthly.

If the man in John 9 had been born with two good eyes, he might have never found Jesus as His Saviour.

III. Special Information

So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot

unto his crown, verse 7. Remember, the first affliction which Satan brought upon Job was the destruction of all his property and children (Job 1:13-19). But this did not move Job to turn from God, for he said, "The Lord give, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (ch. 1:21b). In spite of such complete disasters to Job's property and family, he sinned not, nor did he judge God falsely. The disease with which Satan smote Job so severely was "that form of leprosy called black or Elephantiasis, because the feet swell like those of the elephant (or because the skin becomes very rough like an elephant's skin)." —Peloubet's Select Notes. Samuel Cox says, "Beginning with grievous ulcers, it eats like a cancer through the whole body, swelling the limbs, especially at the joints, into monstrous lumps till they resemble the limbs of an elephant, even causing them to rot off piecemeal." Dr. Benjamin L. Olmstead says, "The skin becomes black and corrugated, resembling that of an elephant." Job, thus afflicted with such an itching and painful disease, was tormented with obnoxious agony beyond human comprehension. Could Satan have afflicted God's servant with anything more painful, more loathsome, and more grievous than to smite him from head to foot with such festering and stinging ulcers? We think not. Satan went to the limit, other than to take Job's life. This bodily suffering was visited upon Job to the limit to test his loyalty to God. It was a test to prove what man can endure for righteousness' sake. — Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Any one wishing to correspond with me between now and July 28 please address me: J. P. Barrow, Dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College, General Delivery, Winona Lake, Indiana.

J. P. Barrow

The man who declines to accept good advice often lives long to regret it.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

MISS HAZEL DAWKINS ELECTED
FIELD WORKER FOR THE
ORPHANAGE

It is with pleasure that I announce to the following churches the election of Miss Hazel Dawkins, a student of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and a citizen of Rockingham, N. C., as Field Representative for the Orphanage for the summer of 1947. Miss Dawkins comes well recommended and your cooperation with her will be appreciated by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

James A. Evans, Superintendent

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary

Western Yearly

Friday, July 11—
Pleasant Grove, Cherokee County.
Saturday, July 12—
Conley Creek, Swain County.
Sunday, July 13—
Mt. Vernon (11 a.m.), Swain County.
Saw Mill Hill (8 p.m.), Swain County.
French Broad Association
Tuesday, July 15—
Swannanoa, Buncombe County.
Wednesday, July 16—
Homer's Chapel, Buncombe County.
Thursday, July 17—
E. Black Mountain, Buncombe County.
Friday, July 18—
Old Fort, McDowell County.
Jack's Creek Association
Saturday, July 19—
Davistown, McDowell County.
Sunday, July 20—
Fairview (11 a.m.), McDowell County.
Liberty (8 p.m.), McDowell County.
Tuesday, July 22—
Bowditch, Yancy County.
Wednesday, July 23—
Mine Fork, Yancy County.
Thursday, July 24—
Green Mountain, Yancy County.
Friday, July 25—
Peterson's Creek, Yancy County.
Saturday, July 26—
North Bent, Yancy County.
Sunday, July 27—
Bald Mountain (11 a.m.), Yancy Co.
Big Creek, (8 p.m.), Yancy County.
Tuesday, July 29—
Pilgrim's Chapel, Yancy County.
Wednesday, July 30—
Young's Chapel, Yancy County.
Thursday, July 31—
Terry's Fork, Madison County.
Friday, August 1—
Price's Creek, Yancy County.
Saturday, August 2—
Pensacola, Yancy County.

Sunday, August 3—
Patterson's Branch (11 a.m.), Yancy County.
Higgins' Chapel (8 p.m.), Yancy Co.
Tuesday, August 5—
Law Gap, Yancy County.
Toe River Association
Wednesday, August 6—
Burmitt's Creek, Mitchell County.
Thursday, August 7—
Cane Creek, Mitchell County.
Friday, August 8—
Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.
Saturday, August 9—
Middle District, Mitchell County.
Sunday, August 10—
St. Paul (11 a.m.), Mitchell County.
McCoury's Rock (8 p.m.), Avery Co.
Tuesday, August 12—
Mt. Odell, Avery County.
Wednesday, August 13—
Burlison's Chapel, Avery County.
Thursday, August 14—
Lewis Chapel, Avery County.
Friday, August 15—
Elk Mountain, Avery County.
Saturday, August 16—
Vale, Avery County.
Sunday, August 17—
Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.
Piedmont Association
Monday, August 18—
Erlanger, Davidson County.
Western Conference
Tuesday, August 19—
W. Hillsboro, Orange County.
Wednesday, August 20—
Calvary, Durham County.
Thursday, August 21—
King's Chapel, Durham County.
Friday, August 22—
Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.
Saturday, August 23—
Shady Grove, Durham County.
Sunday, August 24—
Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.
Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.
Tuesday, August 26—
Free Union, Wake County.
Wednesday, August 27—
St. Delight, Franklin County.
Thursday, August 28—
People's Chapel, Wilson County.
Friday, August 29—
Rosebud, Wilson County.
Central Conference
Saturday, August 30—
Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.
Sunday, August 31—
Dilda's Grove (11 a.m.), Wilson Co.
Aspin Grove (8 p.m.), Wilson County.
All services begin at 8 p. m. unless otherwise stated.

HAZEL DAWKINS' ITINERARY
REPORT

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REPORT

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THE POTTER'S HOUSE

B. Elmira Webb

"The very idea!" Small Mary clapped her hands as she and her older brother Frankie walked slowly home from school one evening.

"What's the very idea?" asked Frankie, quite in the dark as to Mary's line of thought.

"Why, Mother's birthday present, of course! What do you suppose I'd be thinking of?" replied Mary in a rather disgusted tone.

"Well, you might tell a fellow. You still haven't told me what your bright idea is," complained Frankie.

"All right, give me a chance. Now, listen. Mother's birthday is next week and we are going to Aunt Susie's for Thanksgiving week," Mary began.

"Don't see what that has to do with it," grunted Frankie, disgusted that Mary was taking so long to tell her great idea.

"But you will," confidently sang Mary. "You remember who lives just down the road from Aunt Susie's and what she does?"

"Why, Gretta Jans, the girl who makes the—Oh, I get it! We'll get Mother a piece of hand-made pottery. That's a good idea, Mary. I'll have to hand it to you for thinking that one up. You know, for a real small girl you are clever sometimes." And Frankie pinched his small sister lovingly. He was quite proud of her grand suggestion.

"I guess it will have to be something small though. We haven't very much money and hand-made pottery costs a lot, they say," Frankie said.

"Yes, I suppose so," sighed Mary. "Wish we could get the biggest, most beautiful vase she has, for we want to show Mother how much we love her. But I guess she will be glad of even a small one. She is so fond of anything hand-made."

Frankie and Mary could hardly wait till school closed for the holidays. At home there were such whis-

perings and giggling it was a wonder Mother did not suspect something. But she never seemed to notice the side glances and mysterious smiles.

Thanksgiving found them at Aunt Susie's place and first thing next morning they were up and away down the road to the Jans' house. Gretta met them with a cheerful "Good morning." Already she was at work in her little workshop in the back yard, her hands all sticky with clay.

"Yes, I am very busy and I cannot keep up with my orders," Gretta told them and their hearts sank. But anyway they would tell her why they had come.

After they had explained to her she said, "Well now, let's see. Maybe we could make a bargain. If you two would work for me, then I could find the time to make an extra piece. Could you help me for awhile?"

"Oh, we'd love to!" Frankie and Mary exclaimed, clapping their hands. "What could we do?"

"Well, it's this way," Gretta began to explain. "I've had a new lot of clay come in and it is too hard to work with. It is going to take me a long time getting it smooth and pli-

able. If you could do that I could go ahead and model the vase for you."

"Oh, that wouldn't be work! That's just play, same as making mud pies at home!" laughed Mary, dancing about excitedly.

"Yes, much the same," laughed Gretta, enjoying their excitement.

"When can we get going?" questioned Frankie, rubbing his hands in eager anticipation.

"You may start right now, but first let me put these big aprons on you so you won't get your nice clothes all dirty with the clay."

After mixing in the clay for some time Frankie, the thinker, broke the silence by saying, "Didn't we study about a potter in our Sunday School lesson a while ago, Mary?"

"Yes. But I forget the man's name who saw it," Mary confessed.

"It was Jeremiah, wasn't it?" laughed Gretta, from her workbench near-by. "I remember teaching that lesson. You see, I have a class of boys. Yes, in that lesson God told Jeremiah to go down to the potter's house and watch the potter at work. He was to be an object lesson for the Children of Israel."

"Do you make pottery just the same today?" asked Mary eagerly.

"Yes, just the same," answered Gretta, "and I learn many lessons from my work, too."

"Oh, I know!" said thoughtful Frankie, "This hard clay is just like our hearts, hard and gritty, and God

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can't do anything with us until our hearts are soft and willing for Him to work with."

"That's it, exactly," replied Gretta. "And now see what I've done!"

"Aw, it's broken!" exclaimed Mary, as she gazed in dismay at the pretty round vessel Gretta had been molding on the potter's wheel. "What made it do that? Is it all wasted?"

"See this?" asked Gretta, holding up a small sliver that had been in the clay. "That's what did the damage. It cracked the clay. But it won't all be wasted, only my time. I'll have to do it all over again and either put more clay with it or make a smaller vase."

"Why, that's exactly what Jeremiah said!" exclaimed Frankie.

"Yes, and that sliver that broke the vase is just like jealousy or stubbornness or peevishness in our hearts," added Gretta. "You see, it spoils God's plan for our lives."

"And He has to make us take a smaller place in life," thoughtfully suggested Frankie.

Gretta started the vase again and with quick deft touches she gently patted it here and smoothed it there as she turned it on the wheel. Quickly it took shape and when the last touch was given she took it off the wheel, and put it down.

"Now is it finished?" asked Mary, eager to have it in her hands.

"Oh, no, not yet!" laughed Gretta. "After I get some more shaped there is another process to put them through to make them strong and

useful. See that thing over there?"

"Oh, that stove?" exclaimed Mary.

"No, Mary, that's not a stove. I know what that is. That's what they call a 'kiln', isn't it?" Frankie offered.

"You're right, Frankie. That's a very small kiln, but we can make it very hot," Gretta explained.

"I know about kilns because Father told me. He worked one summer at the Pottery Works in Medicine Hat, Alberta," Frankie told her.

"Yes, they have huge kilns there, bigger than our whole workshop," Gretta agreed.

"Do you have to bake everything you make?" asked Mary.

"Oh, yes, even a brick is no good until it is 'fired' for many long hours," answered Gretta. "I wonder if that

isn't why we need trials and things like that to make us strong Christians. The Bible says, 'Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth,' and many other verses like that." And Gretta placed several vessels in the kiln which was getting hot.

"Now that's all for to-day. We'll tidy up and go to the house. I think I can find a sandwich for each of us. The vase will be ready by to-morrow afternoon."

You may be sure both Frankie and Mary were on hand next day to see their lovely vase taken from the kiln. Later they carried it, ever so carefully wrapped in brown paper, back to Aunt Susie's. How were they ever going to wait till Mother's birthday? And wouldn't she be pleased! —The High Trail.

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Cape Fear Association

Monday, July 21—

Smithfield, Johnston County.

Rockfish Association

Wednesday, July 23—

Mable Avenue, Rowan County.

Piedmont Association

Thursday, July 24—

Goshen Grove, Gaston County.

Friday, July 25—

Mt. Holly, Gaston County.

Saturday, July 26—

Rhine Street, Gaston County.

Sunday, July 27—

Washington St. (11 a.m.), Gaston Co.

Caroleen (8 p.m.), Rutherford Co.

Tuesday, July 29—

Bailey's Chapel, Polk County.

French Broad Association

Wednesday, July 30—

Asheville, Buncombe County.

Thursday, July 31—

Mountain View, Buncombe County.

Friday, August 1—

Laruel Fork, Madison County.

Saturday, August 2—

Shoal Hill, Madison County.

Sunday, August 3—

Marshall (11 a.m.), Madison County.

Walnut (8 p. m.), Madison County.

Tuesday, August 5—

Shady Grove, Madison County.

Wednesday, August 6—

Red Hill, Madison County.

Thursday, August 7—

Mt. Zion, Madison County.

Friday, August 8—

Avery's Creek, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 9—

Hyatt's Creek, Haywood County.

Sunday, August 10—

Canton (11 a.m.), Haywood County.

Western Yearly

Sunday, August 10—

Pleasant Grove (8 p.m.), Cherokee Co.

Tuesday, August 12—

Conley Creek, Swain County.

Wednesday, August 13—

Mt. Vernon, Swain County.

Thursday, August 14—

Saw Mill Hill, Swain County.

French Broad Association

Friday, August 15—

Sweeten Creek, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 16—

Pisgah Forest, Buncombe County.

Piedmont Association

Sunday, August 17—

Rocky Pass (11 a.m.), McDowell Co.

Erlanger (8 p.m.), Davidson County.

Cape Fear Conference

Tuesday, August 19—

Hopewell, Johnston County.

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**MISS ZALENE LLOYD MISSION
ITINERARY**

Cape Fear Conference

Tuesday, July 22—

Selma, Johnston County.

Wednesday, July 23—

Tippett's Chapel, Wake County.

Thursday, July 24—

Oak Grove, Durham County.

Friday, July 25—

Edgemont, Durham County.

Saturday, July 26—

King's Chapel, Durham County.

Sunday, July 27—

Calvary (11 a.m.), Durham County.

W. Hillsboro (8 p.m.), Orange County.

Piedmont Association

Tuesday, July 29—

Arrington Height, Lexington, N. C.

Western Conference

Wednesday, July 30—

Elwood Lane, Cabarrus County.

Jack's Creek Association

Thursday, July 31—

Fairview, McDowell County.

Friday, August 1—

Liberty, McDowell County.

Piedmont Association

Saturday, August 2—

St. Paul, Marion, N. C.

Sunday, August 3—

Ridgeway (11 a. m.), McDowell Co.

Jack's Creek Association

Sunday, August 3—

Davistown (8 p.m.), McDowell Co.

French Broad Association

Tuesday, August 5—

Old Fort, McDowell County.

Wednesday, August 6—

E. Black Mountain, Buncombe County.

Thursday, August 7—

Homer's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Friday, August 8—

Swannanoa, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 9—

Horney Heights, Buncombe County.

Sunday, August 10—

Hazel Green (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.

Cedar Hill (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Tuesday, August 12—

Mt. Bethel, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, August 13—

Ray's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Thursday, August 14—

Union Chapel, Buncombe County.

Friday, August 15—

Union Valley, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 16—

Laruelton Chapel, Madison County.

Sunday, August 17—

Paint Fork (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.

Barnardsville (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Jack's Creek Association

Tuesday, August 19—

Terry's Fork, Madison County.

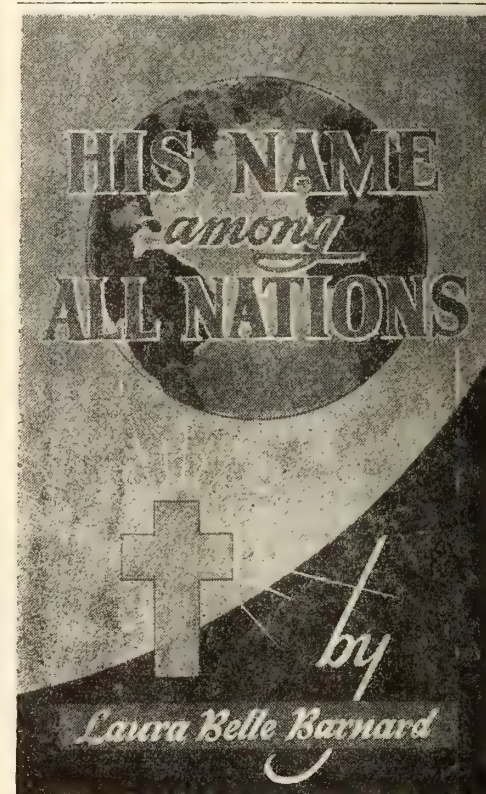
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The revival at Mt. Zion church began June 14th and continued through the 22nd with Sister Judy Caro doing the preaching.

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Number 27

I Wonder if They Know

By MRS. COMMISSIONER WM. C. ARNOLD

Oh, when I think of brilliant men,
Who grovel in the mire of sin,
Their inward feelings full of hate,
And how unhappy they have been,
And when I know that Jesus came
To bring them joy and peace within,
I wonder if they know,
And if they have not heard it
We ought to tell them so.

Oh, when I think of men of war
In nations that will not unite,
That send young innocents abroad
Like savages and beasts to fight,
And when I know that Jesus came
To lead them in the paths of right,
I wonder if they know,
And if they have not heard it
We ought to tell them so.

Oh, when I think of souls low down
In wickedness and deep despair,
Their faith in God well-nigh destroyed,
They see no mercy anywhere,
And when I know that Jesus waits
To answer each repentant prayer,
I wonder if they know,
And if they have not heard it
We ought to tell them so.

Oh, when I think of all the world,
The wise men so wise in many ways,
And yet in solving lasting peace
Their minds are in a muddled maze,
And when I know the Prince of Peace
Has brought world peace for all our days,
They surely cannot know
That Christ is all-sufficient.
Oh, we must tell them so.

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BUS SCHEDULE TO CRAGMONT FOR YOUTH ASSEMBLY

By Rev. R. P. Harris
Kenly, N. C.

This is to advise that persons between the ages of 9 and 30 desiring to go to Cragmont for the Youth Assembly August 4-16 will have the privilege of going by chartered bus. The cost for this round trip is ten dollars (\$10.00). This, we believe, is the best arrangement that we can make. The bus will carry 32 passengers and since we will not be able to carry all who will want to go you should make the arrangement as early as possible.

Please observe this rule:

Send in your registration of \$2.00 together with your ten dollars bus fare to Rev. Henry Melvin, 1212 E. Main Street, Durham, North Carolina, and he will in turn notify me of your acceptance and receipt of bus fare.

Here is the schedule:

Leave St. Mary's Church in New Bern at 5 a. m. Monday, August 4th.

Leave Greenville Church at 6:30 a. m.

Leave Farmville opposite bus station at 7:00 a. m.

Leave Cherry Hotel (front) in Wilson at 7:45 a. m.

Other stops may be arranged by appointment.

The bus will reach Cragmont in mid-afternoon or later.

Catch God's spirit that you may center your thoughts in the right way.

Envy is never a product of broad-mindedness.

NOTICE TO LEAGUERS

PRICE OF LEAGUE MANUALS

In last week's Baptist, on the Editorial Page, quantity prices were given on our latest edition of the League Manual. We regret this very much as the price still stands on the former basis of 50 cents per copy to all, regardless of the number purchased.

The Manager regrets that he was responsible for this error, and not the Editor. This edition, as you know, was produced under the very highest costs in labor and materials, and we are doing well to sell these books at the prices of the former edition.

Please get it straight this time. They are one price to all, regardless of quantity—strictly 50 cents per copy, post paid to you.—Business Manager.

TO NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN

Are you planning to go to Cragmont for the Women's Assembly the week from August 18 through 25? Applications are coming in right along, but there is still room for several more. I am suggesting the thought of our Auxiliaries making it possible financially for one or more of their faithful members or officers to go. I know of no better way to reward some sister for faithful effort during the past year. It will also be a good investment for the future, as those who go to Cragmont will surely return prepared to do a better job in their local Auxiliary. There will be courses in the Bible, in Methods of Auxiliary Work, in music and other subjects, all taught by the best instructors we are able to obtain. There will also be inspirational messages to build up our faith. And coupled with it all will be a week in the glorious mountains, with enough sight-seeing to make it well worth substituting the week for your vacation; and it will cost far less than it would to take a vacation at some regular resort. In fact if your best friend lived in the mountains you could hardly visit her on your own account at less than the week at Cragmont will cost.

St. Paul's F. W. B. Church, Elizabeth City, N. C.



REVIVAL AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Rev. Roy Rikard, Belmont, N. C., conducted a revival meeting at St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church, in Elizabeth City, N. C., May 5th to 18th. There were twenty-three professions of faith during the revival for which we do thank the Lord. The entire church was greatly blessed, and revived from the results of this timely revival.

It did our hearts good to see the old and young rejoice together in the Lord. Some said it was the best revival we have ever had here; others said it was the best for many years. Mrs. R. A. Wilson, of Rockingham,

N. C., daughter of Rev. O. M. Hilburn, our pastor, was a great asset to the revival with music and songs.

Our Women's Auxiliary is growing by leaps and bounds so much that we now have two circles. We have raised our pastor's salary \$520.00 per year, of which we credit largely to the success of our recent revival.

Rev. Rikard is a consecrated man of God, orthodox in his faith, but carries the Evangelistic mood with his messages. He is vice-moderator of the Piedmont Association.

The work here is looking very optimistic and we do solicit your prayers.

Mrs. H. I. Fowler, Clerk

Arrangements have been made for the Orphanage bus to go from Eastern North Carolina for the accommodation of our women. The cost will be reasonable. The full schedule is being worked out and will be published soon. We can give assurance now, however, that the bus may be contacted at New Bern, Kinston, Greenville, Wilson, Raleigh and Durham (if there are applicants from that vicinity. For fuller information I invite you to write to me, and I will gladly help you in making your plans.

Most of our women have already read in The Baptist the instructions for registering, and the fees at Cragmont. You send your applica-

tion to me, along with the registration fee of \$2.00. Then when you get to Cragmont you pay only \$17.50 for the seven full days, and this covers room, board and the use of all the facilities offered by the assembly. The only other expense will be the reasonable cost for your transportation and whatever personal spending money you choose to allow yourself.

I am going to look for several registrations right away. Let's show the men how much the women appreciate Cragmont—our wonderful retreat in the mountains, which the Lord has surely given us!

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. L. E. Ballard

309 Bern Street, New Bern, N. C.

≈ Vanity in the Apostate Age

By Eld. A. J. Jenkins
McArthur, Ohio

It has been agreed by a majority of professors of godly worship that this is the closing age to Modern Gentile World Power.

While we do not know God's exact time, yet He will close the age on His appointed time, and we understand that the Scriptures in more than one hundred places point definitely to the sins that will be in practice by those who will be living, as Jesus closes this age. That we are now living in the Apostate age is made clear in many Scriptures, by the practices of the different sins which people have been and will be doing at the close of the age.

To add up the might of Vanity in the Apostate age, all a person has to do is to commence with Romans, the first book of Paul, and read through to the last chapters of James and Peter. He will find over one hundred different Scriptures, setting forth many sins, and all pointing to sins engaged in by ninety per cent of all the citizens of the United States, and maybe the world. All this shows clearly the Vanity in Apostate age, which people are practicing as the Scriptures show, that will be in practice awhile before this age we are living in will close.

Let us ask ourselves here, what is Vanity? and let us listen to the voice already written down, and filled with wisdom, who gives us the answer.

"Vanity is Empty Pride, which has millions of people deceived; and it fools with nothing godly."

Vanity had its origin, and is a consequence of the falling away of people from God's teaching and law (Rom. 8:20).

It will take too much space to quote all Scripture referred to, so please read this article with your Bible at hand, and get God's information on the subject.

There have been apostates in all ages since Cain left the word of God, and killed Abel, but never so many as there are in 1947, and good calculators say positively that here in the

United States ninety percent of the entire population, from fifteen years and up, are apostates, and will be at the closing of this age.

Since the Scriptures teach that nothing is done in secrecy, but shall be made manifest, I take it for granted that the reason why Jesus asked apostates to "Look up," is because He wants to convince all apostates, at the right time that He is closing this age.

Who are Vanity people? They are professed followers of Jesus Christ, with one of two things true in their life experience: First, they are trying to worship God without the Holy Spirit within, which leaves them empty—Vanity professors; or Second, they are people who have had the Holy Spirit within, and with their Vanity they have grieved Him away, by allowing sinful acts, plans, and practices to become a part, (or whole) of their religious profession and worship, until the Holy Spirit was grieved out of their souls, and the "Vanity person" has become an empty apostate, awaiting his doom (Psa. 39:11).

Every person born into the world was "Conceived in iniquity and born in sin," and in their natural state, apart from the Holy Spirit within, all are the victims of Satan's sins, and are vain in part (Psa. 62:9), and all need to be regenerated and born again to be spiritual children of God.

Who are Apostate people? There is just one book in the world which describes apostates as God sees them, and all who fail to read it, and all who fail to see themselves, as God does in this book, will pass through life as blind and empty guides for their souls, and pass into death. Living this way, they will pass into the "fire that is never quenched," there to remain in eternity for their indifference and neglect. The book describing **Vanity and Apostasy** is the Bible, God's word. They who fail to read it are Satan bound, not their own. Rom. 6:18, for they are being

led by Satan, practice sinning at will and never see themselves as apostates. All of this class will pay the penalty with their souls in Hell for all of their neglects and indifferences.

Where are apostates described in the Bible? The first description is in Deut. 13:13, that I wish to mention. Here are the results of a few (greatly the minority) being followed by majorities. And the apostasy is described: "They are gone out from you"; "They have withdrawn their fellowship." They are persuading others by saying, "Let us go and serve other gods." One leader like this, if followed, can lead those who have been good and useful church workers away from duty into sin in great numbers. Note that this Scripture is sufficient, if believed, to forever keep another godly worshipper from apostasy.

Paul in Heb. 3:12, describes the apostate as one going away from God, and warns all those who have not gone after apostates to "take heed."

One cannot become an apostate without, first, going away from God; and going away from all God promised that is good; going away from the fellowship of other years; going from the source of all soul help; going from a saving relationship. Paul in 2 Tim. 4:10, warns that to be worldly minded, or to become a seeker after worldly things, or cherish a worldly spirit, or a lover of the pleasures of the world, all is sin, for of these all breaks up the fellowship with God, brand the one engaging as a sinner, and all leads to hell.

Apostates have a hard time living without the Holy Spirit, although I have known church members to do so for as much as thirty-three years, but they have a harder time to get back to God, after going away (Heb. 6:4-6). There awaits great and lasting punishment for all who apostatize, not only under a guilty conscience all through life, but in great

torments in Hell all through eternity (2 Pet. 17:22).

Apostates exemplified: In 1 Sam. 15:11, Saul, first King of Israel, is described how he went away from God, because an apostate life appealed to him. In 2 Chron. 25:12-27, we have Amaziah described after he became an apostate, by bringing the children of the Edomites after capturing them in a finished battle.

Apostates through choice: In John 6:66, we have described some professed followers of Jesus Christ who were called Disciples, after they went away from God, and became apostates. Note, first, "they went back on God," and second, "And walked no more with Him." In their acts they went back to worship Satan and sin. They walked in sin all the remainder of life, and certainly they all died in their sins (Jno. 8:22-25).

In 1 Tim. 1:19-20, a description is given of two men, Hymenaeus and Alexander, after becoming leaders in a small way, and then they became apostates.

The plainest lesson in the Bible on the results of becoming an apostate is given of those two men, who were both given over to Satan, and of course, lost the last chance they ever had of honoring God, or receiving His forgiveness and blessings.

What takes place when one apostatizes? First, the person, or persons, who had been with God leave to go with Satan, and to practice sin. Second, the person, or persons, become seekers after the things belonging to Satan and sin. Third, the person, or persons, forsake the way of happiness, peace, and joy promised by our Lord in this life, and involves himself in all the misery and pains of a sinner. Fourth, the person or persons step off of the narrow path leading to heaven, and enters upon the broad way to sin and the "lake of fire." Sinners and apostate church members, think this over, and ask yourself the question, Can I afford to give up God and all He promises me just to go out with Satan and sin, and in the end lose my soul? I ask you to do this in Jesus' name, and I will be praying for you while you decide.

DECEPTION WILL OUT

Prof. A. R. Flowers
Sims, North Carolina

Some years ago a murder had been committed in Jolia, California. Several suspects had been arrested but later were released for lack of evidence. Some two months or more another suspect was arrested in New York City, but the police readily admitted that there was nothing against him. He readily admitted that he had been in Chicago and Boston, but never had he been on the West Coast. While the examination was going on, however, the Staff Expert remarked to him, "Say, that's a good coat you have on." "You bet it is," said the suspect, with enthusiasm. The Expert said, "I'd like to look it over in the light. Do you mind taking it off?" "Surely not," said the suspect. No sooner than it was in the hands of the Laboratory Expert that he turned into his laboratory, and there in his laboratory the dust particles on the coat told the true story, for there amidst the dust particles were the pollinia of the Acacia which grows on the Pacific coast only.

When the suspect was confronted with this finding, and seeing that he was fairly caught, he admitted that he had been in Jolia and that he was implicated in the murder. Boys, I have traveled over sections of many different states but I have yet to find many young men in trouble who stay sober and keep good company.

PARENTS, NOTE!

"We do not know whether the youth of today are better or worse than in any other generation. But we are quite convinced that the wide gamut of temptation is much more attractive and dynamic than it was in the days of our ancestors. The automobile and night clubs, taverns, and dine-and-dance places scattered as they are over the landscape, inviting boys and girls to fun and frolic, present a situation, the implications of which are almost unknown to average parents."—Clipped.

THE ARM OF JEHOVAH

I laid me down and slept; I awaked;
for the arm of Jehovah was my pillow—Psalm 3:5.

This is a paraphrase by Dr. Delitzsch, and it is one which will appeal to every heart which knows and loves the Lord. However strong we may be, however brave a face we may put on in either the usual or unusual events of life, the fact remains that deep down in every soul there is a sense of need and helplessness. And in the last analysis, we know that the one and the other are so great that only God can be our deliverer.

What wonderful comfort it gives, therefore, to go into our nights of trial and sorrow unafraid, because we shall rest beside our Beloved; and what wonderful new joy and strength it gives us to awake and face our days of stress and strain, knowing that His arm has been our pillow, and hence will be our strength.

We are acquainted with not a few in these present days whose faith has almost failed and who shrink tremblingly from the future because of what it seems to portend. But here is a cure for all distress of this kind. No night may be so long and dark as to take away from us the nearness and dearness of the Lover of our souls; and no day may be so full of glare and heat as to rob our hearts of the consciousness of His watchful and tender comforting.

Let us then remember Jesus Christ. Whatever the future may bring, He will never leave or forsake us.—Henry W. Frost, in China's Millions.

"TRAIN UP A CHILD . . ."

Ere a child has reached to seven,
Teach him all the way to heaven.
Better still the work will thrive,
If he learns before he's five.

—John Ploughman (Spurgeon)

Avoiding, rather than seeking, trouble, should be the aim of mankind.

Joy and sorrow are largely of our own choosing.

FEET-WASHING

D. A. Windham

We come now to consider the ordinance of feet-washing—one upon which much has been said and written. We aim to give just what the scriptures say, only do we purpose to consult authorities on both English and Greek of the New Testament. If we had no stronger proof than the statement of the Master when he said “follow me,” since he gave the example, it would be enough to make it binding. But this is not the case, for this ordinance is enforced by language that is unimpeachable.

We too often rush for conclusions and fail to thoroughly investigate matters. It is our purpose to consider, first, this as a positive ordinance of the gospel, and then notice the objections, and then answer them.

We frankly admit that this ordinance rises or falls upon the force of the English verb **ought** and its Greek equivalent *Ophilete*.

We are omitting scriptural quotations, as you can read them for yourself.

According to St. John's gospel this ordinance followed the Lord's Supper, and the 13th chapter gives it in every minute detail.

The question to consider is! What constitutes an ordinance? According to all authorities worthy of note, it is something ordered with a penalty attached.

It is unnecessary to state that it was ordered by the Master, for the English and Greek verbs have the force of an implied command.

First, let us notice in particular the Greek verb *Ophilete*. Such great minds as Dr. Henry Cook, Dr. Josiah Partu, and Prof. Hill all agree that it signifies one bound—as one bound to live up to an indisputable moral obligation, and I have read other scriptures where the same root is used and these men are correct. This verb places us under the same obligation as Paul was to the Greeks and Barbarians, the wise and unwise (Rom. 1:14), and many other scriptures where one was obligated.

As before stated, it has the force of an implied command, and here we turn to two recognized authorities on rhetoric—H. G. Brantach and W. S. Quackenbas. These authorities are agreed that that which is implied is equal to that which is expressed. Consult any authority on rhetoric under similes and metaphors.

If we put the Greek of the last clause in John 13:8 and John 3:5 side by side, and ask such men as Prof. Hill about the comparative force of them, we will find that the phraseology is different but essentially they are the same in force. Also the last clause of John 13:14 and John 3:7 are very nearly the same. **Must** is from a term slightly stronger than **ought**. John 13:14 is not the only place where a command is implied. Luke 18:1, 2nd Peter 3:11 and Hebrews 2:1 and many others are implied commands. In these scriptures the force is recognized and accepted, then why should not John 13:14?

Not only is the verb “ought” used but the Master uses another term and King James Version renders it “should.”

We have many places in the Bible where people failed because they failed to do what they ought to have done. Saul was rejected from being king for failing to do that which he ought to have done.

The five foolish virgins were refused admittance to the mirriage for failing to do what they ought to have done. The man with one talent was cast into utter darkness because he failed to do that which he ought to have done. When the Master said “ye also ought to wash one another's feet,” what will he say to those who refuse?

Therefore feet-washing is a positive ordinance of the gospel enforced by an implied command, a fact no one can with a vestige of authority deny. More could be said but this is enough to show the force of the Master's words.

Let us now consider some of the objections or alibis given to justify failing to observe this ordinance. First, the objectors do not give one

passage of scripture and not one logical reason, but they give, in support, just what they think and what they believe. No man has a right to think where God has spoken. It is his to obey.

It is said when the battle of Waterloo was being planned, General Wellington gave one of his guards a command. After this guard had read the order he replied, “General it is impossible to carry this order out.” Wellington said to this guard, “Sir, I have given you that as my military order, and not asking your opinion respecting it, and I expect it obeyed.” The Master has given his command, implied to be sure, not asking man's opinion about it and he expects it to be obeyed.

If he requires the new birth in John 3:5, constant prayer in Luke 18:1, godliness in 2nd Peter 3:11, and constant heed in Hebrews 2:1, then he expects his children to observe the ordinance of feet-washing in John 13:14, as the language in the last three is of equal force. And before He left that large upper room he said to Thomas, “I am the way, the truth, and the life,” while the disciples' feet were still moist.

If he is the way and has given the example who has the authority to set it aside?

But someone may want to know something respecting the penalty attached. The Master might have enforced it on Peter and Paul and the widow in 1st Tim. 5:10. With Peter it was “no part with me,” and Paul would have excluded the widow from the charitable pails of the church.

Who can claim closer union with Christ than Peter, and who was closer to the heart of Paul than a poor widow woman?

Time forbids that I should say much respecting the fair shadowing of this gospel ordinance in the Old Testament, but a few words are necessary. The laver was between the altar and the congregation at which the sons of Aaron were to wash their feet, which prefigures that which lies between our regeneration, a result of having by faith had the blood

applied to our hearts that between that experience and our eternal home our feet must touch the waters of death.

We come now to reply to the objections, alibis they should be called, to this ordinance.

We combine the two most favorite ones. They say it was a Jewish custom, and others say that he did it because people wore sandals and it was to remove the dust. Peter was a Jew and knew the customs, and whether or not his feet were dirty, and yet the Master told him he did not know; but should know. Others say it is only mentioned one time. But God said, "Let there be light" only one time and we still have light. Others say it was not practiced in the Apostolic church. Replying—how do they know? There is no mention of wine in the communion in the Apostolic church but it is granted that it is understood when the cup is mentioned. If they are willing to grant that wine is understood when cup is mentioned, why not be honest and grant they washed feet when they partook of the Lord's Supper? Furthermore in 1st Tim. 5:10, Paul makes a passing mention of it, as though Timothy was familiar with it. These words were written at least thirty years before St. John wrote his book—how can they account for that? In short it can be traced from the last of the first century to the time when Constantine made the Catholic church the State Church of the Roman Empire, and that church has practiced it in its own form ever since. The one some people consider as their justification is when they say it was not commanded. Replying—The Greek word rendered "ought" is Ophilete and all authorities of any note say the term has the force of an implied command, and according to a previous statement it is equivalent to a direct command.

The last alibi we will notice is—"let your conscience be your guide." If man's conscience were a safe guide, why did God give the Bible? Man was left, after his fall, to his conscience for sixteen hundred years and he had become so wicked that "it re-

pented God that he made man." The heathen has his conscience and the Hindu mother will toss her baby to the crocodiles and chant a tune to her heathen deity—following her conscience—no definitely no. A man's conscience is too tricky to be a safe guide.

There is but one guide, that is God's word, and David says, "It is a lamp unto my feet."

FIFTH EASTERN UNION S. S. CONVENTION

The Sunday School convention of the Fifth Eastern Union convened with Rock of Zion Church on June 29, 1947. Rev. Roy Miller was in charge of the morning devotions. The words of welcome were delivered by the president, Brother C. J. Hines, to the convention. The president expressed his appreciation for the splendid support and co-operation which is being given to the convention by the Sunday Schools.

The following schools were represented: Arapahoe, Bridgeton, British Chapel, Core Creek, Ephesus, Friendship, Spring Hope, St. Mary's, Oak Grove, Juniper Chapel, Reunion Chapel, Gethsemane, Mt. Zion, Trent, Warden's Grove, New Haven, Macedonia, St. Delight, Rock of Zion, Mosley's Creek, Union Chapel, Dublin Grove, Ruth's Chapel, and Wintergreen. There were 25 schools present with a contribution of seventy-one dollars.

A registration was made of the convention to have a correct count of the officers, teachers, delegates, visitors, and members present. The report reads: 12 superintendents, 6 secretaries and treasurers, 24 delegates, 20 teachers, 500 members, and 56 visitors. The Finance Committee members were: Mrs. Lillian Hines, Mr. J. H. Oliver, Mr. Milton Rowe. By special approval of the convention, the Finance Committee appropriated the amount of \$52 dollars for our children at Middlesex; \$52 dollars for our retired ministers; \$25 dollars for the Church Finance Association, Incorporated.

A large old-fashion union dinner was served, with beautiful hymns being played on the Amplifier. A feast of brotherly love was displayed with unity.

The afternoon session was filled with programs from the various Sunday Schools. Those presenting programs were: Rock of Zion, Gethsemane, St. Delight, Juniper Chapel, Spring Hope, Wintergreen. The convention was favored with special music by the Gospel Quartet, and the Tabernacle Baptist Quartet. They rendered several selections by special request.

The following ministers were present: Reverends Roy Miller, Elmo Harper, Calvin Bennett and J. R. Forrest. A Banner was awarded to Juniper Chapel Sunday School for having the largest representation, and traveling thirty-four miles. The convention gave a rising vote of thanks to Rock of Zion Church for their wonderful hospitality shown this Sunday School convention.

Our next convention will be held at Bethel Church in Pamlico County on August 31, 1947. This church is located near Merrit, on the Pamlico road. The people of Bethel Church are indeed happy to have the convention, and welcome all the Sunday Schools to be present for the next convention.

God has so wonderfully blessed our Sunday School convention that it is our prayer that this work will continue to grow in Christian fellowship and brotherly love. We are depending on you to have a part in this work, and with your support, this will be our largest Sunday School convention when it meets in August in Pamlico County at Bethel Church.

C. J. Hines, President,
Earl Hansen, Secretary

When life's battles weaken you, keep a stiff upper lip. Defy defeat!

It isn't enough to be good; we should also do good.

You can lick a lone bee but better not tackle the hive.

Notes and Quotes



By J. C. Griffin

Cold and Hot Blowing

A little farm boy saw one day his father blowing his coffee to cool it, and he asked him, "Papa, why do you blow your coffee?" His father said, "To cool it." Later, when they had gone to the cotton field to pick cotton early one frosty morning, the father's fingers got very cold (I know how they felt from personal experience), and the Father began to blow his fingers. His little boy said, "Papa, why do you blow your fingers?" His father's reply was, "To warm them." Then the boy spoke up and said, "Papa, you have a curious mouth, it blows hot in the dining room and cold in the cotton patch."

There are a great number of tongues that speak very warm at the church, but these same tongues are as cold as an iceberg on Monday in business, at home with the families, and in dealings with their neighbors. But a tongue that has been handed over to Jesus is as warm and sweet at home as it is at church. I have heard of some preachers who could speak swelling words in the pulpit regarding salvation and the Lord's work on Sunday, but great swelling words on Monday in speaking of damnation. We need to take an inventory of our tongue, and then see how our speech is gauged.

Dirty Yarns

"It is just as sinful to laugh at a dirty joke or yarn as it is to tell it," says Rev. George D. Dunbar. That is the truth, for if we laugh at the joke which another person tells, we then say it in substance.

We often hear some preacher, or some church member telling some joke that is not clean, something that a gentleman should not tell at all, let

alone a professing Christian. Christians should steer clear of filthy conversations. The Apostle Paul said, "Put off all . . . ; anger, wrath, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds" (Col. 3:8, 9). Paul here classifies filthy yarns with blasphemy and anger, etc. He says that these belong to the "old man," who is none other than the old man of sin.

What about Your Influence?

I was talking to a man about his soul, trying to get him to accept the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour. Here is what he said: "If my Christian neighbors would live what they profess, then I think that I could live the Christian life, but as long as they live as they do, I would have a hard time living right." My answer to him was this: "If Noah could live a righteous life in his day, you should be able to live right through faith in the Lord Jesus." He recognized this as truth, but he was afraid to undertake it with his neighbors.

Christ said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his Saviour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men" (Matt. 5:13). We should strive to wield a good influence so that we might be used in bringing the lost to Christ. We can destroy in a very short time the gains of a lifetime.

Bridgeton Revival

We started the meeting on the fourth Sunday in June and continued until July the second, which made eleven days of the revival. Brother George D. Dunbar came on Monday night and preached through the close of the meeting. God wonderfully blessed in the meeting. We do not know how many conversions there were during the meeting, as so many church members went to the altar, and confessed their sins, and rededicated their lives to the Lord. There were fourteen converts who were baptized.

Brother Dunbar did some wonder-

ful preaching, which this old-fashion preacher accepts as good old-fashion, fundamental and orthodox and evangelistic doctrine. The Reverend Roy Miller, who is my successor in the pastorate at Bridgeton, directed the singing for the meeting. The attendance was good and the revival was a real one which we predict will continue right on. The people were well pleased with the evangelist.

Swords, Plowshares, Spears and Pruninghooks

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa. 2:4). We have been asked when will this time come when war will be known no more. Well, I can say of a truth that the United Nations Organization will not bring it about, neither will any other man-made organization usher into the nations the period of "NO WAR." It cannot come by the efforts of sinful, Christ rejecting, communistic unbelievers. If Godless and Christ hating Russia were out of the picture, the other nations could not bring about such a condition, because the whole world is soaked in sin. It is getting worse every day. Criminals are multiplying every hour, and murder, rape, drunkenness and fornication and divorce cases are increasing all the while. They are so evident that only the spiritually blind would cry out and say "The world is getting better." It is nonsense for Christians to dare say such a thing.

In the book, **Money the Acid Test** (p. 19) we are told about a blacksmith living in Cleveland, Ohio, who earned twenty-five dollars a week, plus some overtime wages. He supported his family, contributed generously to his own church and to local charities, and in addition maintained his own substitute missionary in Africa at an expense of \$350 a year, or almost seven dollars a week.

PROSPECTUS FOR A WORLD UNIVERSITY

Stuart E. Grummon of Redding, Connecticut, was formerly in the U. S. diplomatic service and since his retirement, has written on many subjects, one of the most provocative of which is discussed in this article:

Largely due to the impact of two world wars, we have been forced to think of the urgent need to raise the living standards of every nation in the world and to narrow the disparity between the relatively high educational, economic and political levels in our country and in western Europe, on the one hand, and the widespread human misery to be found in most of the rest of the world, on the other.

This basic threat to peace must be fought by the United Nations, by educational means. The fate of democracy as a potential world system of government is intimately tied up with a solution of this problem.

Educating Tomorrow's Leaders

To deal realistically with this problem, which is basic to its mandate to achieve a dynamic peace and a genuine world understanding, the United Nations should set up on its own territory a vast center of undergraduate and graduate study, which could appropriately be called the World University for Public Service, with a distinguished international faculty and the occasional collaboration of qualified United Nations' personnel.

Its first objective should be to provide the best possible education for able and ambitious young people throughout the world, who desire to fit themselves for future leadership in their own countries and communities in politics, education, and the whole gamut of government services.

Secondly, it should train expert personnel and advisors for more backward colonial and trusteeship areas where the need for their services will remain great for many years to come. No one familiar with conditions abroad will dispute the extreme need of most of the world for

properly trained officials and experts to undertake the elementary tasks of hygiene, child care, sanitation and the abolition of illiteracy, to serve as a foundation for economic development, modernization of primitive agricultural methods, and broad health and educational programs.

Thirdly, and by no means least important, it should educate competitively selected world youth for the future personnel of the United Nations itself and for the growing number of specialized international organs.

A Broad Curriculum

The World University should not turn out narrowly professional graduates. They must be given a humanistic approach to their life work of public service. Their earlier courses should emphasize the essential oneness of humanity and the comparative aspects of basic world culture, including a background of world history, the broad currents of international relations, the great literary monuments of mankind, comparative philosophy and religion, the chief legal systems of the world, and modern languages.

In addition to deepened study of these subjects, the students' subsequent specialization might include such subjects as anthropology, politics, economics, government, history, diplomacy, the sciences, international and domestic law and a host of allied courses. English and French, the international languages, should be on a complete parity for purposes of instruction, and Russian would undoubtedly be widely studied as well as the other principal languages of the world—from both the literary and utilitarian points of view. Ultimately, courses would have to be given in even the most exotic and non-literary languages.

Exchange with Other Universities

Especially in its early stages, the University would doubtless wish to make arrangements to deputize other universities for special instruction. It could also profitably extend its influence by accepting qualified honors students from other universities and

by occasionally exchanging faculty members with them.

In addition to their formal training, the World University's graduates would bring back with them to their own countries and to their life tasks a familiarity with the operation of the United Nations—the give and take of its daily work, and the compromising of issues inseparable from the democratic process. Of equal importance, they would acquire a knowledge of the free institutions and political philosophy of the country in which they had spent several of their most formative years—the precepts of Franklin, Lincoln, Wilson, and Roosevelt, and a conviction of the dignity of the common man and of the importance of his "inalienable rights . . . to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

As soon as plans for such a World University for Public Service had been approved by UNESCO, the United Nations could immediately make the University's influence felt, by announcing competitions to be held in every country in the world for all-expense scholarships to be offered to successful candidates for admission to each of its important areas of study, and by accepting applications without delay for the enrollment of non-scholarship students.

This basic long-term program would contribute to a dynamic peace, raise the level of public service, improve living standards in every country and do away with much human misery. We cannot bring about a better world or keep the peace by bootstrap methods. The whole of world society is imperilled by its weakest links. They must be strengthened by education.

—In World Alliance News Letter

The pastor is not only the pastor of the church, but of the Bible School as well. The school is his most hopeful and responsive parish. The Sunday School affords the pastor not only a choice and approved method of evangelism among all classes, but the only kind of congregation that has promise of becoming a force for God.

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

BOYD. It was on December 3, 1946, that the death angel came and took home to be with the Lord the spirit of Mrs. Charlie Olive Boyd at the age of 27 years old. She was sick only a short time. Her death was unexpected to almost everyone.

She was a member of Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, of which she was a member from early childhood. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, one daughter, and a host of relatives and friends.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Griffin, to a large crowd of sorrowing friends and loved ones. Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers, there to await the resurrection morn.

Sleep on dear Charlie
And take your rest;
We loved you much
But God loved you the best.

—Written by a loving cousin,
Pattie Ruth Mills

DOWNS. Almighty God permitted death to take from time into eternity, and from labor unto the heavenly reward, the soul of Brother Johnson R. Downs. He was born on April 11, 1875, and died February 11, 1947, making his stay on earth 71 years and 10 months. He was married to Miss Ella M. Harding on January 8, 1898, who survives him, also one son, Hugh Josh Downs, of the U. S. Navy, one brother, W. H. Downs, and several nieces and nephews. It can truly be said a good man has gone to his reward.

He united with Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church when he was just a young man, and became clerk of said church, and served as clerk for 53 years. He was never absent from the business meetings of the church but twice and that on account of sickness. He also served as trustee of said church for many years.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. R. N. Hinnant of Micro, a former pastor of his church, at the home on February 13, 1947, and assisted by Rev. Clinton Lupton of Bayboro, the present pastor, and the writer of this sketch, also a former pastor, to a large throng of relatives and friends. His body was laid to rest in the Downs cemetery, near the home.

—Written by a friend,
Duffy Toler

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts during the month of June

State of Oklahoma, by D. B. Hellard, Treasurer	\$ 34.68
Oklahoma Auxiliary Association	25.22
T. B. Williams, Hemingway, S. C.	100.00
G. E. Gower, Cedar Hill, Tennessee	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stokes, Abbeville, Alabama	2.10
E. Exam Griffin, by J. C. Griffin of North Carolina	10.00
Young Peoples' Missionary Meeting, Stacy, North Carolina	5.00
Katherine Woodson, Detroit, Michigan	3.00
Union Grove Church, Durham County, North Carolina	17.32
L. W. Warren, Newton Grove, North Carolina	2.00
Eld. Ray Purdom, Ft. Smith, Arkansas	3.00
Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, North Carolina	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. Roy Reese, Columbia, Tennessee	5.00
Dot Chapman, Berryville, Arkansas	5.00
Goldia Dunn, Hartville, Missouri	5.00
National Auxiliary Convention (by Pretty Water Church of Oklahoma)	3.00
National Auxiliary Convention, by Fannie Polston, Treasurer	10.00
Squire Sunday School, Squire, West Virginia	4.34
Rev. R. C. Mumpower, Swannanoa, North Carolina	10.00
F. W. B. Church, Joelton, Tennessee, by Lottie Poole	6.12
Tabernacle Church, Coward, South Carolina	20.68
First F. W. B. Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma	9.31
Dunham, Kentucky, Church	50.00
Trinity Church, Nashville, Tennessee	10.00
Friendship League of Tennessee	2.95
Central Avenue Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6.00
Tulsa, Oklahoma, First Church	10.00
First F. W. B. League, Hazel Park, Michigan	22.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River, Missouri	10.11
Lansing Gospel Tabernacle, Lansing, Michigan	120.00
Jesse V. Lafever, Cookeville, Tennessee	5.00
Heads Church of Tennessee	35.00
Bethany Church and Sunday School of North Carolina	28.07
Union F. W. B. Sunday School, Johnson City, Tennessee	5.00
Elizabethton, Tennessee, First Church	14.80
Hazel Dell Church of Illinois	5.00
Patmos Church of Georgia	10.00
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma	25.00
Altona Church of Ohio	15.80
Moore's Chapel, Elizabethton, Tennessee	3.00
F. M. Mosely, Blakely, Georgia	5.00
New Hope League of Tennessee	1.98
Turned in by Lizzie McAdams from North Carolina	23.00
Mrs. Eva Benton, Andrews, South Carolina	10.00
Greenbrier Church, Pryor, Oklahoma	20.43
Opie Hargrove, Mountain Home, Arkansas	5.00
Clayton, Texas, Church	4.40
Wolverine Association of Michigan, by Raymond Riggs	73.55
Mt. Vernon, Illinois, F. W. B. Church	8.00
Canebrake, West Virginia Church	75.00
Olivet Junior Auxiliary of Kentucky	5.00
Frank Willis, N. Belmont, North Carolina	2.00
Midway Church and Auxiliary, Midway, Tennessee	7.00
State of Ohio	300.00
West Virginia Foreign Mission Board	3.00

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brinson, Coleman, Texas	10.00
Horney Heights Church, Asheville, North Carolina	20.00
Elsie Lowe, Squire, West Virginia	3.35
Rev. Carl W. Vallance, Monaville, West Virginia	25.00
Beulahville Auxiliary of North Carolina	13.00
Central Avenue Church of Oklahoma City	5.00
Cedar Springs Church and Auxiliary of Georgia	28.00
Rev. J. R. Davidson, Nashville, Tennessee	2.00
Mrs. Mary Melchel, Hartville, Missouri	1.00
Monroe Murray, Canebrake, West Virginia	29.00
E. A. Gibson, Canebrake, West Virginia	27.50
Rev. Kenneth Brown, Canebrake, West Virginia	28.00
Joe Bill Murray, Canebrake, West Virginia	3.50
Carl Walters, Roderfield, West Virginia	50.00
East Nashville Church, Nashville, Tennessee	23.75
Free Will Baptist Temple, Detroit, Michigan	20.08
Hazel Park Church, Hazel Park, Michigan	29.25
First General Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan	20.25
Gospel Tabernacle, Lansing, Michigan	23.50
Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Michigan	10.00
River Rouge Church, River Rouge, Michigan	15.00
North Detroit Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan	25.28
First General Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan	25.41
Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan	55.51
A Home near Battle Creek, Michigan	5.20
First General Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan	44.20
A Home in Pontiac, Michigan	4.10
West Wayne Church, Wayne, Michigan	11.00
Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Missouri	10.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, South Carolina	10.00
Rev. George Waggoner, Mt. Vernon, Illinois	5.00
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treasurer	1,052.57
State of Missouri, by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer	331.65
Mr. and Mrs. Jessie E. Mizel, Bath, North Carolina	5.00
Mrs. Fred H. Hinnant, Pine Level, North Carolina	1.00
Received from sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations" ..	74.00
Received as subscriptions to paper	2.00

Total\$3,433.96

Brought forward from last month1,697.79

Grand Total\$5,131.75

Total disbursements during month of June2,998.46

Balance in treasury July 1, 1947\$2,133.29

WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer.

PEOPLE WHO LIVE RIGHT

"I'd rather see a sermon,
Than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me
Than merely show the way.

"The eye's a better pupil
And more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing
But example's always clear!

"The best of all the preachers
Are the ones who live their creed,
For to see good put in action
Is what everybody needs.

"I soon can learn to do it,
If you let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action,
But your tongue too fast may run.

"And the sermon you deliver

May be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson
By observing what you do.

"For I might misunderstand you
And the high advice you give;
But there's no misunderstanding
How you act and how you live."

—Selected.

I'VE TRIED

As o're the rugged road I've been,
The road that we call "Life";
I've tried to be a helping friend.
To ease a soul in strife.

I've tried to help someone to find
The road that leads to God;
I've tried to soothe the weary mind,
As on Life's road I've trod.

I've sought to lift a stumbling child,
Who fainted by the way,
E're he had gone out in the wild
I've tried to watch and pray.

Mistakes I've made, as well as you,
But God forgives them all;
For Him I strive my best to do,
And He won't let me fall.

I've tried to live just what I claim,
God's dear Begotten Son;
I've spoken to others in His Name,
His will, I feel, is done.

I've talked to God, He has talked to
me.

I've heard His lovely voice;
He's mine through all Eternity,
He is my only choice.

I serve my Lord with willing heart,
And I am satisfied;
His love, I know, will ne'er depart,
Because—I know I've tried.

So when this body's weak and frail,
I gasp for fleeting breath;
The hand that leads me o're Life's
trail
Will hold my hand in Death.

Still on and on He'll guide me o're,
The victor's crown is won;
In lasting bliss forever more,
When He shall say, "Well done."

—Venie M. Carney



WISDOM IS THE PRINCIPAL THING

(Lesson for July 27)

Lesson: Proverbs 1:1-5; 3:13-18; 9:9-10; James 1:5.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding.—Proverbs 4:7.

Education is so widespread in our day, and so eagerly sought after, that one might assume that the world would soon solve its problems through the cultural attainments of its people.

Why this is not true appears clearly in our lesson; for it is wisdom that the world needs, and wisdom is quite different from the understanding or memorizing of a mass of facts.

Education, desirable as it is, may be used by a man for the destruction of himself and his fellow man. Consider the tremendous amount of time and energy devoted to the development of armaments often misused by men. Consider too the efforts devoted to seeking new devices intended only to amuse people, or to separate them from their money in a quick and painless way.

Remember that a man can be an educated demon, as well as an educated saint, and that in both cases his knowledge makes him more effective.

What then is wisdom? It is that recognition of God which teaches a man to live in obedience to His will, and in the manner which is most useful to Him and for Him, in the world.—Moody Monthly.

Proverbs 9:10 helps us to understand the Golden Text: The A. S. Version is plain:

The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom;

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. Wisdom from God is necessary for the understanding of spiritual truth.

2. Wisdom from God is necessary for the exercise of practical righteousness.

3. Wisdom from God is necessary for the guidance of the young and inexperienced.

4. Wisdom from God will be sought for and received by the man who knows its proper value.

5. Wisdom from God brings the blessing of happiness and spiritual discernment.

6. Wisdom from God is more precious than the merchandise of the jeweler.

7. Wisdom from God brings greater delights in this world than the pursuit of human knowledge.

8. Wisdom from God alone is able to make us wise unto salvation according to His own Word.

9. Wisdom from God will make wiser the wise and more just the one who is righteous.

10. Wisdom from God is founded upon the fear of the Lord.

11. Wisdom from God is obtainable through prayer.

—Selected

12. According to First Kings 3:5-14, God gave to Solomon great wisdom which enabled him to rule the Hebrew people in a wise manner. (See also II Chronicles 1:7-13). God gave Moses wisdom, and an understanding heart to lead the Israelites through the wilderness to the Promised Land.

13. **Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding,** verse 13. God expects man to seek knowledge and understanding, and to profit greatly thereby, and also to rejoice in the possession of it. Sinners are expected to seek salvation which God has provided for everyone through Jesus Christ His only begotten Son. The command is: "Seek and ye shall find." A truly converted person is happy to know that he is a child of the King, a new born creature with new vision and a new understanding

of life.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

III. The Lesson Illustrated

A modernist is an individual against whom we must be on constant guard.

Most Modernists are sincere in their false beliefs and teachings. Their sincerity makes them all the more dangerous. The doctrine of Modernism has been so instilled into their minds that it has become a part of their very beings and usually their minds are absolutely closed to orthodox teachings.

They seldom speak of our Saviour as the Lord Jesus Christ. They simply speak of Him as Jesus. In their writings and speeches, they often compare our Lord with other religious leaders, as Socrates, Buddha, Mohammed, and Confucius, but put Him on a little higher level than the founders of pagan religions.

They often advocate the union of all Christendom into one organization, making a grand conglomeration of all who call themselves Christians. Some go further and advocate a union of all religions, Pagan, Jewish, Protestant and Catholic, into one universal system of super-religion and so unwittingly help pave the way for the coming Antichrist.—Dr. Henry Grube, in Defender Magazine.

Our Savior warned against wolves in sheep's clothing. The Modernist's religion is one of becoming better by self-effort. He rejects the doctrine of the New Birth. God will give His children **wisdom** to avoid these deceivers if they ask Him. James 1:5.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Any one wishing to correspond with me between now and July 28 please address me: J. P. Barrow, Dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College, General Delivery, Winona Lake, Indiana.

J. P. Barrow

Since sunshine always follows clouds, think more of the former and less of the latter.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

MISS HAZEL DAWKINS ELECTED
FIELD WORKER FOR THE
ORPHANAGE

It is with pleasure that I announce to the following churches the election of Miss Hazel Dawkins, a student of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and a citizen of Rockingham, N. C., as Field Representative for the Orphanage for the summer of 1947. Miss Dawkins comes well recommended and your cooperation with her will be appreciated by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

James A. Evans, Superintendent

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary

Western Yearly

Saturday, July 19—
Davistown, McDowell County.
Sunday, July 20—
Fairview (11 a.m.), McDowell County.
Liberty (8 p.m.), McDowell County.
Tuesday, July 22—
Bowditch, Yancy County.
Wednesday, July 23—
Mine Fork, Yancy County.
Thursday, July 24—
Green Mountain, Yancy County.
Friday, July 25—
Peterson's Creek, Yancy County.
Saturday, July 26—
North Bent, Yancy County.
Sunday, July 27—
Bald Mountain (11 a.m.), Yancy Co.
Big Creek, (8 p.m.), Yancy County.
Tuesday, July 29—
Pilgrim's Chapel, Yancy County.
Wednesday, July 30—
Young's Chapel, Yancy County.
Thursday, July 31—
Terry's Fork, Madison County.
Friday, August 1—
Price's Creek, Yancy County.
Saturday, August 2—
Pensacola, Yancy County.
Sunday, August 3—
Patterson's Branch (11 a.m.), Yancy County.
Higgins' Chapel (8 p.m.), Yancy Co.
Tuesday, August 5—
Law Gap, Yancy County.

Toe River Association

Wednesday, August 6—
Burmmitt's Creek, Mitchell County.
Thursday, August 7—
Cane Creek, Mitchell County.
Friday, August 8—
Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.
Saturday, August 9—
Middle District, Mitchell County.
Sunday, August 10—
St. Paul (11 a.m.), Mitchell County.
McCoury's Rock (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

Tuesday, August 12—
Mt. Odell, Avery County.
Wednesday, August 13—
Burlson's Chapel, Avery County.
Thursday, August 14—
Lewis Chapel, Avery County.
Friday, August 15—
Elk Mountain, Avery County.
Saturday, August 16—
Vale, Avery County.
Sunday, August 17—
Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.
Piedmont Association
Monday, August 18—
Erlanger, Davidson County.

Western Conference

Tuesday, August 19—
W. Hillsboro, Orange County.
Wednesday, August 20—
Calvary, Durham County.
Thursday, August 21—
King's Chapel, Durham County.
Friday, August 22—
Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.
Saturday, August 23—
Shady Grove, Durham County.
Sunday, August 24—
Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.
Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.
Tuesday, August 26—
Free Union, Wake County.
Wednesday, August 27—
St. Delight, Franklin County.
Thursday, August 28—
People's Chapel, Wilson County.
Friday, August 29—
Rosebud, Wilson County.

Central Conference

Saturday, August 30—
Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.
Sunday, August 31—
Dilda's Grove (11 a.m.), Wilson Co.
Aspin Grove (8 p.m.), Wilson County.
All services begin at 8 p. m. unless otherwise stated.

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

Mrs. Edwin Roper

"No time for God," says the worldly,
As she hurries her whole life
through,

"I'll have more time tomorrow,"
But tomorrow finds more work to
do.

"Today, I must work in the garden,
Tomorrow, I've my laundry to do;
Then, there's my ironing and patch-
ing,
And it's cook all the week through.

"Surely, I'll find time on Sunday
To attend church, or Sunday
School;

But also Sunday morning, I'm tired,
So, sleep I must while it's cool.

"On Sunday afternoon I would visit
A neighbor, or someone who's
sick;
But there's a good picture on at the
theatre,
Or a beach party and picnic.

"I might go riding or fishing,
Why not? I've worked all the week
so hard.
I haven't had time for a party
Nor to play one hand of cards.

"I've no time now for Jesus,
I'll accept Him bye and bye,
When I've gained all life has to offer,
Of material wealth and pride."

But, Oh, the pitiful story,
Of one so negligent is heard!
The sun goes down and she "meant
to"
But still had no time for God.

Then, on that great judgment morn-
ing—
"I've time, please, I forgot."
But her awful doom, "too late," is
heard,
"Depart from me, for I know you
not."

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Margaret E. Martin

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Little Teddy is only twelve years old. He never has been away from home. Teddy has finished his school for the term. The warm weather is near. Many boys at Teddy's age are running the streets with nothing to do and some get into mischief. This brings sorrow and sadness. It is wise for boys and girls to keep their minds occupied so that the devil cannot tempt them to do wrong.

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Why, a letter from Father and Mother! He did not even run back to show it to anyone, but stood near the mail box to read it. What joy came to Teddy's heart! Homesickness had fled and joy filled the longing of his heart.

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And the bonds of love were broken.

'Twas nothing much—just a deep-drawn sigh

From a heart crushed down with sorrow,

But I dashed away a scolding tear
As I said to myself, "There's no hope here

For the joys of a glad tomorrow."

'Twas nothing much—just a pale dead face

And a wreath of roses near it,
But it brought to mind that other day
When she was young and blithe and gay,

And full of hope and spirit.

'Twas nothing much—just a new made grave

With a willow bending o'er it,
And a single mourner kneeling there,
Her pale face bowed in solemn prayer

On the grassless mount beyond it.

'Twas nothing much—just a bitter cry,

And a trembling voice entreating;
For this is the thoughtless friend
who spoke

The scathing words which seared and broke

The heart which has now ceased beating.

'Twas nothing much—just a jesting word

It meant no harm or sin,
But like a cruel, poisonous dart,
It pierced a tender, loving heart,
And crushed the life within.

—Lillie S. Barkley

(Written in her sixteenth year.)

—Selected by Mr. Howard Furbie

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When man fully realizes that he is his brother's keeper, then will come the dawn!

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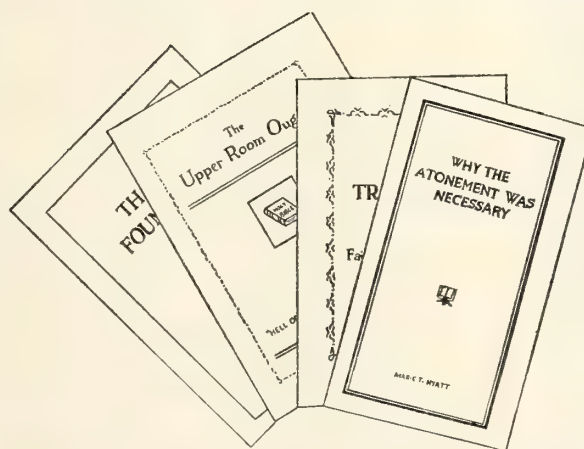
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Union Valley, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 16—
Laruelton Chapel, Madison County.
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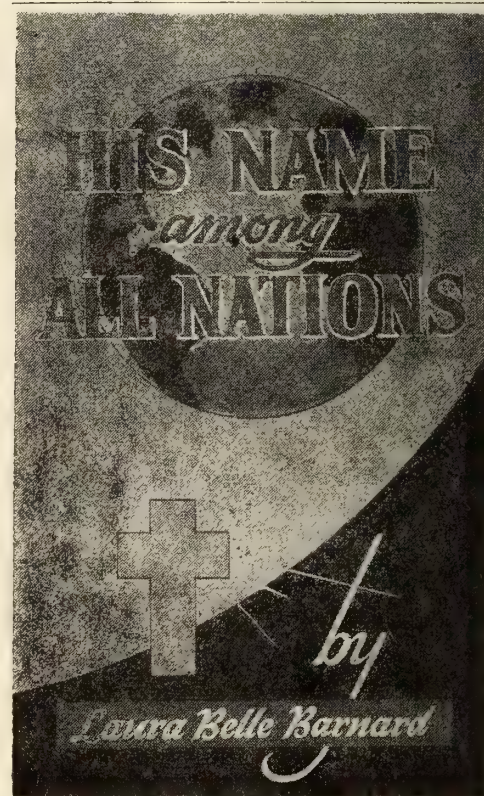
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This the second day of July, 1947.

Hermon Wooten, Moderator
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God Alone Loved

Do I not love thee, Lord most high,
In answer to thy love for me!
I seek no other liberty
But that of being bound to Thee.

May memory no thought suggest
But shall to thy pure glory tend;
May understanding find no rest
Except in Thee, its only end.

My God, I here protest to Thee
No other will I have than thine;
Whatever thou hast given me
I here again to Thee resign.

All mine is thine, say but the word;
Whate'er Thou wilt—be it done;
I know thy love, all-gracious Lord—
I know it seeks my good alone.

Apart from Thee all things are naught;
Then grant, O my supremest bliss!
Grant me to love Thee as I ought;
Thou givest all in giving this.

—Ignatius Loyola

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THE TEST

Mother was trying to get eight-year-old Mary to study her Sunday School lesson. At length she took her Bible from the bureau and said, "Come, Mary, I will help you learn your lesson and then you may go back to your play."

"All right, Mother, but let's study it out of Grandfather's Bible. It is much more interesting than yours."

"Oh, no, Mary. They are exactly alike."

"Well, I think Grandfather's must be more interesting than yours; he reads it so much more."

So live that others shall say of you,
There walks a man!

Courageous Christians conquer conflicts.

Editorial

MISSIONS—

According to Brother Winford Davis' Foreign Mission report for the month of June, the total offerings were nearly two hundred dollars more than for the month of May. We note that some states have greatly increased their offerings for missions over what they have been doing heretofore. The money from the sales of the Laura Belle Barnard book, "His Name Among All Nations," we note, is increasing with each month's report of the Foreign Mission treasurer. This is gratifying, and we hope that the church people will continue to buy the book for much pleasure and profit in reading its enlightening pages.

The writer has noted that in the treasurer's report for June one hundred and thirty-seven dollars had been sent from North Carolina churches and church organizations direct to the Foreign Mission treasurer, instead of first having been sent to Rev. J. W. Alford, treasurer for all Foreign Mission funds of North Carolina, so that he could make a record of this money on his books. In order for him to be able to keep a complete report of all mission money raised in the State month by month, it would be right for all to mail their mission money to him, otherwise the State does not get credit, in Brother Alford's annual report at the Annual State Association, for mission money not reported direct to him.

Of the \$3,433.96 reported for June by Brother Davis, \$1,052.57 was sent from North Carolina by Brother Alford, and with the \$137.39 which was sent direct from the State to the National treasurer, the North Carolina total for June was \$1,189.96, making about one-third of the total raised for foreign missions for the month of June going from North Carolina. We ask, Does North Carolina have one-third of the total church population of the denomination?

We believe each state supporting the mission cause should have totals listed in each monthly report of the National treasurer of missions so that they could be published in the church papers each month in the year. This would, we believe, both stimulate interest in raising more money for missions and also would show how each state stands in the list of states in the support of the mission cause from month to month. On the basis of church population per state, it could easily be shown by chart or table how each would stand at the end of the year when the National Association convenes, and annual reports are given of the different phases of the denominational work.

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EDUCATION—

The educational cause of the denomination is certainly considered by intelligent people as most important in every way. The Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, has its place among Free Will Baptists now in a way that

stands for trained leadership in the church. This is a day of specialization in every worthy aspect of human endeavor, and the training of young men and women for the church is imperative from every angle upon which intelligent people view it. It is a cause for which no loyal church member of means can afford to withhold adequate support, both by interest and money. Christian education must be greatly emphasized by every loyal Free Will Baptist of the denomination.

The truth of the Bible must be taught in the Bible school so as to enable the students, when they have graduated, to go out in the churches, Sunday Schools, Leagues and in the Women's auxiliary work of the churches, and be prepared and ready to render real Christian service for the cause of righteousness.

Our denomination is seriously in need of more and better trained men and women for the different places in the church. Young men and women who feel led to do religious work should be urged to go to the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and there study for life's work in the ministry, missions, Sunday School work, League and Auxiliary work of the church. Not only are the youth to be encouraged to go to the Bible College, but also the church people back at home must show their interest and give of their money to support the school. The school is the means by which the local churches can have better prepared ministers, Sunday School workers, League organizers, missionaries for the home and foreign fields, and better trained leaders for the Women's auxiliary organizations in the various churches. May renewed interest and greater support be granted by the church people everywhere for the growth and advancement of the cause of Christian education in our denomination than ever before.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUES—

According to the increased sales of League literature, among the Leagues of the denomination, at the F. W. B. Press, more Leagues are being established all the while over the states. This is a good showing, and means much to the young people of the churches where Leagues are operating in a good way.

If the different states could arrange to elect a Field Representative for the State League work, and have that field worker to travel in the interest of building up run-down leagues, and establishing new ones where there are none, the Young People's League work of the denomination would soon grow, we believe, into a very large organization of the church. Moreover, it would become a great asset to the cause of Christ in the different phases of the work of the denomination. Get the young people of the church behind the mission cause, the educational work of the denomination and the other outstanding phases of the work, and they will do things to enlarge the whole work of the church.

≈ Our Influence Lives On! ≈

A. L. Sellers
Camilla, Ga.

"Ye are the light of the world. Ye are the salt of the earth." Both of these have reference to our influence. How the world is affected by us having a place in it! The command of the Savior, in Matt. 5: 16, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven," bring clear to our minds that our influence affects the world either for good or bad.

Daniel's influence over the king was so great until the king was grieved when he learned that he had been deceived, and because he was deceived had signed the decree that was intended to destroy Daniel. When he could not prevent the execution of the decree he could say to Daniel, "Thy God whom thou servest continually he will deliver thee." His enemies saw that Daniel's influence for good was so great that they could do nothing with him unless they did it concerning the law of his God. They brought the accusation and thought they would get rid of him, but because of his influence with his God their plan was a failure, so far as he was concerned, for God did send an angel and protected him from the destruction they had planned for him. But it was fatal to them and their families.

Daniel's influence did not only bless then but it has continued to bless until now. Influence lives on after the person to whom it belongs is gone. From his life we get the expression "Dare to be a Daniel," which is very encouraging to the youths of today when they are having to face the evils of life, and want to overcome them. To protect our influence for good some times we have to endure severe persecutions but with the persecution there will come a blessing if we will only dare to be a Daniel.

Joseph's influence in the home caused his brothers to hate him and to persecute him, but he endured the persecution and took care of his influ-

ence and became a blessing to his brothers, and to the world of mankind at that time; also a source of inspiration to those who learn of him in these days, and will continue to encourage the individual who wants to overcome the evils of life.

His brethren had no idea they were plotting against themselves when they were plotting to kill him. His influence with the Lord was so great until He took care of him, and let them live to see how they were being deceived, that Joseph was really their friend, and they did not realize it until they had to go to him for food. Think how they felt when Joseph said, "I am Joseph." Tongue can not tell. They were being punished by their conscience, for they felt that there was something that made Joseph treat them as he had. Certainly, they did not want to meet him after having treated him as they had. If they had known Joseph was the man they were to meet, it is doubtful that they would have ever gone down there, for they would have known that according to the custom he would severely punish them, and that they justly deserved it. But the cause which had placed him where he was would not let him be cruel, but merciful and forgiving. This illustrates very plainly why so many don't want to meet the Saviour. We know we have mistreated him, therefore we expect to be punished, and justly so. They found Joseph different, so do the sinner find Christ different, for He has an inexpressible peace for them.

We as church folks today need to be careful as to what we do, say, or where we go, as Daniel and Joseph were in their day. They were careful not to do the things that would mar their influence, or life and for that reason Daniel refused to eat the king's meat. Joseph refused to yield to the temptation of the king's wife. Paul said if eating meat should cause my brother to offend, I will eat no

more meat. For the same reason, dear reader, I can't go to the Sunday base ball, the Sunday movies, the Sunday fishing and many other things that the so-called church folks are doing today that is marring their influence as Christians. Such is helping to kill the influence of the church in the world, and worst of all it is helping the devil to capture the world for destruction.

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for what soever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life ever lasting" (Gal 6:7, 8).

MEETING AT GRAY BRANCH

Sister Judy Caro held a week's meeting at Gray Branch Church, beginning on June 23 and continuing through the 29. We members of Gray Branch Church want to thank God for the meeting which Sister Judy conducted for us. There were eight souls that were given to the Lord. They were young girls and boys. Sister Judy's son was one to come for baptism. He is only eight years old.

Judy has been called of God to Japan for mission work. Please pray for her and her son. Her husband was killed on Iwo Jima on March 14, 1945, when the Americans were taking the island from the Japanese. Please pray also for us that we shall be able to keep on moving forward at Gray Branch in the name of Christ, until our church is fully complete for His sake.

Yours in Christ,
Walter King

Men deceive with their thoughts and words, but never with their actions.

HIGH-LIGHTS OF STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The N. C. League Convention met with the Micro Church on July 3 and 4. The theme of the convention was: "Youth's Responsibility to Our Denomination." Many inspiring talks, sermons, and songs were enjoyed throughout the meeting.

Several points of importance to each league were discussed at the business session. They were:

1. The Women's Auxiliary convention gave two loving cups to the State League convention to be used as prizes in a declamation contest. The convention voted to include this in the next convention.

2. Each league is asked to send in ten percent of their dues each month to the State Treasurer for the purpose of financing a Field Worker.

3. The Digest of Reports Committee could not complete their report due to the fact that some report blanks, which had been sent in, had not arrived at the time of the meeting. This report will be completed and printed in the Baptist paper soon.

4. Rev. Henry Melvin presided over the installation of officers. The officers for next year are: President Oscar Webster; vice-president, David Wooten; recording secretary, Louise Daughtie; corresponding secretary, Rev. R. P. Harris; treasurer, Alethia Etheridge.

We are asking the prayers and the co-operation of each league to help make our convention next year more successful than ever.

Louise Daughtie, Secretary

A NOBLE AIM

A noble aim in life—one capable of obsessing all one's powers, and in that way obliterating low aims, self-seeking, grasp and greed—is a supreme cause for thankfulness.

It entirely differentiates the child of God from the child of Satan; the servant of sin from the servant of righteousness; the aspirant to the skies, from the earthbound whose lot is the downdrift to loss, remorse, and separation from God.—Colonel Bedford.

EFFECTS OF STRONG DRINK

Rev. Richard Ambrose,
Creswell, N. C.

I have been impressed very much lately to write a few words about strong drink. We see the effects of it every day. We can see the homes which it has broken up and the children whom the effects of strong drink have made to be orphans. We do not say that the men and boys only are using strong drink, for the girls will go out and use it also, and go back home between midnight and day as drunk as the boys.

Young mothers leave their children at home by themselves sometimes to do the best they can, and when these mothers return home, they stagger under the influence of strong drink, with one side of the road just as good as the other for them to walk in. I wish everyone would write to their congressmen to do all they can to do away with whiskey. Most every crime that is committed, when we get to the root of it, was caused by someone who had been drinking whiskey.

Some of the young boys who went away to fight for their country would not touch strong drink, but when they returned home they wanted strong drink. They had formed the habit of using it while in the service of their country. Dear people, someone is responsible for their learning to drink it.

Have the good people forgotten to pray, or have some not had the faith when they were praying to remove strong drink from our land? It is the duty of all Christians to get down to work for the Lord, and to do something about this great curse in the land. Think of the souls that are going down to hell because of the curse of strong drink. Dear people, let us think about these things more than we have ever done. Let us get down to God on our knees and pray that God will lead us in the fight against this damnable curse in our country. If we will do this He will greatly bless us.

SOUTH CAROLINA HOME MISSIONS

Rev. E. P. Kirby
Field Secretary

To the Free Will Baptist of South Carolina. Foreign Missions is our greatest responsibility, but since it is true that we have such a few in number in the State, I think we should rally to our Home Missions, and keep a well prepared force in the field to build up our strength that we may be able to do Foreign Mission work that will be worth while. God is expecting us to do our part in evangelizing the State and the utmost parts of the world. And we are one hundred and twenty seven years old in the State and have never made any special effort to build up our forces in Christ, in the State or elsewhere.

I am doing all I can to get our people missionary minded, and to get a work established in the State that will mean much to the church in the State and in the Foreign Fields.

To the churches that I have already visited, if you are not satisfied with what you contributed to this worthy cause you can still swell your contribution by sending any amount to me between now and November, and I will send you a receipt for it. And to those churches that I have not visited yet I am asking you to be ready to respond as liberally as God directs.

As I have already stated I am doing what I can on this program this year but I do not think I will be in this work another year, and am saying to the churches in South Carolina I will be available for pastoral work, and I will want to give my full time to two churches, I will consider work in the Beaver Creek Association.

(Note: We regret this article was misplaced, which should have been published a few weeks ago.—Ed.)

Cheerful Christians give comfort and consolation to their companions.

Big burdens are best borne by blest believers.

THE CLASS ROOM

THE CHURCH
(Concluded)

D. A. Windham

Imposition of Hands

We have before us an ordinance on which our people seem to be hopelessly and unnecessarily divided. This division is due to an incomplete investigation. Juries are directed by the Court not to render a verdict until the evidence is in; so, in equal fairness, may I ask that each and every one wait for the evidence. Some people content themselves by just accepting a few isolated passages in the Acts of the Apostles, and the Epistles, and then rush to a conclusion; in so doing, base a decision on incomplete research and investigation. These passages only relate the practice of an already established procedure. This ordinance is nowhere taught in the Bible as an act of imparting the Holy Spirit. Nothing could be more absurd. It is true, in some cases that a manifestation of the Holy Spirit followed it, but not always, as at Pentecost, and at the home of Cornelius. Thus it was practiced and there was no noticeable manifestation of the Holy Spirit as in the case of the Seven Deacons and Timothy.

Nothing could be more unscriptural and unreasonable than that mere mortal man can impart the Holy Spirit to another by just laying his hand on that person.

Then the question naturally confronts us; What is the purpose and design of this ordinance? Into what class does it naturally fall? In reply, as I see it, the ordinance is a solemn act of dedicating people, objects and sacrifices, to some special and specific service. And as such it has been practiced from the earliest time and we will use it as an act of setting apart.

The first mention made of it in this light was in Genesis chapter 58 and 59, where Jacob laid his hands on the sons of Joseph, and also on his own son. So we see it had its origin in a "Holy Man of God," the same as the Scriptures. But, one may say,

what has an act that far back to do with us? In reply, it has all to do with us if we can't find where an inspired man annulled it.

Now, we are discussing an act in dedicating or setting apart, and it being observed in the Old Testament, gives it additional weight when we find that its use was extended in the New Testament.

The sacrifice under the law was set apart by the priest laying his hand on it and in this way solemnly dedicating it as the particular offering for which it was designed. To save time and space, I am asking you to read the following Scriptures: Exodus 29:10-15, 19; Lev. 1:8,13; Lev. 8:13; Lev. 4:4, 15, 24, 33; Lev. 8:14, 16, 21; Num. 8:12. From these and many other scriptures, it was the form of setting apart the offerings under the law. The teaching is this: The person took his offering to the priest who, acting in the capacity of a **Man of God**, received it by laying his hands on it and solemnly setting it apart for the service intended.

The imposition was practiced when the Levites were ordained. When we set apart a place or an object, we usually use the term dedicate; but, when we set apart a person, we usually use the term ordain. Now the ordaining of the Levites is found in Num. 8:10, 11. There is but little difference in what is here recorded and that in Genesis, chapters 58 and 59, already referred to.

The first account of an individual being set apart or ordained is found in Num. 27:18, 23: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit and lay thine hand upon him; And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the Lord: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. And Moses did as the Lord commanded him: and he

took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation. And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses." Deut. 34:9, "And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him and did as the Lord commanded Moses."

Here we have it stated definitely how Joshua was set apart or ordained to be the leader of Israel in the place of Moses. The close observer will notice but little difference between the custom of ordaining in the Old Testament and that of the New Testament. In none of these Scriptures do we find any public manifestation of the Holy Spirit; in fact, they were all godly men before their ordination, as all men should be or they should not be ordained.

We have given the most important passages where the ordinance was practiced in the Old Testament, and by those, it is positively proven to be of Old Testament origin and was first practiced by Holy men of God.

And now, where it was practiced collectively in setting apart both persons and objects, please note 1 Kings 8:22, "And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:" In this verse Solomon is solemnly dedicating the temple and all the congregation of Israel as the whole chapter shows.

We have given the origin of the ordinance, and since it was so presented in detail in the Old Testament, it answers in part why it is mentioned in the New Testament without any detailed explanation.

So well accustomed were the people in taking children to godly men, that they might pray and lay hands on them, thereby setting them apart to a life of usefulness which they regarded as a divine blessing, that during the life of our Lord they brought little children to Him that He might pray for them and lay His hands on them. "Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and

pray: and the disciples rebuked them. "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. "And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence" (Matt. 19:13-15).

So firmly had the people been schooled to the ordinance that they firmly believed that the hands of a godly man had a magic effect. They saw that it had been the custom to ordain men when they were to enter some responsible and divinely appointed career. Then the Seven Deacons were chosen, they were solemnly ordained, Acts 6:6, "Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands upon them." Moreover we have in Acts 13:3 where Saul and Barnabas were ordained. It was practiced on young converts. See Acts 8:14, 15, 16, 17. "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

Here we have the first passage dealing with it as it was practiced in the Apostolic Church. Let us notice the order of events. "They were come—they prayed—they laid their hands on them." It will be noticed that they received the Holy Ghost in answer to prayer and not as a result of the imposition of hands. Turn with me now to Acts 19 and read the first six verses. Here we have twelve converts who receive instruction from Paul and who had been baptized unto John's Baptism, where they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. I cannot persuade myself to believe but that Paul followed the fixed custom and prayed as he laid hand on them and the greatest blessing then, as now, that God could confer was a double portion of the Holy Spirit to each, and we are told the Holy Spirit came on them; not because Paul had laid

hands on them but in answer, most likely, to prayer.

And now to the final question: Are we required by the Scriptures to practice it? Some will not agree with me, but for them I only have love and kindness. Some who do not practice it contend it was only for Jews. The whole trend of scripture is proof that it is for Gentiles. One of the Seven Deacons was a Proselyte, that is, a Gentile converted to Judaism, and then to Christianity. Others say it was only practiced by inspired men; so was the Lord's Supper and Baptism if you go back far enough. Then others say we are not definitely enjoined to observe it. But all will admit that the Apostles are the models in church practice. It has been proven already that they practiced it, and Paul says, "be ye followers of me as I also am a follower of Christ."

To my good brethren who disagree with me, I can't conceive of more proof to substantiate any Bible doctrine than I have offered. I have shown that the men of God practiced it before and after the law was given; and that being practiced before shows that it was not of the law. Paul opposed every thing brought over from the Old Testament not necessary to **Justification**, still he does not oppose but endorses it in practice.

Now, in conclusion, if the inspired patriarch Jacob originated it, it had the approval of heaven at the first. If the people would bring their sacrifices to the man of God who practiced it, if the Great Lawgiver practiced it in ordaining his successor and ordered it practiced in ordaining the Levites, then it requires a statement from an inspired man to amend it—a statement nowhere to be found in the Bible.

If we believe in it to the extent that we lay hands on a candidate for the Gospel Ministry and ordain him, and if we feel we should ordain men as deacons, thereby setting them apart to the lives before them, then what man of God can raise his voice in opposition to me when a young convert comes and offers himself or herself on the altar to ask God in prayer to bless and keep that young

life to the end, and follow the godly men, by laying my hands on them, thereby solemnly dedicating that young life to the service of God?

To my brethren who do not practice it, may I make one request. Give God a chance by engaging in this service just one time with an open heart. You will be committing no sin. Ask God to keep the young life steadfast, and such spiritual blessing as you feel lead to ask. Then experience the thrill that will surge through your soul and you and I on this point will stand as one.

THE ROAD TO GRUMBLETOWN

'Tis quite a straight and easy road
That leads to Grumbletown
And those who wish can always find
A chance to journey down.

Just keep down Fretful Lane until
You come to Sulky Stile
Where trav'lers often like to rest
In silence for a while.

And then across the Pouting Bridge
Where Don't Care Brook flows
down
And just a little way beyond
You come to Grumbletown.

From what I learn this Grumbletown
Is not a pleasant place,
One never hears a cheerful word
Nor sees a pleasant face.

The weather rarely is just right
In this peculiar spot.
'Tis either raining all the time
Or else too cold or hot.

The books are stupid as can be,
The games are dull or old,
There's nothing new and nothing nice
In Grumbletown, I'm told.

And so I've taken pains, my friends,
The easiest road to show
That you may all be very sure
You'll never, never go.

—Herald of Mercy, London.

Some self-made men need to be remade.

Notes and Quotes



By J. C. Griffin

What Hinders His Coming?

We are told by the Apostle Peter that there shall "come scoffers in the last days." These scoffers are those who say that it is out of the question for Jesus to come, and they have many blasphemous remarks about the "Rapture of the saints," and "appearing of the Lord in the air." And when you begin to talk about His coming kingdom, that time when "swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning-hooks," and "war will be known no more," they are so far in the dark that to them it is impossible. Well did Peter say that these scoffers would come. Well, I believe that the "Lamb will lie down with the lion," because the Bible says so. That has not come yet, but the "scoffers" are here, so the Lamb and the lion prophecy will follow in the fulness of God's time.

But we were to answer the question, "What hinders the coming of the Lord Jesus?"

We are assured by Christ and the holy apostles, that Christ will come when He is not expected by the wicked.

Scripture

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (1 Thess. 5:2, 3).

You will notice that the apostle says, "they shall not escape." I am not judging, but the present UN certainly looks like the "They" for this so called UN is the greatest blasphemers I have ever read about. It is a bunch of liquor drinkers, whose mind was so base that they wanted to set up a bar room in the big Methodist church when and where they met in London. They set up such a place here in the United States and that on a college campus at that. They opened the first meeting without seeking God's will in prayer, which was an appeasement to old **Bloody Joe Stalin**, whose Molotov just gets up and walks out on the members of the UN when he likes and works to hold off action that really would help the nations, while he and the rest of Joe Stalin's henchmen get things lined up to fight the rest of the world, except those nations that they can bring into the fold of communism. Listen! there are so many of these Reds in America that they are coming out against the Gospel of the Lord Jesus in many places. They burned holes in a tent belonging to an evangelist out in Kansas City, some time back, according to reports, and formed picket lines around the tent to keep women and children away from the worship. Yet with all the hatred for Christ and His religion, there are those who are going up and down the country, posing as great Americans, and at this very moment, they would do any and every thing possible to make Russia fat at the expense of the tax payers of America. Old Stalin is continually sticking his mouth into the affairs of the United States. These communists mock at the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ. They are the **Scoffers** of the Bible. They are the threats to democracy and our form of government.

Jesus Comes not as a Thief to Christins

"But ye brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night nor of darkness (1 Thess. 5:4, 5). Jesus Christ

said, "**Watch**," and all Fundamental Blood bought, and righteous saints are looking for his appearing in the air at any moment; but scoffers, the modernists, who has communism in their vains, even some of these are preachers, tainted with Russian Ideology, who want to starve poor people in other countries, by turning everything over to Russia. Stalin and all communist will never be satisfied until they have made all the world communistic. They are backing them in China. The Russians robbed Korea, and they have their thumbs on a large part of Europe. They want to boss every part of the world.

Back to the Question—"What Hinders the Coming of Jesus?"

There is only one thing that is hindering the appearing of the Lord Jesus in the air and the rapture of the saints. That one thing is recorded in the 9th verse of the 3rd chapter of 2 Peter and reads: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." You will notice that it is "**Promise**" not promises. Peter is talking about that one promise that modernistic scoffers are talking about as "slackness." Jesus promised to come back for his church, or the believer in in Christ—the church is composed of all true believers, whether "Jew or Gentile."

Let me again say that it is only the **Long Suffering of God** that is holding Jesus back of the clouds, but some of these days before long the **Long Suffering God Will Cease**, and the Lord Jesus will come in the clouds, and we who are a live and remain will drop everything and mount up to meet Him in the air. Go right now and read the Fourth Chapter of first Thessalonians. **Amen.**

If you're a drawing-card let goodness permeate your life.

Your circle of friends should all be square.

HONOR ROLL OF MINISTERS AT
CRAGMONT CONFERENCE

June 27 to July 3, 1947

1. Rev. A. L. Reynolds*
First Free Will Baptist Church
Rocky Mount, N. C.
2. Rev. J. E. Floyd*
1st Church
Marion, N. C.
3. Rev. Paul Jenkins*
Elwood Lane Church
Kannapolis, N. C.
4. Rev. Wade H. Calvert*
N. Belmont Church
Belmont, N. C.
5. Rev. L. H. Clayton*
Mt. Zion Church
Kannapolis, N. C.
6. Rev. R. W. Allman*
Sherron Acres Church
Durham, N. C.
7. Rev. Lloyd Vernon*
Beulaville Church
Kenansville, N. C.
8. Rev. R. N. Hinnant*
Mt. Zion Church (Spon.)
Micro, N. C.
9. Rev. E. O. Connelly*
Caroleen Church
Caroleen, N. C.
10. Rev. R. P. Harris*
Aux. and S. S. of four churches
Kenly, N. C.
11. Rev. S. A. Smith
Beulaville, N. C.
12. Rev. James A. Evans
Middlesex, N. C.
13. Rev. L. H. Boykin
Wilson, N. C., Route 2
14. Rev. M. L. Johnson*
Little Rock Church
Lucama, N. C.
15. Rev. N. D. Beaman
Free Union (Greene Co.)
Snow Hill, N. C.
16. Rev. J. B. Ferrell
Elm City, N. C.
17. Rev. J. F. Parrish
Route 4
Rocky Mount, N. C.
18. Rev. O. M. Hilburn
Elizabeth City, N. C.
19. Rev. F. E. Jones
Kenansville, N. C.
20. Rev. Carl Shook
Spartanburg, S. C.
21. Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
Wilson, N. C.

22. Rev. Willie Renfrow
Middlesex, N. C.
23. Rev. Boyd L. Shook
Spartanburg, S. C.
24. Rev. Wingate Hansley
Durham, N. C., Route 5
25. Rev. J. C. Varnell
Wilson, N. C.
26. Rev. D. W. Hansley
Folkstone, N. C.

Note: Names indicated with an asterisk * means that they were sponsored by a church, Sunday School or Auxiliary.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Secretary,
Kenly, North Carolina

DUTY NOT ENOUGH

By A. R. Flowers

I believe it was L. D. Ricks who gives us the story of the lady who had two cats that found a home about her premises. One of these cats she really sought for, but the other was a "take up." She considers she owes a living to the one, but the "take up" she feels under no obligation at all, although he is a well-behaved cat. She is conscious of her duty, and does it toward the one that she sought, but feels that she is lavishing food and kindness on the stray cat, however, he is a nice cat. She moralizes over her attitude.

Now, why did she, grudgingly, give to the stray, unfortunate cat? She was only doing her duty. I wish that all professed Christians could realize that duty is a poor incentive. You must go beyond duty to be blessed and to get joy out of your giving. I used to know a good old quaker, over in Pennsylvania, who once said, "You need to give something until you really feel it." She was one hundred percent right. Too many of us are satisfied to give just what we can well do without. In fact, I have very little patience with the man who does just enough each day to induce his employer to keep him on the job. We have some church members who are actuated by the same listless spirit. Just so they can be counted in, that seems to be the extent of their ambition.

But there is no where to stop, for

Revelation 2:10 says, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." To see an old man settle down to an idle life, as long as he has good health, is one of the most pathetic pictures I know. On what condition is God going to let some of these old boys by? Instead of going to see the sick, encouraging the downcast, giving good advice to the young, you will find many of them spending much of their time, these days, sitting at the cross-road store, spinning smutty yarns.

Please read the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel for yourself, from verses 33 to the end of the chapter. From these verses nobody can be mistaken as to how Jesus values Christian service. Years ago, Tom Johnston gave two million dollars to the poor and unfortunate people of his state, and I am told that at the close of every Sunday hundreds of tracks can be found around his grave until this day.

Brethren, nothing but wholehearted service in the name of our Lord and Master can ever make this old world a better place for man to live.

REVIVAL AT GRAY
BRANCH CHURCH

We have just finished a week's revival meeting at Gray Branch Church. We had a good time in the Lord with soul-stirring messages which were given by Sister Judy Caro each night. Every night the church was filled with people, and the singing was good by the Gray Branch Choir.

Our pastor, Rev. R. C. Kennedy, was present with his prayers each night. There were fourteen who were baptized, and many others came to the altar for re-dedication of themselves unto the Lord.

We are requesting the prayers of all the Christian friends that we may continue to serve the Lord and grow in grace daily.

By a Church Member

The consecrated one-talent man or woman has promise of a larger influence for good than any intellectual genius who has not met the Master. —Samuel M. Zwemer.

PRAISE HIM! CROWN HIM!

"Sing praises to God, Sing praises: Sing praises unto our King, Sing praises"—Ps. 47:6.

How we exalt and praise our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and His marvelous saving power. What a joy unspeakable to see prayers answered! The Daily Vacation Bible School and revival at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., was a wonderful success. Each boy and girl eagerly followed instructions as they prepared booklets, sewed, and studied God's Holy Word.

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark of Wilson, Rev. A. L. Reynolds of Rocky Mount, and Rev. Wingate Hansley of Durham were the Evangelists during the week. God used them and their messages to convict many tender young heart of their need of Jesus as their personal Saviour, and many accepted Christ Jesus. Is there anything more beautiful than to see children taking Jesus as their King?

Miss Almeda Armstrong of Columbia N. C. was the Director for the School, Miss Addie Louise Melvin of Durham taught the Juniors, and Rev. F. A. Rivenbark taught the Intermediates. They were excellent teachers and all the children were helped by their work. Miss Margaret Lewis of Greenville, N. C., was the pianist and also taught the beginners. She was a very fine teacher and did splendid work.

On Friday evening the Superintendent and his faculty gave the children a weinner roast. Nor was this all, Rev. F. A. Rivenbark and Leaguers of his pastorate in Wilson served the children ice cream which was enjoyed by everyone. We thank each and all of you for this happy time to remember.

Friday night brought to a close that wonderful week of close communion with God, and happy fellowship with our children and their teachers and other personnel. Each group gave a fine program, and the booklets and communion towels that the boys and girls made were exhibited to everyone.

The writer was secured to illustrate Bible stories by flannelgraph each

evening, and some during the mornings.

"Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your hearts before Him: God is a refuge for us" (Psa. 62:8).

Rachel Wooten

CONFESSING OUR LORD

We cannot accept Christ until we have confessed Him as our Saviour by an act of our own will. It is not enough just to believe that Christ died for us, for we must believe that without Him we are lost. If we will live an honest life, and confess Him He will save us from our sins.

We should not expect God to give to us His great blessings because He is rich in every blessing, but because our needs are great, not that, for the best testimony that we can give of our salvation is by our living true to Christ day by day. We are to keep the commandments, for Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments." But if we do not live true to God's commandments and be obedient to Him, we then fail to do as He has required of us. Even those of us who have undertaken to follow Christ often go back again and again to the sins that so often trip us. But if we will resist the Devil, and do not let him enter into our hearts and take away the love of Jesus Christ, he will flee from us,

If we wish to live a Christian life, we must ask God to be our guide and shining light so that we may see and never falter, or stumble along the way of life. Let us so live that we will be prepared to go on vacation with Jesus when He comes for the saints. The only way that we can do this is by accepting Christ as our personal Saviour and being baptized, and having our sins washed away in the blood of the Lamb. Christ was crucified on Calvary's cross for everyone, for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should have everlasting life.

Nelson Simpson

When evil outweighs good it calls for an immediate reversal.

REVIVAL AT MT. BEULAH

We are proud to report to the people the results of our revival meeting, which convened June 30 at Mt. Beulah Free Will Baptist in Rockingham, North Carolina.

The Lord gave us 29 souls and we had 18 to join the church.

We want to extend our gratitude to the Reverend Roy Rickard of Belmont, N. C. who was our evangelist during this revival meeting, for his wonderful work.

Asking everyone to remember us in prayer, we are,

Noah Brown, Pastor,
Mt. Beulah F. W. B. Church

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Association of Free Will Baptists for June, 1947:

Receipts

Balance on hand June 1	---	\$1,780.08
Regular receipts for June	--	218.53
Total to account for	-----	\$1,998.61

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated Ministers	\$215.00	
Operating expense	23.00	
Paid to the National Board	48.88	
Total paid out	-----\$ 286.88	
Balance July 1, 1947	-----	\$1,711.73

Receipts Itemized

Friendship (Johnston Co.)	---\$ 1.00
N. C. State S. S. Convention	_\$13.42
Gum Swamp S. S.	-----\$ 3.00
Entwistle Church	-----\$21.43
N. C. State Aux. Conv.	-----\$99.68
N. C. State Aux. Conv.	-----\$75.00
Core Creek S. S.	-----\$ 5.00

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

Efficiency is a product of honest endeavor.

FOURTH UNION DISTRICT REPORT

Miss Nancy Owens, Secretary

The Fourth Union District of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with Antioch Church May 29, 1947. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. Marvin Smith of the local church. Prayer was offered by Rev. Preston Ellis. The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Jim Edmondson and response was by Brother Ernest Baker. An offering for the orphanage was taken which amounted to \$18.85.

At this time the Union recognized the ministers present. The very impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. J. D. Vernelson, after which the president appointed the banner, finance and program committees. We were then dismissed for lunch by Rev. P. C. Wiggs.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing of "Standing on the Promises," and "More Like the Master." The devotions were conducted by Rev. J. D. Vernelson. Prayer was offered by Bro. Vernon Sullivan. We were favored with a solo by Bro. Sullivan.

The business session was entered into with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes approved as read. The roll was called of the Sunday Schools and Ladies Auxiliaries. There were seven Sunday Schools present, two represented by letter and three absent. There were six Ladies Auxiliaries present, three represented by letter and three absent.

We heard the report of the program, finance, and banner committees. The banner committee decided that the banners would go to Saratoga Ladies Auxiliary and to Aspin Grove Sunday School. The reports of the various committees were accepted.

After the local church gave its program, we were adjourned to meet in August with Daniels Chapel.

Better health will be enjoyed when we follow more closely the rules which permit it.

CHARITY NEVER FAILETH

On one of the earlier tours of Paderewski, great Polish pianist and patriot, he had an engagement during Holy Week arranged by two students of Leland Stanford University, who guaranteed a fee of \$2,000.

It was a poor time for a concert, and total receipts were only \$1,600. In mental distress the two students told Paderewski they could pay him only \$1,600 now, and he would have to wait for the rest of the promised fee.

This did not suit Paderewski. He directed that the students pay all their expenses, hall rental, advertising, etc., from the receipts, deduct 20 percent for themselves, and pay him whatever was left.

These were the only terms he would accept. One of those two students was Herbert Hoover, through whose relief work thousands of lives were later saved in Paderewski's Poland.

EVERYONE SHOULD LIVE FOR JESUS

Everyone should live for Jesus,

And think of Him each day;
They should always read the Bible
And don't think they should have
their way.

Everyone should live for Jesus,
But some think He's not true;
So they often get in trouble
And don't know what to do.

Everyone should live for Jesus,
And ever do His blessed will;
When sometimes you are lonely,
He will then your presence fill.

Everyone should live for Jesus,
For He's always very near;
Everyone should love Jesus,
Listen, sinner, do you hear?

Sallie Griffin

Winning little or nothing and losing much, is a poor reward to a gambler.

An Unendable Religion

Chester E. Shuler

Two men met an old Negro preacher one Sunday afternoon walking along a lonely country road. The darkey was carrying a fat 'possum which evidently he had just killed.

"Let's have some fun," said one man to the other. "That old preacher's been hunting on Sunday. Let's talk to him about it." They hailed the Negro.

"How's this, Reverend, that you are killing 'possum on Sunday? Isn't it against your religion, and aren't you setting a poor example for your flock?"

The old man stopped and scratched his hoary head. "Yassah! Reckon Ah is, suh. But yo' see, de kind o' religion that won't bend 'nuf to let a niggeh kill a 'possum as fat as dis one on Sunday couldn't be 'stablished 'round heah nohow!"

Now it would seem that this old darkey preached is not the only servant of God who has this brand of trouble with his flock. It is all too true that a flexible religion is much more popular than the sort which "won't bend." Yet, the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ does not bend where sin is concerned. It is inflexible. Its pathway is strait and narrow—yet its end is life eternal. The broad way, the flexible, "bendable" way leads to destruction.

Christian principles do not bend. They are strong and steadfast. If we seek to hold to them, we, too, shall be strong and steadfast in our Christian life.

The Bible Made America

America rests upon four cornerstones: the English Bible, the English language, the common law, and the tradition of liberty.

But liberty, language, and laws might have been drawn from the Bible alone. Had we brought nothing with us across the sea beside this supreme Book, we might still have been great. Without this Book, America could not have become what she is; and when she loses its guidance and wisdom, she will be America no more.

Did we bring the Bible to these shores? Did it not rather bring us? The breath of ancient prophets was in the sails that drove the tiny Mayflower. The hope and faith of ancient poets, kings, and law-givers was in the hearts of those who first sang the Lord's song in this strange land. Our first dim outlines of a commonwealth in the Western World were drawn "as near as might be to that which was the glory of Israel." From those beginnings until now the Bible has been a teacher to our best men, a rebuke to our worst, and a noble companion to us all.—Odell Shepard.

One of the devil's snares is to so occupy us with the past and the future as to weaken us for the present.



Godly Parents and Their Children

(Lesson for August 3)

Lesson: Proverbs 1:8-9; 6:20-23; 17:6; 19:18; 22:6; 23:22-26.

1. Golden Text Illuminated

"Train us a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

In a large rural center in California there is a city of many thousands of citizens, a great number of whom get their living in some fashion from the products of the soil. They sell to or work for the farmers in some capacity, so that the business men of the community have a very real interest in the welfare of the agriculturist. Some time ago one of the great service, or luncheon clubs of that city did a very practical thing when they raised money to purchase a high grade, pedigreed boar to be used to raise the standard of the pig crop. This costly animal came fully authenticated with geneological records and birth certificates and all the impediments of a pedigreed thoroughbred and was hailed with acclaim. So well did the project succeed that this year the United States government came to this city and purchased two of the sons of this animal, and shipped them to far-away Guam to raise the grade of the native porkers on that island.

In this same California city, "on the wrong side of the tracks" there are hundreds of negro and Mexican children who would be classified as "underprivileged"—and aside from a bag of candy and a toy at Christmas, I could not find that the service clubs were doing anything to raise their standards of living. They are growing up in shacks, in the midst of squalor, and only the public school system which is operated by the state gives them a hope of a better life later on. Yet these children are going to be in competition with

the boys and girls who are the offspring of the merchants who have a wise interest in pigs: and when they are all adults together, this city will have a tremendous problem to face. If it is true that an adult is the result of childhood training, why not get excited about this?

II. Heart of the Lesson

Proverbs 19:18. **Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.** The time to chasten or correct a son is before the error has hardened his nature or taken away his reason. The time to chasten a wayward boy is before he has committed a crime. The time to break a child's stubborn will is before he grows into manhood. Solomon realized that it might, in some instances, take punishment as well as pleading, but he warned that sympathy because of the child's tears should not be allowed to shape a course of weak leniency. No parent has a right to exercise unkindness or cruelty in correcting his child. The parent who knows his child, and trusts the Lord, is more capable of chastening him than any one else.

—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it, verse 6. Solomon here gives excellent counsel to parents, and if they will "train up the child in the way he should go," then they will not be abusive, nor over harsh in their chastisements of their children. They will use correct principles and good methods in correcting their children, so that, when they are grown up, they will love and hold great respect for their parents because of the good training which they received in the home. Of course, there are some exceptions to the general rule, but most children properly reared in the home will always show respect, love and great concern for their parents in later years. Thus, considerate and careful training on the part of parents will be amply rewarded later on in life.

—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

There is a foolish idea current in our day which says that the way to

rear children is to let them develop according to their own interests and instincts, without discipline or definite guidance.

The fruits of that kind of child training are now being harvested in the present crop of juvenile delinquents. We have the sad and awful proof before us that children cannot be reared that way.

We are not pleading for a return to the unduly restrictive measures of some of our forefathers; children are not helped by harshness or cruelty. But there is a proper place for definite instruction, for discipline, yes, even for chastening when that becomes necessary.

Everyone in the home has a measure of responsibility for making the family life what it ought to be. No one from the small child to the great-grandmother is without influence, and each must contribute to the welfare of the home. Our lesson reaches from the young person to the grandfather rejoicing in his children's children.—Moody Monthly.

It may be argued by skeptics that Solomon's teachings are not true, or else why did he turn away from God in his old age. But here Proverbs 22:6 is true. Solomon's mother was very attractive, and also very ambitious. She was not satisfied with being the wife of one of the bravest officers in King David's army. She wanted to be David's wife and thus a queen. Her method of attracting the king's attention was not so crude as that employed by Potiphar's wife, but it was shameful to say the least, for respectable people do not bathe in public, in the nude at least. She knew her husband would have to be murdered in some way, if she were to become David's wife, but even murder could not swerve her from her ambition.

Now note that Solomon was influenced by this trait of character in his mother. His ambition to be the greatest king of his time led him to contract marriage with perhaps hundreds of heathen princesses who led Solomon and the nation away from God and into idolatry.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

MISS HAZEL DAWKINS ELECTED
FIELD WORKER FOR THE
ORPHANAGE

It is with pleasure that I announce to the following churches the election of Miss Hazel Dawkins, a student of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and a citizen of Rockingham, N. C., as Field Representative for the Orphanage for the summer of 1947. Miss Dawkins comes well recommended and your cooperation with her will be appreciated by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

James A. Evans, Superintendent

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary

Western Yearly

- Sunday, July 27—
Bald Mountain (11 a.m.), Yancy Co.
Big Creek, (8 p.m.), Yancy County.
- Tuesday, July 29—
Pilgrim's Chapel, Yancy County.
- Wednesday, July 30—
Young's Chapel, Yancy County.
- Thursday, July 31—
Terry's Fork, Madison County.
- Friday, August 1—
Price's Creek, Yancy County.
- Saturday, August 2—
Pensacola, Yancy County.
- Sunday, August 3—
Patterson's Branch (11 a.m.), Yancy County.
Higgins' Chapel (8 p.m.), Yancy Co.
- Tuesday, August 5—
Law Gap, Yancy County.

Toe River Association

- Wednesday, August 6—
Burmmitt's Creek, Mitchell County.
- Thursday, August 7—
Cane Creek, Mitchell County.
- Friday, August 8—
Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.
- Saturday, August 9—
Middle District, Mitchell County.
- Sunday, August 10—
St. Paul (11 a.m.), Mitchell County.
McCoury's Rock (8 p.m.), Avery Co.
- Tuesday, August 12—
Mt. Odell, Avery County.
- Wednesday, August 13—
Burlson's Chapel, Avery County.
- Thursday, August 14—
Lewis Chapel, Avery County.
- Friday, August 15—
Elk Mountain, Avery County.
- Saturday, August 16—
Vale, Avery County.
- Sunday, August 17—
Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.

Piedmont Association

- Monday, August 18—
Erlanger, Davidson County.

Western Conference

- Tuesday, August 19—
W. Hillsboro, Orange County.
- Wednesday, August 20—
Calvary, Durham County.
- Thursday, August 21—
King's Chapel, Durham County.
- Friday, August 22—
Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.
- Saturday, August 23—
Shady Grove, Durham County.
- Sunday, August 24—
Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.
Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.
- Tuesday, August 26—
Free Union, Wake County.
- Wednesday, August 27—
St. Delight, Franklin County.
- Thursday, August 28—
People's Chapel, Wilson County.
- Friday, August 29—
Rosebud, Wilson County.

Central Conference

- Saturday, August 30—
Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.
- Sunday, August 31—
Dilda's Grove (11 a.m.), Wilson Co.
Aspin Grove (8 p.m.), Wilson County.
- All services begin at 8 p. m. unless otherwise stated.

THE SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE

Oh, soul that is busy and worried
For the pleasures and gain of this
world,
Stop and think for a moment, I bid
you;
There's a message to you should be
told.

If you hurry along on your journey,
While on earth you're allowed to
stay;
You'll not hear the glad message, I
bring you,
"Jesus is passing this way."

You may gain this world's recognition,
Filthy lucre may be yours—yes to
burn,
But all of these will only perish,
At the close of life's setting sun.

O soul can't you hear Him whisper,
"I love you, please open the door,
I long to your heart, admittance;
To come in and dwell ever more."
Mrs. Edwin Roper

POWER TO FORGET

The subjects which we turn over and over in our minds are the things which color our minds and dispositions.

While we thank God for the power of remembering, we are not sufficiently grateful for, nor do we make the wisest use of the power of forgetting. Yet one is as important as the other. Forgetting the things that are behind, our minds are free to ponder on the things ahead and on the will of God for us.

But if we dwell on past injuries, filling our hearts and lips with their injustice, our meditation of Him cannot be sweet.

God means us to deal with the wounds of the past as we do with bodily wounds—cleanse them, bind them up and when they have healed, forget them.

Still to be smarting under a wound inflicted years ago shows that something is gravely amiss. It probably points to grudge-bearing or the want of the forgiving spirit.—Mildred Duff.

Repent of your sins today. Tomorrow may be too late.

We give mind and body a rest, but what of the tongue?

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"A STARRY BED"

There was a certain little boy, who lived in a certain little town, in a certain little house. The little boy was a physical wreck, the house was a wreck, and the bed he was in was a wreck. You see, the boy had a spinal ailment that left him helpless. He could not get out of his bed and walk as you healthy boys and girls can. His mamma washed clothes for a living. Sometimes she had to go to other's houses to wash, and sometimes some kind people brought the work to her house, so she could be with her boy. But they were poor, and the boy did not complain. Do you know why? He had Jesus in his heart, and that made all the difference in the world to his little heart.

He received great joy in watching the sky. His bed was near the window. He often watched the big fleecy clouds and they reminded him of fluffy pillows. The patches of blue in the sky reminded him of the bed coverlets. When the stars shown through at night, with their cheerful twinkling lights, they were the night covers, glowing and warm. Then the little lad would snuggle down and wiggle warmly between his own poor coverlets, but he would ask Jesus to keep him warm and "comfy" throughout the night, and Jesus would do just that.

One night, God saw the poor aching body could not stand much more pain. The spine was becoming more sore, and often the little lad would take the ends of the poor coverlets for his bed and bite them hard with his teeth, so Mother could not hear him cry with pain. So God thought since the boy enjoyed His beautiful sky, He would take him beyond the fleecy clouds, beyond the twinkly stars, beyond the patches of blue, to be with Himself. Then the boy could see the right side, the bright side of God's heavenlies. And in the cold dawn of the morning when Mother went to his bed, she saw at a glance

that her little son, who was so patient and so uncomplaining had gone to a place where there was no more pain and no more suffering, to be with the Lord and Saviour whom he loved so well.

I love that portion of Scripture found in Revelation 21:4, and wish you would love it too: Read it, and think about it. Does it not make your heart happy: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Maybe dear boy or girl, you are in pain, maybe you have a crooked leg or a crooked spine. Just remember, that Jesus does love you, and He cares and He does understand. He can ease the pain, and help you to pass the long, lonely hours. Then some day He will have something far better for you. Just read this verse, remember it and let it comfort your heart.

—Leota L. Knopp.

Hearts may be softened with the milk of human kindness.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Do your church need a pastor or need to change pastors? I have finished my training in our College in Nashville, Tennessee, and am now available for service in the city or rural section, wheresoever the Lord calls, and the people desire my service. I have a wife and two children.

If you want me to visit your church please correspond with me, giving dates that will be open and I will visit your church. If you want any further reference as to my adequacy for service you may write the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, or my Pastor Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Bladenboro, North Carolina. My address is the same as it was before I went to college; Bladenboro, North Carolina.

Yours in Christ for service,
Rev. Allen B. Bryan

A CORRECTION

In a recent issue of the Baptist paper, there occurred an error in the article entitled, "Marsh Swamp Daily Vacation Bible School," to the effect that it stated that 50 perfect attendance certificates were awarded when it should have been 150. We regret that this error occurred in the article.—Ed.

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1. Marlboro	1 Blanket	
2. P. D. W. A. Conv.		\$12.00
3. Macedonia (Craven)	1 Blanket	
4. Sweet Gum Grove	1 Blanket	
5. Black Jack	1 Blanket	
6. Moseley's Creek (Eastern)	1 Blanket	
7. Elm Grove (Central)		4.75
8. Bridgeton Senior (East.)		5.00
9. Sandy Plain	2 Blankets	
10. Malachi's Chapel		10.00
11. St. John's		5.00
12. Kenly		9.50
13. Micro		14.25
14. Kinston		10.00
15. Ayden		4.75
16. Grimesley		9.50
17. Reedy Branch		4.75
18. Smithfield		4.75
19. Core Creek		9.50
20. Smith's New Home		9.50
21. Clinton		9.50
22. Gum Swamp		9.50
23. Corinth (Cape Fear)		10.00
24. Pleasant Hill (Central)		4.75
25. Otter's Creek		5.00
26. Friendship (Johnston, Western)		4.75
27. Antioch (Wayne Co.)		4.75
28. Rose of Sharon		4.75
29. St. Paul's (Elizabeth City)		9.50
30. Malachi's Chapel		
Welcome Bible Class		4.75
31. Serecta Chapel		9.50
32. Holly Springs		9.50
33. Mt. Tabor		4.75
34. St. Mary's (Craven Co.)		9.50
35. St. Paul's (Sampson Co.)		10.00
36. White Oak Grove (Cape Fear)		4.75
37. Selma		4.75
38. Shiloah		4.75
39. King's Cross Roads		4.75
40. Bethel (Kinston)		5.00
41. Little Creek	1 Blanket	
42. Winter Greene	1 Blanket	
43. Hugo Church		5.00
44. Beaverdam (P. D.)		5.00
45. Piny Grove (Pitt Co.)		4.75
46. Mt. Zion (Nash Co.)		4.75
47. Rocky Mount		7.20
48. Sidney		9.50
49. Hugo		4.75

50. Free Union (Albemarle)	9.50
51. Wilson. Wilson	4.75
52. Dawson Grove	4.75
53. Beulaville	9.50
54. Piny Grove (Johnston Co.)	4.75
55. White Oake Grove (P. D.)	9.50
56. Rose Hill (Pitt Co.)	4.75
57. May's Chapel Church	4.75
58. Pine Level	4.75
59. Marsh Swamp	4.75
60. Juniper Chapel	4.75
61. Goldsboro First F. W. B. A.	9.50
62. Little Rock (Johnston Co.)	4.75
63. Pleasant Grove (Western)	5.00
64. Little Rock M. S. (Johnston Co.)	4.75
65. Lee's Chapel	4.75
66. Pleasant Plain	4.75
67. Stony Creek	4.75
68. Rains Cross Roads	4.75
69. St. Delight (Greene Co.)	4.75
70. Maury	4.75
71. St. Mary's	4.75
72. Reedy Branch Y. W. A.	4.75
75. Belhaven	4.75
74. Friendship (Jones Co.)	1 Blanket
75. Johnson Union	4.75
76. Davis W. A.	5.00
77. Union Grove (Wayne Co.)	9.00
78. N. C. State A. Conv.	90.00
79. Money turned in to State Aux.	
Treas. mailed to Cragmont undes-	

ignated from whom	29.50
80. Oake Grove Circle No. 1 (P. D.)	4.75
Total income for Blankets	\$564.95
J. Albert Harris, Business Manger	

REVIVAL TO BE HELD AT
MT. OLIVE CHURCH

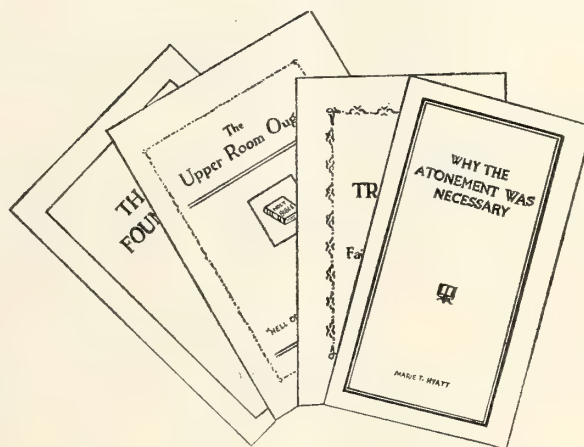
The Lord willing, a revival meeting will be started at Mount Olive Church in Beaufort County on Monday night after the first Sunday in August. The meeting will continue through the second Sunday night in August. The public is invited to attend this meeting. Reverend L. B. Manning of Fountain, North Carolina, will do the preaching. Reverend A. C. Austin of Aurora, North Carolina is the pastor of the church.

A. C. Austin

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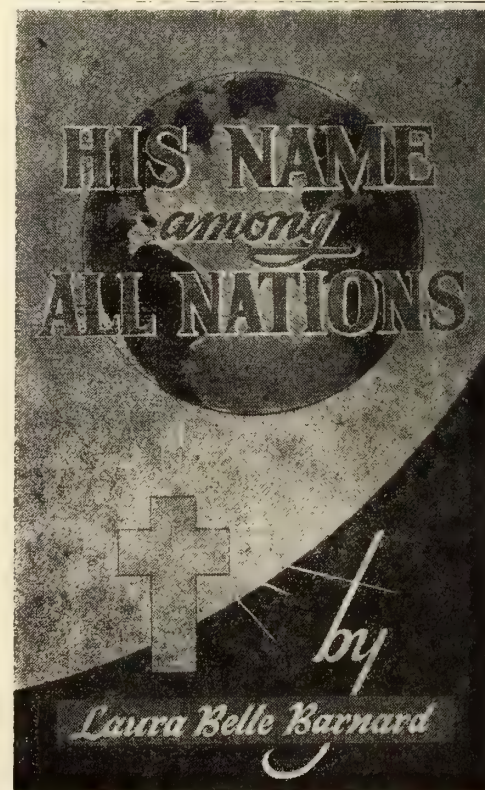
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Searching the distant bounds of time and space,
That somehow I may image, as I grope,
Jehovah's power and grace.

My soul a microscope shall be,
In all minutest providences keen
Jehovah's patient thoughtfulness to see,
And read his love between.

My soul shall be a burning-glass
That diligence to worship may succeed,
That I may catch God's glories as they pass,
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A VISIT TO KING'S CROSS ROADS CHURCH

On the third Sunday in July we visited King's Cross Roads Church, which is located near the town of Farmville, North Carolina. We were welcomed by the pastor and members of the Sunday School to enter with them into the study of the Sunday School lesson, and also to remain for the eleven o'clock services. This we did and worshipped with the congregation during the splendid service.

While visiting with those fine church people, we observed some things we think are worthy of note. In the first place the pastor has a large choir of young people who take the leading part in the song services, both of the Sunday School and of the regular church services. Designated leaders from this group of young people manage or direct the regular and special music for the services, and they seem to take great delight in serving in this capacity. The Sunday School, though not large in membership, is doing a splendid work from all appearance, as well as the Woman's auxiliary of the church is progressive in its work in the church and community.

The present pastor is Rev. D. A. Windham, who has led the church in building Sunday School rooms, and also caused it to hold services on two Sundays in the month, first and third. From the reports of some, this church is progressing in a splendid way, and is looking forward to doing greater things for the cause of Christ in the near future. The next annual session of the North Carolina Central conference will convene with it in November. The people are looking forward to entertaining the conference in a good way this fall.

We were informed that a Young People's League is working well with the young people, and the attendance is growing all the while. At the close of the preaching services on third Sunday, the young people made several pictures of the different groups of the Sunday School and the congregation for future purposes, both for local interest and the coming conference. Among several of the leading members of this church is one, Brother L. A. Fulford, who is the president of the Second Union meeting district Sunday School convention of the conference. We are hoping that the good people of this church and Sunday School will go forward even in a greater way as time passes.

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OBSERVING RELIGIOUS MEMORIALS

Church memorials or anniversaries have their place in the history of church affairs. Home-comings and Dedication Anniversaries, frequently celebrated by some churches over the country, have their meaning and serve in many ways good purposes both for the local church and surrounding community. Old friends, former pastors, the church people and neighbors assemble on such occasions at the church for a joyous celebration. Old acquaintances are renewed, hearts are made to rejoice, and old memories are brought back to the minds of old friends. The program for the day with good music, deep devotions unto the Lord with a splendid sermon and fervent prayers, and holy worship together in the spirit of praise and thanksgiving, all have a great meaning both for the old and the young. Then, the bounteous spread at the noon hour of the wonderful picnic dinner on the church grounds, together with the laughter and fine spirit of sociability, bring gladness to the hearts of many old friends and acquaintances. Yes, the sacred spot, the old home church, the place where many of them many years ago had confessed their sins, and accepted Jesus as their blessed Saviour, is dear to their hearts and they seem to be drawn a little closer to the Lord.

Those occasions do have their significance. When the celebration is over, the local church seems to be revived in spirit and moved to do greater things for the cause of righteousness. The community as a whole has been benefitted in many ways because of the part taken in the church affair.

We have often wondered why more country churches do not have Dedication Anniversaries, Memorial Days, in honor of the deceased members and friends buried in the church cemetery, and Home-Coming celebrations, in which one and all might get together for a day of praise and rejoicing in the name of the Lord. We believe that if this were to become a custom among a great many more rural churches those churches would be greatly revived and the people in those communities would become more interested in the church and its real place in the community. New interest will be stimulated in some while others, we believe, will take more interest in the work of the church. Such annual occasions should become an established practice of the country church, to which the friends, the church and the community people would be looking forward from one year to the next for the coming of this joyous occasion.

Modernism and Atheism Refuted

Arthur B. Chandler,
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Catholicism is not, as many are prone to believe, the arch enemy of Christianity: there is one other that is even more strong than Catholicism. In these last days, true to prophecy, Satan has mustered and placed his most powerful and effective force in the field—the Army of Modernism. With their half-truths and cunningly concealed objectives, expressed by a masterly manipulation of language and permeated throughout by insidious strokes of psychology, they constitute a definite and dangerous menace to revealed religion. Although they would be the last to confirm it, it is a truth nevertheless: all modernists are atheists. Shakespeare says that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet; likewise an atheist by any other name is one who denies the existence of God.

"Come, let us reason together," saith the Lord. We must face the facts; for it is a truth beyond dispute that there are many people today, classifying themselves very proudly as intellectual skeptics, who claim that all religion exists merely as a form of escapism for people of low mentality and weak wills who are unable to cope with the realities of life. God, in their estimation, is the product of man's imagination, created solely as a means of explanation of the higher truths which our dwarfed intellects can not comprehend. These pseudo-enlightened men maintain that all religion is a product of fear and ignorance—fear of life and death, and ignorance of nature. Religion, they say, is for the undeveloped mind and has no part in the mental make-up of man who has grown in knowledge through the medium of scientific investigation. They cherish the opinion, false as it is, that education will do away with the necessity of God and religion. Education, true education, can never supplant or supercede religion; yet it is well for us to bear in mind: if we continue to permit the ungodly and the atheistic to select and control the

courses of study pursued in our public schools, we are giving them the opportunity to plant and nurture the seeds of doubt in innocent minds. Let us remember this good advice: "Train up a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it;" as the twig is inclined, the tree is bent: and the chains of habit are too small to be noticed until they become too large to be broken. This situation is far more serious than many of us realize; and it will require organized and continuous effort on our part to halt this force that is busily applying itself toward the establishment of orthodoxy and ignorance as synonymous terms.

Let us examine the assumptions that these so-called master-minds are presenting and see if we can not detect the fallacy of their logic:

In the first place, the assertion that religion is the product of fear is empirical in the extreme—there is no real evidence for such a belief—the fact that some cowards do turn to religion for succor does not prove that religion originated from cowardice. Religion is a natural part of man's constitution—just as natural as life itself—and all men, from the Aborigines of Australia to the Einsteins of the scientific world, come within the limits of its universal appeal. True religion fosters an attitude that is the exact opposite of fear: man ceases to fear when sustained by an unfaltering faith in the wisdom and mercy of God.

Man in the flesh is estranged from God. Not only is he estranged from God, but he realizes in his own soul that something is missing—that he is not complete—something has been lost that was once a part of his nature. This is not the limit of his realization; for he is also fully cognizant of the fact that there is a method in existence whereby his soul may be re-united with God. He is predestined to seek this method of perfecting his own soul; and this search will ultimately lead to religion. It matters not if he is reared

in the hovel of penury or is nursed in the lap of luxury, if he is gifted with a touch of genius or possesses only the stunted mental capacity of a moron, his loss is the same, and its recovery must be accomplished through exactly the same process.

In the second place, religion is not derived from ignorance: to determine the fallacy of such a statement, all we have to do is examine the religious views of some of the world's most intellectual men. No one is likely to classify Sir Isaac Newton as an ignoramus; yet this man, possessing the greatest analytical mind the world has ever known—a mind capable of conceiving and explaining the mystery of the universe—the exact mathematical law that governs its motion in space—was a devout Christian and the author of an explanatory text on the revelations of the Bible. No one would venture to say that Benjamin Franklin, America's first scientific mind and one of the fathers of our country, was lacking in intellect; yet he went on record by saying: "I think the system of morals and the religion as left us by Jesus of Nazareth is the best the world has ever seen or is ever likely to see." Francis Bacon, philosopher and scientist, who has been esteemed by many as the wisest of mankind, had the following to say about Christianity: "There was never law, or sect, or opinion did so much to magnify human goodness as does the Christian religion."

Can any man who is capable of thought actually believe that religion is the offspring of ignorance? The cheapest sophistry in the world is to attempt to answer an argument by degrading the character—mudslinging is the art of politicians. Religion, in its grandest form, is an upward impulse of the soul—an impulse that can not be subdued by mockery or persecution, nor by death itself. Religion, instead of being the child of ignorance, is the noblest, the grandest, and the most exalted of all the branches of knowledge—what intel-

ligence—pray tell me—can surpass a personal knowledge of God?

In the third place, all men have need of religion. The soul is eternal; and it is only through religion that we can safeguard its future. This eternity must be spent somewhere: with true religion, it may be spent amid scenes of peace and love about the throne of God; without religion, life is hopeless and vain and death and corruption constitute its crowning glory. Without faith to guide our groping hands and our stumbling feet, we are predestined to fall an easy prey to that great personification of evil who reigns over the crimson pathway of sin. The will of man in itself is not sufficient to overcome the manifold and the multiform temptations presented to the flesh. The quicker man realizes this fact, the sooner will he seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in his quest for the fountain of life.

Wealth and education, far from taking away the necessity of religion, serve only to make it more expedient. It is a fact that can not be denied: the wealthy and the learned are more often and more strongly tempted than we who are forced to earn the bread that sustains us by the sweat of the brow. Wealth and education are not evil in themselves. It is only when our depraved natures place them on a pedestal and give to them a higher place in our lives than we give to our Creator, that we go astray. Both may be a blessing, provided they are used with discretion.

It is true that we who possess very little of this world's goods and make no claim to intellectual distinction realize more fully our need of spiritual assistance. Christ was aware of this fact and for this reason came of peasant stock. We appreciate the gift of God and are glad to hold communion with Him. We are willing to walk in humility in His presence, to be obedient to His will, and to render cheerful, unsolicited service as a measure of appreciation for the wonderful grace that He, by His infinite mercy, has seen fit to bestow upon His children. On the other hand, however, they who possess wealth and learning have a great tendency to underestimate the benevolence of

God, to develop hypercritical attitudes towards all forms of revelation, and to place too high a value on their own accomplishments. They become wise in their own conceits; and often adopt the degrading philosophy of doing just what they please as long as they are not apprehended by the policeman on duty. They possess much of the mere knowledge, which, misapplied, tends toward evil, and little of the true wisdom, which worketh salvation. They fail to realize that there is a higher law than that which is enforced by the policeman—a law, which, if it were only obeyed, would make the policeman's task completely unnecessary. I speak of the law of God, written by the Saints, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and known to us as the Holy Bible. These men have rejected the word of God, choosing to harden their hearts after the manner of Pharaoh, until they respect nothing save wealth, ambition, and power—and these in none but themselves. They become very vain creatures—haughty, proud, self-righteous, arrogant, conceited, misanthropic, sadistic, sophisticated, egotistical, and afflicted with megalomania—very similar to the rooster that fancied the sun got up of mornings to hear him crow. If their vanity and pseudo-logic had no effect on others, we could, to a certain extent, ignore their prattle; but their field of influence is becoming larger with each passing day, and if something is not done to check their evil sway over the minds of our youth, our entire civilization is in serious danger of becoming degenerate and atheistic.

Heretofore, I have applied myself to remarks concerning God and religion; but now I design to speak a few words in regard to worship and prayer. Those who deny the existence of God are very fond of reminding us that worship is the product of an inferiority complex and nothing less than a form of mental slavery. William James, the famous American psychologist, once wrote a personal letter of apology to his student body in which he admitted that in the composition of his last text, he had overlooked what was perhaps the noblest of all human emo-

tions. The emotion to which the renowned psychologist referred was appreciation. Upon this emotion and through this emotion, our entire system of worship has its outlet. Why should we not show our appreciation to Him who died an ignoble death on Calvary's cross for the remission of our sins? Why should we be condemned for manifesting our love for our Creator? We would think a man inhuman, or very hardhearted at least, who failed to show appreciation for any unmerited gift, regardless of how small it might be. What then are we to think of those who fail to show any appreciation to God for His gift to the world? It is almost inconceivable to fancy a man who has no appreciation for the gift, without being forced to realize that there are those who not only show no appreciation but actually ridicule and blaspheme the sacred name of the Giver. If we could sing the praise of Jesus Christ and offer prayers and supplications for His edification from this day until that great day when He comes in the clouds of glory, our appreciation would still be very small in comparison to the gift. Perhaps I am just a little thick in the head, but I fail to understand how the manifestation of our love for Christ can, by any stretch of the imagination, be linked to, or associated with, mental slavery. No man enjoys more freedom than he whose sins have been forgiven; no man has a larger range of liberty than he who seeks to do the will of God.

Many people have scorned the medium of prayer; but more things are accomplished by prayer than this cold and skeptical world is willing to give credit to. It is true that the answer to our prayers does not always come as a direct revelation from heaven. At times the Father sees fit to conceal His works from the vulgar eyes of the skeptic and unbeliever and answers our prayers in such manner as to appear as a seemingly natural event of the day. However, at other times, the answer comes in such a direct and spectacular manner that the world can not ignore it. Even then they are loathe to give credit where credit belongs. They much prefer to maintain that

the effect was produced by chance. Any man who is even remotely familiar with the calculus of probability and the principle of its operation should never be deceived by this misapplication of the term **chance**. We who are firm in the faith know that that which the world can not understand and chooses to call by the unmeaning term of **coincident**, is in reality a direct revelation of the power of God in answer to the faithful prayer of one of His Children. Yes, more things are accomplished by prayer than even we ourselves realize; therefore, let us remain constant in prayer one for another. When we invoke the Father with supplications in our own behalf, let Him hear the names of our comrades commingled with our own and see our eyelids moist with tears for those who are yet bewildered by the complexities of their own imaginations.

I trust that no one thinks that through this essay I have sought to condemn either education or wealth. Education should develop, enlarge, and cultivate the intellect; religion should cleanse, inspire, and sanctify the soul—both are necessary for the perfection of man. In order to obtain this perfection, however, education and religion must harmonize—a false note from either string will result in a discordant melody.

Because a man chances to have riches or has taken advantages of the opportunities of achieving distinction in secular studies, does not take his need of Christ—his need is just as great as that of another. All men must be endowed with the Holy Spirit before they are complete. All must come to the foot of the cross—at the foot of the cross where all men are equal—at the foot of the cross where the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man is fully established and completed. They must realize that Christ is the only way, that Christ is the only means of reweaving the tattered shreds of youth's young dream, the only means of bringing solace to a broken and bereaved heart, the only means of bringing fellowship to a lonely soul, the only means of satisfying an inquisitive mind, the only means of regaining that which we have all lost, the only means of re-uniting our souls

with God, the only means of ridding our carnal bodies of the Adamic curse, and the only means of obtaining eternal life—Christ is the Author and Finisher of our Faith and our only Hope of salvation.

Let us strive to bring our intellects and our souls into harmony. Let us test each string and tune it aright so that a resonant tone may be produced by each oscillation of thought or emotion, and when we have accomplished this, we will be privileged to sing the sweetest song that was ever conceived in human heart or found expression through lips of clay.

A REMINISCENCE

As my mind sinks back to some-time ago, I can close my eyes and clearly see a little white church neatly nestled beneath some tall pine trees that are continually nodding their heads together and whispering to each other in the soft breezes that blow. They drop their needles to the churchyard below forming a soft carpet to pad your footsteps so as not to disturb the dead sleeping in the little cemetery behind the church.

I can see the flowing well with its crooked pipe of fresh cool water coming straight out of the ground to form a large puddle at the root of a large tree. As you stoop to drink, you may view your rolling reflection in the puddle stirred by tiny twirling tadpoles. These tadpoles shed their tails, growing long legs, to become the frogs that blend their voices in throaty chorus among the cattails and peep out, popping their eyes at the naked boys swimming in the old wash hole in the little creek that flows along behind the cemetery.

This little spot is called **New Town**, although it is far out in the country on the hill of Burnt Branch. Where these names originated is beyond me, but everyone accepts them as appropriate.

As I picture myself at meeting time beneath those pines, I enter the church up the long wooden steps that run the whole width of the porch which is as wide as the church. I enter the door on the right as the one on the left is usually for women. The two doors open upon a walkway that

leads all the way down to a home-made altar built in a half circle like a half-moon so as to give more room for lost souls to kneel and know the real truth of His loving forgiveness. It is painted red mahogany to represent **His Blood** freely shed there. It is an old custom for the older men and small boys like myself to sit on the right side of the church, while the older women sit in the row of seats on the left side, with the courting couples and newly-weds sitting in the middle row under the watchful eyes of the elders from both sides.

In class dear old Aunt Lela Driggers is passing out beautiful picture cards of Jesus and telling us that **He** truly loves us in spite of the fact that we think we get very little attention from anybody. A bell tingles and we all gather in the main church around the old organ with instructions to open our mouths and sing out with "**Jesus Loves Me**" under the direction of Mr. John Ervin Roberson, who is a man of true faith like the sermon I once heard. He has the boldness of a lion, the patience and humbleness of an old ox, with a spirit that seems to soar like an eagle above the storm clouds of this world and bask in Heavenly sunshine always. Cousin Mary is vigorously pumping the peddles of the old organ with a full determination to ride the thing all the way up to Heaven if it were a mode of physical transportation in that direction. The music is soft and sweet. Mr. Willie Thornbrew, who is near-sighted, strains his eyes to read the report of the secretary to a bunch of bright-eyed students.

A big clock on the wall slowly ticks away the time that flows on like a river under a bridge to finally become lost in an ocean of vastness so great that it knows no boundaries.

After a short recess, we have preaching time. Again I find myself seated in church besides Padget Roberson, who is my neighbor and buddy. I glance around at familiar faces that I know so well until I could almost write the life history of each one.

There is dear old Aunt Agnes with all of her three hundred pounds clothed in a homespun dress with a big bonnet that covers all but her face that seems to glow with **Godly**

love. A better woman never lived. Seated beside her is a small skinny old woman dressed in about the same fashion, with bony, sun-baked hands, but carrying a heart as big as a mill rock made of solid gold. It is Aunt Jane Roberson. Some of the folks brought her all the way from over the swamp five miles away.

Then I see old Brother Josh Miles who brought all his boys in one buggy with some standing on the rear axle and the old grey mule straining and sweating like a horse.

Then I catch the eye of my Cousin Preston who gives me a sly wink. I say to myself that I want to grow up to be just like my Cousin Preston.

There is a duet by Vera and Irene which is just a little off key, but very beautiful. After all we know very little about notes and keys. We just love plain, pretty singing.

Uncle Matthew Floyd has slipped in and seated himself on the back seat, meekly holding his hat, and hoping he will not be noticed. He has given a big helping hand many times to almost everyone in the whole community.

Jack Thornbrew is an afflicted boy, but Jack is a good boy. I used to plow in a cornfield near his home and each day I could look up at the end of the long rows about eleven o'clock and see Jack standing there with a big smile and a jug of cool water. Jack gets up every Sunday, dons his Sunday clothes, powders his face, and limps across the bay to church with his penny for the Lord. And I am sure that each time God opens the book of life to his name and gives him credit for a million dollars, because it isn't what we give that really counts. It is the way in which we give.

There is an amount of silence over the church as preacher Vause pauses a second for His wonderful words of wisdom to sink deep into the minds of the congregation. At this time the old clock strikes twelve, the mules begin to bray and paw the dirt around those pines, and I, too, am hoping the meeting will close because I'm hungry. Besides, Padget and myself have big plans for the afternoon. We spy something funny and begin to snicker when suddenly we

are tapped on the head by brother Scott Driggers, who warns us to be quiet. This brings our attention back to the sermon in time to hear Reverend Vause ask us to sing a song and be dismissed.

Once church is over, we tighten our belts and wait another hour while the men talk of crops, the women show their babies to each other, and dear old Uncle Eli Floyd stutters through all the details of his last fox hunt. Then we are off down the path, across the old hollow, half-rotten footlog, and through the field to home where awaits a big chicken dinner, cakes and pies. Leaving the little white church all alone to nestle just a little closer beneath those gossiping pines.

Most all of us have little things that we call "keepsakes." It may be an old Bible, a chair, a pair of baby shoes, or a lock of hair. They are sweet, simple symbols of bygone days, humble homes with hard-working fathers and sweet mothers. This has helped to make America great, leaving its trademark on the rock of ages for future generations.

If you want to live forever on,
Don't carve your name on marble or
Stone.
For that will pass with time and
wind,
Just carve your name on the hearts
of Men.

By Brady Welch in humble appreciation of past, pleasant memories.

(Submitted for publication by Mrs. Dudley Floyd, Sumpter, S. C.)

ANNIVERSARY AT ST. DELIGHT CHURCH

The Fifty-Sixth Anniversary of St. Delight Church in Craven County, North Carolina, will be celebrated on the third Sunday in August. This celebration is expected to be a great occasion in our community. The public is cordially invited to attend this service. We want all of our former pastors who are now living to be present on that day. Also all members and former members are requested to come for this meeting, and if any are unable to attend, will you please write to Rev. B. F.

Ringgold, Sr., New Bern, North Carolina, Route 2.

Historical Sketch

Our church was dedicated on the third Sunday in August, 1891, by Elder Wilson Lupton and assisted by Elder Robert F. Stilley, and son, Levi Stilley. The first pastor was Elder Wilson Lupton; the second was Elder E. A. Rouse; the third was Elder Henry Cunningham; the fourth was Elder R. F. Stilley, and on in succession as follows: Elders M. C. Prescott, L. C. Garner, Duffy Toler, Gilbert Cox, J. W. Sewell, W. C. Edwards, D. B. Gower, W. W. Lewis, R. F. Daugherty, J. P. Woodard, C. L. Bennett, R. C. Kennedy, C. H. Matthews, Robert Tripp, R. H. Mason, J. A. Harris, Clinton Lupton, F. R. Williams, and the present pastor, Rev. Kenneth Gaskill.

We the members of the church would be very glad to have the widows of our deceased pastors to be present for this celebration on the third Sunday in August. They are the following: Mesdames A. E. Rouse, M. C. Prescott, Mrs. W. A. Banks, widow of Elder Levi Stilley, Mrs. D. B. Gower, and Mrs. Lucy Daugherty, and also all other widows now living of the deceased pastors. Please try to attend this occasion if you possibly can do so. Send Rev. B. F. Ringgold, Route 2, New Bern, North Carolina, a card or letter as early as August 9, as we desire to have our program arranged by that time.

Date of our Revival

We would like to say that our present pastor has preached during the past year some very fine sermons. He has been instrumental in leading eleven or more souls to Christ. Practically every service during the year has been a revival service, and every Sunday night we have prayer meeting with the church filled with people.

Our revival meeting will also begin on the third Sunday night in August. The Reverend Wade L. Jernigan, of Bladenboro, North Carolina, will conduct the meeting. We are asking all members, neighbors and friends to come and join us in this revival.

Rev. B. F. Ringgold, Sr.,
New Bern, N. C., Route 2

Notes and Quotes



By H. C. Griffin

The National Association: We are rejoicing over the fact that the Holy Spirit seemed to guide and perform things that we feel will be a great success when put into action for the glory of God and the ongoing of the work of the Free Will Baptist denomination in the United States and in our mission fields.

Rev. Thomas Willey, the head of our mission work in Cuba, was on hand also, Miss Yealey. These servants of the Lord gave us encouraging news concerning the field. However, it is no easy work, only those who are willing and ready to make great sacrifices can carry on, as it takes entire consecration to make a go of the work. For lack of space and time, we cannot report in detail.

Our work in India, as presented by our very efficient Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Winford Davis, shows plainly what we have done, and assures us that our obligations will increase with the possibility of opening up a new work in the Northern part of India. Let us be assured that as we live and progress we will have greater demands for increased efforts.

Some High Spots: As we have already said, we cannot go into detail with the news or work of the Association, but we are happy to note some things. To those who are eligible, the opportunity comes now that they can get \$2,000 insurance instead of the \$1,000 as heretofore. This writer feels that this is a great opportunity for our young men who can stand the examination. If they accept this offer given by the Superannuation Board, they will not be like a great number of we older men, who have worn our life out and not accumulated the so-called "nest-egg" for old age, and have to have "right-out" charity; of course, this charity is good, and in keeping with the Holy Scriptures, when administered in

the name of Jesus. Let us hope that all our young ministers will take advantage of this offer.

There will be a campaign by the Superannuation Board for the purpose of raising funds to increase the charity end of the Board's work and also, make the insurance end stronger. So, listen for the news through the Board which is scheduled to reach us after a few weeks, perhaps.

The Month of Revival: It was agreed and passed by the Association to make next March a period for special evangelistic services. The purpose is for Education, Inspiration and Dedication. Well, we think that we need all this. Don't you? No kick, with us. Let us go forward and see the salvation of the work as given to us by our Christ.

The Revision Committee: A Committee for the purpose of a Revision of the present Treatise was elected. The Rev. J. L. Welch, of Nashville, Tenn., was made Chairman of this committee. One member from each State association or State Conference, is requested from its body to meet with the Committee elected by the National Association when in session. Rev. Raymond Riggs, of Detroit, Michigan, was elected as Secretary of the Committee. Brother Welch and Brother Riggs will report in due time. Let every one pray for the work. Pray that God's will may be done.

The Election of Officers: Practically all officers were re-elected for next year, with Rev. L. C. Johnson, as Moderator; Rev. Floyd Cherry, Assistant Moderator; Rev. E. C. Morris, Secretary; and Rev. C. E. Bowen, Assistant Secretary; and Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary also Treasurer. Very few changes in committees were made.

The Next Session of the Association: There were two invitations for the next session of the Association, namely: Georgia and Arkansas. The church in Pocahontas, Ark., won, and so the next session is scheduled to go to that State.

All in all, we believe that we, the Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States, are gaining with each move to higher and greater efficiency in the spread of the Gospel of

the Lord Jesus. Let us pray and pay, and go in these last days as the Lord has commanded. We may not reach the goal as desired each year, but we can do like Paul said: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14).

The Host Church and its Pastor: The Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, has certainly established the fact that they can entertain a National Association. The pastor, Rev. Raymond Riggs, planned and then he worked his plan. Of course, he had a good team of men and women to work with him. They were agreed. I can only say, after using all words at my command, with the Queen of Sheba, "The half has not been told."

Our Prayer: I can lift my voice to the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ, and say "Lord Jesus, lead us on to higher heights and deeper depths of Wisdom, Knowledge, Love and Consecration, toward Thee and the work; and each other as a people. Amen."

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am available for pastoral and evangelistic services for another year. It will be my good pleasure to pastor churches, hold revival meetings, and do all I can for the cause of Christ wherever called to render services for my Master.

Rev. M. C. Roscholar,
902 East 28th Street,
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Telephone, Norfolk 34345

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a meeting of the officers of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute August 6, 1947, at the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist Church. The time of this meeting is 6:30 P. M.

Albert T. Coates, President,
N. C. F. W. B. Sunday
School Convention

THE CHRISTIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The two most important factors in any Sunday School are the teacher and the pupil. The teacher is the key to learning. Since the teacher in the public schools must be well trained and prepared to teach, so much more the Christian Sunday School teacher should be trained to teach to others the Word of God. In II Timothy 2:15, we read, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Through the Divine Word of God, we are commanded to study to show ourselves approved. How can we teach others unless we ourselves first know the subject to be taught, how to teach it, and have the ability to teach it? The teaching process is a two-fold one, including both teaching and learning.

Since the teacher is the all-important factor, then why do we spend so much money in equipping the church building with the best of materials, so much time in the encouraging the attendance of all children in the community, and yet have teachers who cannot teach them adequately? A well-trained teacher makes the pupil want to learn.

In earlier days children were taught by their parents. From early childhood they were taught the reverence of the study of God's Word and the worth of prayer. The greatest loss which the home has sustained is the passing of the family altar and the instructions of the Bible. The pastors were once teachers also, but they too have let go of their responsibility. We must remember that Christ himself was the greatest teacher of all time. The Jewish rabbis were not preachers but teachers. The early church was a teaching church. Martin Luther believed in the pastors being able to teach the Word to the extent he once said that a clergymen was not fit to preach unless he could teach. John Wesley so firmly believed in pastors working with the children and winning them to Christ that he instructed the pastors to spend one hour each week with the children of the community.

But today we have lost the teaching vision and its importance.

The parents have no time to teach their children about God. Our pastors are so busy on doctrinal subjects and different other subjects that they have no time to teach. Therefore, it is left to the church to train consecrated men and women to teach. I do mean consecrated men and women. A Sunday School teacher does not teach for a salary but because of the love of God, for the love which she has for the children, and the great desire which she has to build lives for Christ's kingdom work. The teacher inspires, instructs, and guides the pupil in the study of the Word. Since the responsibility of the Sunday School teacher is to guide a growing young life, he or she must be prepared to guide in the right way. If the word "education" means the drawing out and the developing of the mind, then we must have teachers who understand each child in the class, and who have the ability to bring out the best in each child.

Another requirement of the teacher is that he or she must be able to enter into the experiences of the pupil with sympathy and understanding. The Bible is the Text-Book, and the chief source book for Sunday School teachers. Sunday School teachers must know whereof they speak, as they face the class week after week. The Bible is the tool the Christian teacher must use to build Christian character in the heart of the pupil. We read in Hebrews 4:12, "For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." The Bible offers a revelation of God, it brings messages of salvation from sin and death, and it is a guide to holy living. Our teachers must know how to study the Word of God for knowledge before they can teach correctly the truth to others that they may use it well.

The main importance of the teacher is to teach the pupil about God, His Word, and His Son, and to bring

the pupil to know Christ and to desire to learn the Word. If in this she is a failure, then as a teacher she fails. Our Lord called teachers out to set themselves apart and to study to show themselves approved. The great commission was given to teachers the same as to preachers (Matt. 28:19-20).

We would not dare to send our children to a public school to untrained teachers, yet we send our children to Sunday School teachers who never read the lesson over before trying to teach it—teachers who know nothing of the Bible, and often they are teachers who themselves know not the Lord as their own personal Saviour. A conscientious Sunday-School teacher should feel the obligation to God and His great command to study, and the obligation to the pupil for his spiritual and eternal welfare. Teaching a Sunday School class is like all other professions, it yields the greatest rewards to those who take it most seriously, and who put forth the most efforts to fit themselves for the task.

Mrs. John B. Elliston,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

YOUTH REVIVAL

Youth revival closed at Cramer-ton Free Will Baptist Church Sunday night, July 20. During this revival we had good attendance. Six professed faith in Christ and eleven united with the church.

The singing was conducted by the young people who did a splendid job, and we are much pleased with the talent among our young people. We wish to express our appreciation to the adults for their interest during this revival.

We thank each one for taking part in financing the meeting, and may God repay them four-fold.

We were happy to have Rev. Lester Englist, in this Youth Revival, and we are looking forward to having him again in the near future.

Your Pastor,
Roy Rikard

We may round out a good life by square dealing.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department



MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON
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TO FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMEN EVERYWHERE

Dear Sisters:

At the recent meeting of the National Auxiliary Convention in Detroit, Michigan, the Women's Conference, scheduled for Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, the week from August 18 through August 25, was endorsed as a project to be participated in by Free Will Baptist women throughout the bounds of the National Association. Therefore the invitation formerly extended especially to North Carolina women, is now most cordially extended to our women everywhere, who can attend this great conference.

Applications are coming in in a gratifying manner, but we want to **FILL CRAGMONT TO ITS CAPACITY**, and let as many as possible of our women get the benefits of this week of inspiration, fellowship, study and recreation in one of the finest spots in America. What better vacation could any of our women desire than a glorious week in the mountains, in the company of other women of like interests, united in a common fellowship of love for our Lord and His church, seeking to prepare for a greater service to Him?

Women who come from the west, the north or the south will find splendid bus and rail service into Asheville, and hourly busses on to Black Mountain, over the new wonderful super-highway up the beautiful Swannanoa valley. Those going from eastern North Carolina will have the privilege of riding our Orphanage bus, which has been chartered for the trip to Cragmont and return. Rates will be reasonable, and the bus may be boarded at New Bern, Kinston, Greenville, Wilson, Raleigh or Durham. (Schedule will be published later.)

Send your application to me, to-

gether with the \$2.00 registration fee. Then when you get to Cragmont you pay only \$17.00 for the full seven days board, room, and other services at the Assembly. These two items and your transportation is the only necessary expense, and you allow yourself whatever spending money you choose. Write today for any particulars not given in this article.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director,
309 Bern St., New Bern, N. C.

PLAYING CHURCH

One is concerned at the lethargy of most Christian people. They are going through some motions Sunday after Sunday, with the enthusiasm of an absent-minded fourth grader during his daily calisthenics session.

My children play doctor. They play store. Occasionally they play church. They line up the chairs, as many as they can muster, and then put a few dolls here and there to make up the "congregation." There are always vacant seats. They have all of the parts of the service. Sometimes their singing is nothing to write home about, and the offering may be just a few buttons and other odds and ends that happen to be handy.

These children, if asked what they are doing, guilelessly exclaim, "We are playing church." But the adults who "play church" put on a show that is not funny! They leave the seats empty, while the preacher declares that "there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." But they are not concerned. The ushers pass the offering plates, and the people put in whatever happens to be handy.

When the time for the offering came in one church, a little girl no-

ticed a rather buxom lady fingering over the conglomerate treasures of her handbag in search of a small coin. Failing in this, the woman closed her purse, and folded her hands, intending to appear in an attitude of worship while the plate passed in front of her. The little girl, who had brought her envelope from home, realized the seriousness of the situation—that someone should be at church without an offering. So the little tyke pushed her envelope into the woman's hands with the words, "You put this in and I'll hide under the bench!"

What would happen if everybody who named the name of Christ would quit playing at the job of being a Christian and begin to mean business for Him! Gone would be the little jealousies. Gone would be the type of Christianity reserved for "Sundays only." Gone would be the inconsistent business methods on the part of those who really know Him. Gone would be the careless admissions that all those not already saved are already lost. The admission would be there, but they would not be careless. There would be those who would be ready to go to the lost person with the gospel—in person, or in the person of one whom they would support by prayer and gifts and other forms of help.

It is time that those who know Christ quit fooling around at being Christians. It is time that they stopped "playing church."—W. F.
—In Moody Monthly.

REVIVAL AT MT. ZION

We recently had one of the best revival meetings at Mt. Zion Church in Washington County, North Carolina, that we have had in many years. We were blessed with beautiful weather, and there were many visitors each evening for the services. We feel that we were more than blessed to have been able to have for our evangelist, Brother Clinton Lupton, to do the preaching.

Brother Lupton brought soul-stirring messages each evening, beginning on June 30 and closing the meeting on July 5. We are praying that

God will greatly bless Brother Lupton wherever he may go to preach the gospel to lost souls. We are hoping that he will be blessed to come back to our church again in the near future to hold for us another meeting.

There was only one convert during the meeting, but Brother Lupton's messages opened the way for one

more who came on Sunday morning at our regular service. One of the outstanding things for which we are to give Brother Lupton credit for is the fact that he organized a choir of boys and girls, from the ages 8 to 18, with about 30 to 40 in the choir each evening of the services.

Tom West, Plymouth, N. C.



News From India



MINUTE PORTRAITS OF OUR INDIAN WORKERS

Mr. Mulli:

Mr. Mulli is a Badaga and is a son of the first convert to Christianity in Kotagiri—the first fruits of the Methodist Mission here. Mr. Mulli is past sixty and is considered an old man. Most of his life has been spent in teaching, first, for many years under the Methodist Mission and since 1943 under Free Will Baptists. He is our teacher at the Kota Day School and teaches the larger boys' class in our Kotagiri Sunday School. Mr. Mulli is almost six feet in height, standing and walking very erect despite his age. He invariably wears sandals which he removes, as is the custom, upon entering a building, a waist coat—be it cold or hot, trousers. He is never without his cane which is part of his equipment rather than an aid to walking. His experience as a teacher, more than a worker, makes him valuable to us at this juncture of our work. Accordingly, to his own statement he has been a teacher for over forty years.

Salome:

Salome is our Bible Woman. In Christian Missions in India, a Bible Woman compares to the professional Worker at Home. To successfully do the work of the Bible Woman, one must be both an Evangelist and a Personal Soul Winner filled with the Grace of God. She is the daughter

of one of the First Indian Workers of this section. For years she has labored both here in Kotagiri and the Mysore District. She is a widow and most interested in the salvation of the lost. The work that she is doing among the Sweeper Class is, I am sure, most pleasing to the Lord. She is the teacher of the older girls' class in the Sunday School. I would say—judging from what I have seen during the short time I have been in Kotagiri—that she is an efficient and consecrated worker.

Esther:

Esther is—by the Grace of God—the spiritual daughter of our own Miss Barnard. In fact whole Pakkiam Family, with possibly two exceptions, are at least part of the hire that the Lord has given Sister Barnard for her unceasing labors. Her brother William is head of the staff here at "Shamrock." After serious setbacks, He now seems to be on the "Rock." Esther has also two other sisters that are Christians. The younger one, Grace, is always willing to lend a helping hand when the occasion demands. Esther is a teacher in the Kotagiri Day School and also is one of the two teachers at the Kota Sunday School. She seems very much devoted both to the Lord and to Miss Barnard, her spiritual mother. She is yet young, being in her early twenties. She has been with us for almost four years and is next to Mr. Mulli in point of service with us.

Ruby:

Ruby is the Principal of our Kotagiri School, a strong disciplinarian and a good steady worker. She is faithful and takes her work seriously. In appearance she resembles the professional woman of the elementary school in America. At the present she is helping with the Kota Sunday School. It would be my guess that she is in her early thirties.

"Little" Kamala:

Little Kamala is so called to distinguish her from another of our workers who also has the name: "Kamala"—"Big Kamala." Little Kamala is the niece of Mr. Mulli. She teaches the hand work in the Kota School and is "handy man" among the Workers; that is, she is used for whatever and wherever she is needed. She also assists at the Kotagiri Sunday School. She helps Miss Barnard with the preparation of the lessons and other work from time to time.

Big Kamala:

Big Kamala is—I should say—in her late twenties—and makes the third teacher in the Kotagiri School. She also teaches in the Kotagiri Sunday School. She has a way of twisting and turning while she is talking to you. She is earnest in her work but is given to the asking of leave too often. Big Kamala seems to be able to keep order fairly well and I would say is a fair teacher. I believe that she must be six feet in height.

Paul Woolsey

Missions Are Cheaper Than War

The cost of making the first two atomic bombs was \$2,000,000,000. This amount would have put 10,000 missionaries in the field for a period of 100 years at \$2,000 each per year.

The total cost of the war to America was about \$300,000,000,000. This amount would put 1,500,000 missionaries in the field for 100 years at \$2,000 each per year.

Why will man put his resources to destroying lives and property, when he could use them to do so much good? The answer is, Because he would rather please himself than please Christ.—Pentecostal Evangel.



PURITY OF HEART AND LIFE

(Lesson for August 10)

Lesson: Proverbs 4:23 to 5:4; 31:10-12; James 1:13-15.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).

Judas was unsuspected to the last. A secret sin works insidiously, but with wondrous quiet power. Its hidden ravages are awful, and the outward revelation of their result and existence may be contemporaneous. Until that revelation was made, probably no one ever suspected the presence in the man of anything but a few venial faults which were as mere excrescences on a robust character, though these growths were something rude. Oftentimes a large fungus will start from a tree, and in some mysterious manner will sap the lifepower on the spot on which it grows. When the fungus falls in the autumn, it leaves scarcely a trace of its presence, the tree being apparently as healthy as before the advent of the parasite. But the whole character of the wood has been changed by the strange power of the fungus, being soft and cork-like to the touch. Perhaps the parasite may fall in the autumn, and the tree may show no symptoms of decay; but at the first tempest it may have to encounter, the trunk snaps off at the spot where the fungus has been, and the extent of the injury is at once disclosed. As long as any portion of that tree retains life, it will continue to throw out these destructive fungi; and even when a mere stump is left in the ground, the fungi will push themselves out in profusion.—Scientific Illustrations and Symbols.

II. Lesson High Points

It is well for us to face squarely such a topic as the one assigned. It is particularly necessary to review the biblical standards with regard to holiness of life, since the day in which we live is one of lowered conceptions. The danger confronting us as Christians is that we shall allow the world's conception so to influence us that we shall forget what the standard really is.

You will probably remember the story of the celebrated artist who was renowned because of his ability to put on canvas colors of accurate hue and great beauty. His secret was that he kept a number of very valuable gems of colors. He would turn frequently from his painting to study the color of these gems. His ideas were thus corrected, and he was able to paint the colors without distortion.

We need to spend time with the precious gems of the Word of God that we may clearly understand how He would have us live.—Moody Monthly.

Human life is like a long and weary journey across a rugged country, in which travelers are to be very careful as they go forward, lest they lose the right way and fall into serious difficulties. Therefore, we are to "ponder the path" of our feet, that is, guard carefully our steps in life for fear we might become entangled with the evil ways of this life. Solomon knew how the path of thorns will entangle those who seek to travel therein, therefore he admonished the people to establish their way, their walk before the world, and to walk in the pathway of truth, not deviating either to the right nor to the left, but to follow in the Master's Highway. "We should not turn aside from the path of rectitude but should pursue it diligently." The Christian way of life is the straight way. It is the way of truth and righteousness, and those who would follow it are admonished to turn neither to the right nor to the left but to follow straight ahead to the gates of the Pearly White City of God.—Advanced Quarterly.

III. God Knows All the Answers

Mr. Spurgeon once had a singular adventure; he had been out in the country to preach, and, when traveling back to London, suddenly found that he had lost his railway ticket. A gentleman, the only other occupant of the compartment, noticing that he was fumbling about in his pocket, said: "I hope you have not lost anything, sir?" Mr. Spurgeon thanked him, and told him it was his ticket that was missing, and that, by a remarkable coincidence, he had neither watch nor money with him. "But," added Mr. Spurgeon, "I am not at all troubled, for I have been on my Master's business, and I am quite sure all will be well. I have had so many interpositions of Divine Providence, in small matters as well as great ones, that I feel as if, whatever happens to me, I am bound to fall on my feet, like the man on the Manx penny." The gentleman seemed interested, and said that no doubt it would be all right. When the collector came to the compartment, he touched his hat to Mr. Spurgeon's traveling companion, who simply said, "All right, William," whereupon the man again saluted and retired.

After he had gone, Mr. Spurgeon said to the gentleman, "It is very strange that the collector did not ask for my ticket."

"No, Mr. Spurgeon," he replied, using his name for the first time, "it is only another illustration of what you told me about the providence of God watching over you even in little things; I am the general manager of this line, and it was, no doubt, Divinely arranged that I should happen to be your companion just when I could be of service to you. I knew you were all right, and it has been a great pleasure to meet you under such happy circumstances."—Selected.

With such a God, wouldn't it be wise to heed His teachings, including those in our lesson today. You will find unusual comments in our own quarterlies also.

Men are like trees. Some straight; others crooked.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary

Sunday, August 3—

Patterson's Branch (11 a.m.), Yancy County.

Higgins' Chapel (8 p.m.), Yancy Co.

Tuesday, August 5—

Law Gap, Yancy County.

Toe River Association

Wednesday, August 6—

Burmmit's Creek, Mitchell County.

Thursday, August 7—

Cane Creek, Mitchell County.

Friday, August 8—

Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.

Saturday, August 9—

Middle District, Mitchell County.

Sunday, August 10—

St. Paul (11 a.m.), Mitchell County.

McCoury's Rock (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

Tuesday, August 12—

Mt. Odell, Avery County.

Wednesday, August 13—

Burleson's Chapel, Avery County.

Thursday, August 14—

Lewis Chapel, Avery County.

Friday, August 15—

Elk Mountain, Avery County.

Saturday, August 16—

Vale, Avery County.

Sunday, August 17—

Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.

Piedmont Association

Monday, August 18—

Erlanger, Davidson County.

Western Conference

Tuesday, August 19—

W. Hillsboro, Orange County.

Wednesday, August 20—

Calvary, Durham County.

Thursday, August 21—

King's Chapel, Durham County.

Friday, August 22—

Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.

Saturday, August 23—

Shady Grove, Durham County.

Sunday, August 24—

Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.

Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.

Tuesday, August 26—

Free Union, Wake County.

Wednesday, August 27—

St. Delight, Franklin County.

Thursday, August 28—

People's Chapel, Wilson County.

Friday, August 29—

Rosebud, Wilson County.

Central Conference

Saturday, August 30—

Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.

Sunday, August 31—

Dilda's Grove (11 a.m.), Wilson Co.

Aspin Grove (8 p.m.), Wilson County.

All services begin at 8 p. m. unless otherwise stated.

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REPORT FOR JUNE, 1947

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt. All receipts reaching the office later than June 30 will appear in July report.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

St. Mary's	\$ 18.19
Mt. Zion	.90
Warden's Grove	7.65
Friendship, Jones County	66.49
Mt. Olive	10.00
Kinston	35.00
Antioch	42.00
Core Creek	31.83
Dublin Grove	7.31
Gray Branch	5.00
Beulaville	13.92
Sarecta	4.71
Bethlehem	12.93
Davis	7.50
Sandy Plain	6.80
Deep Run	2.00
Morehead City	10.00
Pearsall's Chapel	3.00
Snead's Ferry	4.22
St. John's Chapel	9.90
Union Chapel	53.02
Edwards' Chapel	11.00
Pilgrim's Rest	3.00
Smith's New Home	6.30
Whaley's Chapel	5.85
Wintergreen	.60

Total \$ 379.12

Central

Bethany	\$ 6.13
LaGrange	5.60
Edgewood	13.60
King's Cross Roads	3.00
Rose Hill	18.00
Rocky Mount	3.24
Winterville	13.50
Gum Swamp	6.01
Arthur	25.00
Greenville	18.90
St. Delight	3.65
Aspin Grove	8.00
Hull Road	11.23

Total \$ 135.86

French Broad

Avery's Creek	\$ 5.25
Homer's Chapel	14.36
Canton	11.92
Total	\$ 31.53

Cape Fear

Lee's Chapel	\$ 3.84
Tee's Chapel	25.00
Powhatan	5.00
Goldsboro	15.00
Shady Grove	4.76
Robert's Grove	5.00
Corinth	6.55
Casey's Chapel	13.50
Yelverton's Grove	2.59
Riverside	24.00
Total	\$ 105.24

Western

Friendship, Johnston County	\$ 20.12
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Pleasant Plains	24.00
W. Hillsboro	10.00
Branch Chapel	7.49
Piney Grove, Johnston County	1.60
Spring Hill	4.00
Stancil's Chapel	2.60
Everett's Chapel	27.22
Wilson	24.86
Second Union Meeting	45.13
Total	\$ 177.02

Piedmont

Entwistle	\$ 85.71
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Toe River

Cane Creek	\$ 23.30
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Pee Dee

White Oak	\$ 2.00
Beaver Dam	9.70
Oak Grove	23.99
Total	\$ 35.69

Western Yearly

Saw Mill Hill	\$ 1.50
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Albemarle

Hickory Chapel	\$ 1.00
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Miscellaneous

By Vera L. Morris	\$ 6.00
N. C. State S. S. Convention	50.42
Farm, dairy, garden, cash sales	1,454.55
Greene County Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives)	90.00
Refunds	396.24
Y. P. Friend Subscriptions	7.00
Friends from Highland Pines	10.00
Dawkins Itinerary receipts	435.29

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CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

WATER

Water is such an everyday thing that we do not stop to think where it came from. We know that water has been in the world since the beginning, and so God must have put it here for us. Everything which lives needs water. Some things, like the earthworm, can live without light, and there are tiny plants that can even live without air, but all things that are alive must have water in order to live and grow. If we forget to water our house-plants, they soon wilt and look as if they are dying. And we ourselves feel the need of water many times during the day and night. Isn't it dreadful when we are thirsty and cannot get water? Out on the big deserts where there is very little water many people have died of thirst. Their tongues become swollen and they suffer terribly.

The Lord was talking with a woman one day and He said He would give her Living Water. Do you know what this is? This woman to whom the Lord was speaking had gone to a well to draw water. Jesus was sitting upon the well because He was weary from a long journey, and when the woman came along He asked her for water. He knew she was a sinner and wanted to draw her to Himself. He told her that whoever drank of the water from this well would thirst again, just as we become thirsty again after we have had a drink. "But," the Lord said, "who-soever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

When we confess that we are sinners and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, then we get this Living Water, which is God's Holy Spirit, within us. David said in one of his Psalms, "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God." And so to us who believe, God has given

Living Water, His Holy Spirit, to dwell within us and to satisfy us. Only as believers in the Lord Jesus can we enjoy this Living Water. Do you believe?—The S. S. Visitor.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Do your church need a pastor or need to change pastors? I have finished my training in our College in Nashville, Tennessee, and am now available for service in the city or rural section, wheresoever the Lord calls, and the people desire my service. I have a wife and two children.

If you want me to visit your church please correspond with me, giving dates that will be open and I will visit your church. If you want any further reference as to my adequacy for service you may write the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, or my Pastor Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Bladenboro, North Carolina. My address is the same as it was before I went to college; Bladenboro, North Carolina.

Yours in Christ for service,
Rev. Allen B. Bryan

REV. BURKETTE RAPER'S REPORT

July 7-13

Wilson	\$ 50.00
Rocky Mount	25.00
Dawson Grove	51.00
St. Paul	37.51
Sound Side	40.02
Malachi's Chapel	128.75

Total \$334.28

July 14-20

Mt. Tabor	\$ 15.10
Mt. Zion	8.00
Piney Grove	11.75
Union Chapel	10.75
Mt. Olive	25.00
Corinth	22.00
Rose of Sharon	50.00
Shiloh—Church	50.80
Sunday School	45.21

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MISS HAZEL DAWKINS' REPORT

July 8-13

Avery's Creek -----\$ 14.38
Canton ----- 32.81
Beaver Dam ----- 1.00
Pleasant Grove ----- 37.50
Conley's Creek ----- 4.00
Mt. Vernon ----- 19.07
Saw Mill Hill ----- 5.50

Total -----\$114.26

July 15-20

Mountain View -----\$ 7.00
Swannanoa ----- 50.00
Homer's Chapel ----- 25.00
East Black Mountain ----- 24.35
Davistown ----- 30.00
Fairview ----- 16.15
Liberty ----- 16.75

Total -----\$169.25

Supt. James A. Evans

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

DEAVER—Victoria Deaver, the wife of Mr. Jacob Deaver, died in a Kinston Hospital, Tuesday, May 27, 1947, at the age of 57 years and 5 months. The funeral service was conducted at Gray Branch Church by her pastor, Rev. Robert Kennedy. She was laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers to await the resurrection morn.

She was a member of Gray Branch Church for a number of years, and she loved her church and was always present for church services as long as her health would permit. We believe that she fulfilled the requirements that Jesus requires of a wife and mother. She was an honest mother, and leaves to mourn their loss her husband, ten children, and a host of friends and relatives.

I'd like to feel when life is done,
That I had filled a needy post;
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk and boast.

That someone's cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that I'd been worthwhile;

That I'd paid with something fine
My debt to God for life divine.

Not in cruelty, nor in wrath,
The Reaper came that day;
'Twas an angel visited the green earth
And took our mother away.

We know, dear mother, you came not to stay,
But mother is not dead, she's just away;
We loved you, dear mother, you know it
'twas true,
We're hoping some day to be with you.

—Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Horace E. Barwick

WARD—On June 12, 1947, God saw fit to call to his heavenly reward our beloved brother, Olin Ward, who was 49 years of age at his death.

Brother Ward was in failing health for some time prior to this, but never neglected his duty and privilege to attend and take part in his worship.

He was a member of the Metter Free Will Baptist and from this church had been granted license to preach the gospel. At the time of his death he was serving the Martin Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

We miss Bro. Ward but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

He was laid to rest in Antioch Cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers which showed how friends esteemed him. He is survived by his wife, four sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends who deeply mourn his passing.

Mrs. Floyd Beasley, Clerk,
Metter F. W. B. Church

Freedom Follows the Flag

Reading the "Book of the Law" is a privilege which not all have. When the Americans first occupied Manila, the prison doors were opened for "political offenses." One of these crimes, according to the Spanish government, which then ruled the Philippines, was reading the Bible. One day a man came to Dr. Homer Stuntz, and asked to see him in strict privacy. He then asked in a whisper if it were true that he could now read his Bible without danger of imprisonment. Dr. Stuntz took him to the door and asked him to look at the American flag floating near by. Then he said, "So long as you see that flag floating over your country, you can sit on the ridge-pole of your house, if you want to, and read the Bible, and no one can molest you." —Unknown.

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ITINERARY****French Broad Association**

Shoal Hill, Madison County.

Sunday, August 3—

Marshall (11 a.m.), Madison County.

Walnut (8 p. m.), Madison County.

Tuesday, August 5—

Shady Grove, Madison County.

Wednesday, August 6—

Red Hill, Madison County.

Thursday, August 7—

Mt. Zion, Madison County.

Friday, August 8—

Avery's Creek, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 9—

Hyatt's Creek, Haywood County.

Sunday, August 10—

Canton (11 a.m.), Haywood County.

Western Yearly

Sunday, August 10—

Pleasant Grove (8 p.m.), Cherokee Co.

Tuesday, August 12—

Conley Creek, Swain County.

Wednesday, August 13—

Mt. Vernon, Swain County.

Thursday, August 14—

Saw Mill Hill, Swain County.

French Broad Association

Friday, August 15—

Sweeten Creek, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 16—

Pisgah Forest, Buncombe County.

Piedmont Association

Sunday, August 17—

Rocky Pass (11 a.m.), McDowell Co.

Erlanger (8 p.m.), Davidson County.

Cape Fear Conference

Tuesday, August 19—

Hopewell, Johnston County.

Wednesday, August 20—

Wooten's Chapel, Wake County.

Thursday, August 21—

St. Mary's Grove, Johnston County.

Friday, August 22—

Pleasant Grove, Harnett County.

Saturday, August 23—

Bethel, Johnston County.

Sunday, August 24—

Tee's Chapel (11 a.m.), Johnston Co.

Yelverton's Grove (8 p.m.), Johnston County.

Tuesday, August 26—

Riverside, Johnston County.

Western Conference

Wednesday, August 27—

Spring Hill, Wayne County.

Cape Fear Conference

Thursday, August 28—

St. John, Wayne County.

Eastern Conference

Friday, August 29—

White Oak Grove, Lenoir County.

Saturday, August 30—

Deep Run, Lenoir County.

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Sunday, August 31—

Gray Branch (11 a.m.), Lenoir County.

St. Mary's (8 p.m.), Rowan County.

All services begin at 8 p. m., unless otherwise stated.

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**MISS ZALENE LLOYD MISSION
ITINERARY****Piedmont Association**

Sunday, August 3—

Ridgeway (11 a. m.), McDowell Co.

Jack's Creek Association

Sunday, August 3—

Davistown (8 p.m.), McDowell Co.

French Broad Association

Tuesday, August 5—

Old Fort, McDowell County.

Wednesday, August 6—

E. Black Mountain, Buncombe County.

Thursday, August 7—

Homer's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Friday, August 8—

Swannanoa, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 9—

Horney Heights, Buncombe County.

Sunday, August 10—

Hazel Green (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.

Cedar Hill (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Tuesday, August 12—

Mt. Bethel, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, August 13—

Ray's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Thursday, August 14—

Union Chapel, Buncombe County.

Friday, August 15—

Union Valley, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 16—

Laruelton Chapel, Madison County.

Sunday, August 17—

Paint Fork (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.

Barnardsville (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Thursday, August 28—

Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.

Friday, August 29—

Middle District, Mitchell County.

Saturday, August 30—

St. Paul, Mitchell County.

Sunday, August 31—

Burleson's Chapel (11 a. m.), Avery County.

Lewis' Chapel (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

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REPORT FOR JUNE, 1947

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Raper's Itinerary receipts -----	891.95
C. H. Pelt -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. David King -----	5.00
Selma Furlough -----	7.00
Miss Sibly Robinson -----	10.00
J. L. Clements -----	25.00
Alarka -----	3.00
N. C. State Aux. Convention -----	198.40
Burgins Chapel -----	6.00

Veterans Administration

(through children's relatives) -- 32.40

Total ----- \$3,638.25

CHAPEL FUND**Eastern**

St. Delight ----- \$ 35.12

Miscellaneous

F. W. B. Church at Murchison,

North Carolina ----- \$ 25.00

Total General Receipts ----- \$4,614.22

Total Chapel Receipts ----- 60.12

Grand Total ----- \$4,674.34

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Donated Commodities

Selma L. A. S., household supplies -- \$ 4.00

Miss Thelma Alford, clothing ----- 18.99

Marlboro S. S., clothes hamper ---- 10.95

D. B. Sasser, food ----- 2.25

Surplus food through State Hos-

pital in Raleigh ----- 10.00

D. B. Sasser, fruit ----- 10.00

Willing Workers Society, Belfast

Community, household supplies -- 7.70

Total ----- \$63.89

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

There are memories in the lives of most of us, we find hard to forget, let us not dig them up and brood over them, but let them remain in the grave of forgetfulness; let us live in the present and hope for the future and go forward trusting Him who has promised us grace according to our days.

NOTICE

I would like to take this opportunity to inform our people that I am now pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church, Hazel Park (Detroit) Michigan.. Please address me at 921 East Granet, Hazel Park, Mich.

Rev. H. E. Willis

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You can not win the great reward unless you labor for the Lord.

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Thinking

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you'd like to win but you think you can't,
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out of the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will—
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are;
You've got to think high to rise;
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battle don't always go
To stronger or faster man;
But soon or late the man who wins,
Is the one who **thinks he can.**

—Walter D. Wintle

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MUCH FROM LITTLE

There is a story told to this effect: One day a man stood watching some great balks of timber being loaded into a ship. He began to conjure up in his mind pictures of the uses to which the huge logs might be put.

Perhaps some of them would become the tall masts of ships, bearing the sails which would carry vessels on their way across the seas.

Others might be used to form the great beams of some stately mansion which should become the home of a noble family.

Others, again, would perhaps have the high honor of being made into pillars in the House of God, their whole length carefully fashioned and polished and their top adorned with "lily work."

It was for something high, useful and honorable that he imagined the timber would be used.

Then the man inquired from one who knew: "To what purpose is this timber to be put?"

He received the answer; "It is to be cut down and made into matches."

At first he felt very annoyed, it seemed such a waste of good timber. Then he began to think.

A match can light a fire to warm a room, to heat a furnace, to drive the wheels of a factory, to make steam to take a ship across the ocean; all sorts of big and high and honorable things can be done by little matches being rightly used.

So if we are but little let us be ready to do the things God asks of us.

—"The Fighting Faith Crusade"

Advice sought and wisely given will always prove profitable.

Editorial

MISS KINARD HONORED—

Miss Callie Marie Kinard, of the Pike Road section, Beaufort County, North Carolina, was recently chosen, by the 4-H Club of the State, as the representative for the State to go to the National Club which is convening in its annual meeting in the city of Chicago. Miss Kinard is a high school student of the Pantego High School in Beaufort County. She has been doing outstanding work as a student in that school for the past two or three years, as well as having made high records in the 4-H Club work. Miss Kinard is a member of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church at Pike Road with her parents and other relatives and friends of the community.

We deem it quite an honor for Miss Kinard to have won this distinction in her work of the 4-H Club in the State.

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A GOOD OPPORTUNITY IN NEWPORT NEWS—

Reports have come to us from time to time to the effect that the Free Will Baptist denomination should establish a work in the city of Newport News, Virginia. It has been reported that there are living in the city quite a number of Free Will Baptist people who moved into the city from various sections of the country, and have not taken membership with any other church, the Free Will Baptist not having a church in that town.

We believe a work should be started there with a good evangelistic campaign being launched by a good evangelist of the Free Will Baptist church. Since the Norfolk church, which was begun only a few years ago, is now progressing in a good way, we feel that a good work can be started in the adjacent city of Newport News. Let us hope that this can be done, and much success achieved within the next year or so.

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WORK NEEDED IN OTHER CITIES—

Opportunities for Free Will Baptists to wage evangelistic campaigns in towns and cities over the country for the establishment of new churches are many and without number. On the whole, the denomination has very few city churches as compared with those it has in the rural sections of the country. But the time has come in which many city churches can easily be established with the right evangelistic drives waged, and the right type of pastors placed over the work established in the new cities where we do not have churches already established.

We believe the time is right for our church to put forth great efforts to do this very thing. There are good evangelists who might be secured, we feel quite certain, for this work. We think that the National Association might start a plan by which evangelistic campaigns might be launched in quite a number of cities, and good results accomplished within the next few years. Let us hope, pray and work toward this phase of our denomina-

tional work. It is certain that the Free Will Baptist denomination should become very active in this particular phase of the denominational work throughout the nation.

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PENTECOST—

"Well for us all if we wait in prayer and supplication until the day of Pentecost is 'fully come.' The fulness of waiting will surely bring the fulness of the blessing."—Rev. B. Carradine. In this critical age in which we are living, the church people should wait with patience and be much in prayer while waiting for the Pentecostal power to fill and move them to do greater things for the cause of Christ in the world. The church needs to be moved with the Pentecostal zeal for the purpose of drawing the multitudes of wayward people to the Lord Jesus.

"God give us grace to receive our Pentecost, and fulfil our testimony."—Rev. A. B. Simpson. The trouble with so very many people today who call themselves Christians is the fact that they do not have sufficient grace and love in their hearts to have the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Their weakness should give way to Pentecostal fires which would stir them to a new zeal for the cause of Christ in the world. "Pentecost is not only power, it is knowledge; not only fire, it is wisdom."—Rev. Joseph H. Smith. Too many so-called Christians today are without this power of Pentecost. They are lacking in knowledge of what Pentecost really means. Thus they need this Pentecostal fire and wisdom, as a source of spiritual awakening to arouse them to the sense of their duties and responsibilities in presenting the gospel to lost souls.

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE POOR—

Many ministers are now complaining over the poor church attendance which they are having in their churches. This is true both in the country as well as it is in the city churches. Well, what is the trouble? Is not the preaching as good as it has been heretofore? Or are the pastors neglecting to do their duty? No, that is not the trouble.

Here is the greater trouble, we believe: the people have too much money, and are greatly concerned in making more money. They are living high in this country, and want to have a good time. **And they are going to have it!** Instead of being regularly attentive upon church services, they are going places, seeing new things, enjoying themselves—trying to satisfy their carnal nature.

But let a great "Depression" come, as the one which came in 1930, and let it last a few years. Then, many of them will turn to the church. That is what happened in 1930-'34. When people are greatly prospering, they want to be filled with temporal pleasures; but, when they are stricken with want and poverty, then they seek God for consolation and relief.



News From India



A VISIT TO THE SWEEPERS' QUARTERS

Although Christian Missions here in Kotagiri date back for more than a half century, little work has been done among the "out class" or Sweepers. In fact, in her book, "His Name Among All Nations," Miss Barnard wrote about these people, "No definitely planned Gospel witness, no school, no Sunday School, and no systematic preaching or Bible teaching had ever been done among them. The need was a call to the newly-arrived American (meaning herself).

It was about a week after our arrival in Kotagiri that we went with Sister Barnard, The Bible Woman and "Little" Kamala on the weekly visit among these people. Mrs. Woolsey had accompanied Sister Barnard on a tour to some of the Indian homes. This, however, was my first visit to the homes of the out class here in Kotagiri. It was about two o'clock in the afternoon, having been warned by Sister Barnard to wear the oldest and the less cherished of our clothing (there is a reason and never question it), we set out wearing our topees and carrying our umbrellas. Umbrellas here in Kotagiri usually serve a double purpose each time one takes them—to shade one from the heat of the sun and later to ward off at least part of the rain. Although the Rainy Season hasn't begun in earnest yet, we usually have a daily reminder that we are not to be forgetful.

Miss Barnard was extremely careful to forewarn us to be sure and give hearty "Salam(s)" — greetings — to those we met in the Sweeper Valley. This is the time of day to reach the women and children; however, the men, except the very old, sick and a few older boys, are away at their work. Miss Barnard has a unique way of obtaining an audience. There are, most of the time, several families living in the same building, each home consists of one (usually) room

with a dirt floor, but no flu or chimney. Back to Miss Barnard and "her going into the hedges and by-ways and compelling them to come." She would first ask in Tamil how many were at home, but unless an innumerable host came swarming out, our dear Sister would make a personal investigation. From room to room and from building to building went our leader bold and intent upon the work of the Master. Needless to say, the results are most pleasing.

Since the homes are so small and crowded, as much of the work as possible is done on the outside. At our first stop a woman was grinding rice flour by the simple method of placing the rice in a stone container and churning it with a round stick. No doubt the flour was to be used for the evening meal. About six women, two aged men and a dozen or more children of all ages from a few months to the teen age dressed in every conceivable garb (some in their birthday suits), assembled to listen to the Gospel and the Gospel Songs. The Bible Woman asked how many Christians were in the group. Of course several, including the oldest of the two men, said they were; but upon further questioning they could give no very satisfactory answer. Generations of vice, disease, licentious living, ignorance, and their present environment of filth, poverty, squalor and promiscuity make the realization of sin and comprehension of the plan of salvation difficult. From the human viewpoint it is a herculean task indeed, impossible of achievement. But thanks be unto God, for with Him all things are possible. Most of the older children present attended our Kotagiri Sunday School, so with their help, our group—without my assistance—sung several songs. The Bible Woman read the Bible, talked and prayed. The attention was excellent even the woman grinding the rice seemed to be most interested. Miss Barnard, after a few words suggested that they might

like me to say a few words. This I did—"Little" Kamala interpreting. These people are most friendly and show the most respect and adoration for Sister Barnard. We made our way deeper into the valley until we came to a larger group of homes. Again the same tactics were used with very good results. Some twenty-five or thirty women and children, including three or four young men, were assembled within a few minutes. Of this group quite a few of the women were Christians and would sanction the Bible Woman in her talk. They did the same for Sister Barnard and myself.

Wish we could only take you for a few minutes to these homes—if they can be called such. The income of even some of the largest of these families is often less than fifty cents in our money—sometime no more than twenty-five cents a day. Food on the whole is as high if not higher than it is in the U. S. Of course, the tremendous shortage in all food stuffs has caused all food prices to soar far above the usual level. But one can see the effect of the Gospel of the Son of God upon these underprivileged people. Among the Christians one could hear, yea almost feel the hustle inside their small and gloomy homes as they made themselves tidy for the Missionary Woman. The difference in the face and facial expressions of the Christian and non-Christian is an outstanding testimony to the saving Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and even the outward marks of those who have been with Jesus.

As we went along our way we were invariably escorted by a large group of children. Oh the truth of the saying, "The World is dying for a little bit of love." At some future time we will attempt to describe the misery, the wretchedness of these homes, the deformity among these children the sign of poverty and moral degrading influences on one hand and the light of the Gospel that is beginning to shine for the darkness of heathenism on the other. We returned home with solemn thoughts and a greater realization of the degrading and demoralizing power of

heathenism, and the spiritual, moral and physical cleansing power of Christianity. Sorrow, depression, and joy and elation struggled for supremacy in our hearts.

Paul Woolsey.

LOOKING UNTO CHRIST

Part I

Looking Unto the Atoning Christ

Text: Hebrews 12:2.

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finished of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Today we stand looking backward to the atoning Christ. First, let us consider the word **atonement**. Webster defines it as satisfaction offered or made in return for an injury. Man has sinned against God, and justice demands man's punishment. By sin, thus death came and all must die, unless a mediator be found. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). Man died spiritually when he sinned against God. Adam and Eve lost fellowship with God, when they sinned against him by partaking of the forbidden fruit. God had told them that in the day that they should eat thereof they should surely die. They were driven from their beautiful home in Eden, lest they should eat of the tree of life. They were spiritually dead, and later they also died physically.

But a bright ray of hope gleamed across the darkness, for as they were driven out of the garden, God promised that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. Thus Christ was promised.

We see Christ, (when the fulness of time came) as He came into the world, as He laid aside His heavenly Robe, and stepped from the Throne of God, and became a servant; born in a stable, cradled in a manger. We see Him as He grew into manhood, unselfish, perfect, always doing His Father's will. While He was a perfect example to us all, we know that

the purpose for which He came was to reconcile us to God. He loved us so much that He was willing to lay down His life that we might live. We see the Father's love manifested here, for Jesus was His only begotten Son.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). He only lived a short life in this world, but every moment of it was lived not for Himself, but for others.

Let us look at Him in the "Garden of Gethsemane." There, all the world's sin and sorrow was upon Him. We see Him as He looks at the cross, looming up before Him. Still while He dreaded the pain, we see Him, as He willingly says to the Father, "O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, Thy will be done." His sweat was as it were great drops of blood, falling down to the ground (Luke 22:44) while in anguish, because He dreaded the heavy weight of the world's sin and sorrow. It was breaking His precious heart. The evil one was seeking to destroy Him before He should go to the cross, but he was not able to do this; for it was intended that Christ should give His precious life for us. An angel from heaven came and strengthened Christ. Read Luke 22:43, 44.

Let us look upon Him later, as He hung upon the cross, as he was being mocked by the mob, and offered vinegar when He said, "I thirst." Let us see Him as He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Then see the thief who wanted to be remembered by Christ. How wonderful it all is, and how we rejoice to know that the dying thief was saved by Jesus because he believed in Christ. When He (Christ) said, "It is finished," and gave up the Ghost, He had given all for us. When the soldiers pierced His side, there came out blood and water. Calvary's fountain was open to all! Justice was satisfied. Later after lying in the tomb for three days and nights, He arose, and thus He arose for our justification.

Before He came into the world, the prophets and those who loved God looked forward to His coming. Abraham saw His day and was glad. They looked forward to His sacrifice and rejoiced, because they knew that He would atone for their sins, that they too might have everlasting life. They foretold of His coming, His life, His death, and His resurrection. David wrote of His death and resurrection, and Isaiah, in the fifty-third chapter of his prophecy, tells of His coming, His life, His death, and His resurrection. Other chapters tell of His Kingdom.

If we believe in Christ, if we love Him enough to give Him our hearts, having faith in His atoning blood, we are given everlasting life. Christ became a curse for us. Therefore we are redeemed from the curse, and when we receive Him, we receive salvation. Salvation is a gift. We are not saved by works of righteousness which we have done, but by His Grace. First the gift, then when we have received Him, we love Him enough to willingly do His bidding. Then naturally we bring forth fruit! love, joy, longsuffering, patience, meekness, faith, gentleness, etc., which are the fruits of the Spirit. He abides in us and we in Him. His blood cleanseth us from all unrighteousness. By the works of the law we can never be justified, because that by the law is the knowledge of sin. Christ kept the law in every point. He was perfect, and He imputes to us His righteousness. He is the supreme sacrifice for sins. Before He came, men offered the blood of goats, lambs, etc., as a sacrifice to God, but these were a type or foreshadow of Christ. The blood is the life of a person or animal. After Christ came, there is no need of sacrificing animals. He is our sacrifice, We are not our own. We are bought with a price! What are we doing with Christ? Let us receive Him and not be as those of His own people who received Him not. Let us say, Come into my heart, and dwell there always, Lord Jesus.—Anon.

(Part II to be followed)

—Selected by Mrs. Sudie Dowty Brinson

A MESSAGE TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Dear Christian Friends:

To be elected president of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute, is indeed a great honor—an honor that should make any Free Will Baptist proud—and I am proud, proud to know that I have the backing of the Free Will Baptist people of North Carolina.

I feel unworthy of the great trust you have bestowed upon me.

At the same time, such an honor carries with it a grave responsibility and challenge—a challenge to carry on the fine work and traditions of your past president, Brother Raymond Sasser, and the fine staff elected to serve and work with him each year since the organization of our convention. Now to follow in their footsteps is no easy job, and there is no one that realizes better than I do the gigantic task of carrying on the traditions of these men who have organized this Sunday School Convention-Institute. However, I feel that we have a fine board of capable and enthusiastic officers and I am confident that with the ground work already laid, we can make this one of the greatest years in the history of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute.

The coming years offer a grand opportunity to build even better Sunday Schools. There are a greater number of lost men and women, boys and girls in our midst today than ever before. Let us PRAY that we might speak the Right Words or do the Right Thing that they might be won to Christ today. They will then be new men coming into HIS Service and we can be of assistance to them at a time when they will need it most. They need JESUS, JESUS needs them, and we need them in our Sunday Schools and churches. After all, the Sunday Schools of today are the churches of tomorrow.

Let us remember Brother Raymond Sasser's challenge, as he gave it to us in his parting message: The challenge of "CHURCH SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO GO YE."

1. To train others to the end that ours may be soul winning churches and Sunday Schools.

2. Encourage our Sunday Schools to become standard Sunday Schools.

3. Encourage every Sunday School in North Carolina to build necessary class rooms.

4. Encourage all Sunday Schools to conduct Sunday School training courses.

5. Adopt the Sunday School workers council in your school and if you have not already done so then adopt the six-point record system.

6. We need a **Full Time Field Secretary**. His services would be invaluable in the accomplishment of all the above goals.

Our convention motto: "WORK, STUDY, PRAY," will solve all our problems if used together. Let us strive at all times to make each of our churches and Sunday Schools, in every section of our state and nation, better soul winning schools, united and standardized as one school.

In closing let me say that I would like to be able to personally welcome each and every new Christian that enters into HIS service. Oh that I might be able to tell all lost souls that they belong to Christ, that Christ belongs to them, and how I wish I could impress upon their minds the blessings they are missing by not living for the Lord.

Yours to serve,
Albert T. Coates, President
of N. C. S. S. Convention

"WHICH IS THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE?"

Editor, The Free Methodist

Those who travel more are often asked by those who travel less, "Which is the best place to live?" Washington? Oregon? California? Arizona? Colorado? The Middle West? The Industrial East? Florida, Ontario, Saskatchewan?

Some are sure of the answer. One trouble is that the answers do not agree. But that is a good thing. It would be just too bad if everybody

wanted to live in the same place.

It is good to remember that no place on this earth has everything. A certain region is too hot, or too cold, or too wet, or too dry, or our work is not there, or our relatives and friends are not there, or our health is not so good there. So while living on earth we must have some things about any place where we live that are not to our liking.

Millions of people are now living where they do not wish to live. Some are discontents who would not be satisfied anywhere. Always the green pasture is somewhere else. Others definitely like some other place, but they live where they do because they cannot rightly get away.

It is good to remember that whatever advantages or disadvantages may be anywhere, no region has a corner on happiness, and none has a corner on discontent. These are deeper than region or climate. One's work, and whether or not he is pleased with it, his home and what is there, are of greater importance. More fundamental than all is the heart.

The best place to live is in the will of God. If there, you can get along better in a region which is not at all your first choice. The best place Livingstone found was amid the diseases and stinging insects and wild natives of equatorial Africa. The best place "Johnnie Appleseed" ever found was in the homes of the frontiersmen along the Ohio river valley one hundred years ago where he carried and gave seeds for the starting of orchards and read the Scriptures and prayed with the people who were clearing their farms and building their simple homes.

If you are in the will of God, you will be in a place and have a service which make life worth living, whether this is East or West or North or South.

—Selected.

The great difficulty with the world is not its inability to produce, but its unwillingness to share."—Roy L. Smith.

A COUNTRY CHURCH AND TITHING AND OTHER INCIDENTS

Can a country Church do things? Here is one that does: The East Jordan United Brethren Church, in Northern Illinois, is located in a farming community with no village for miles around. The Rev. B. Lee Towsley is the pastor. His membership is wide awake and the Sunday School as good for its size as can be found in any city Church. In addition to a full benevolence budget, this Church regularly supports two missionaries, one in the home and one in the foreign field, and some individual members are in other ways doing large things for the progress of the gospel. The striking thing about it is the ease with which all this work is done. When renewing the home and foreign missionary support a few weeks ago, no special effort was made. The subject was presented, after which the pastor offered a fervent prayer, and slips of paper were quietly passed through the congregation. The sum for the day amounted to nearly \$1,130.

Where is the secret of the East Jordan Church? One at least is that for about a quarter of a century one man with consecration and vision has been superintendent of the Sunday School. He himself has all this time practiced and earnestly advocated the paying of the tithe to God. The result is the people of the whole community have grown up from childhood with their lives permeated thoroughly with the tithe principle. This tithing community is a prosperous community, both in spiritual and temporal things.

Some time ago Mr. Kane wrote to the Rev. W. B. Greenway:

In a recent issue of the New Era Magazine, I notice under the heading of 'Churches Achieving' your church. Here is one that does: The East Jor-

"Will you kindly give me a brief account, for publication, of your methods. Your record and experience may be helpful to others. Also please tell me if the literature I sent you was helpful in your campaign."

He replied as follows:

"First let me say that it was the leaflet sent out by Layman Co. that convinced me that I ought to emphasize tithing in my preaching. The 1,500 'How to Tithe and Why' you sent me in March, were sent by first-class mail with a personal note from myself to all members in Gaston Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, where I was pastor until recently. We had put on steam in our finances before and had raised what we thought was all we could. In October, after sending out the leaflet we made a canvass of the congregation. I had preached on tithing and called attention to the leaflet. As a result the benevolent offerings this year increased 300 per cent and current expenses beyond our highest expectations. No tither in all the group is dissatisfied. There is some regret that they did not begin earlier. This is the way the finances of Gaston church have been put on a higher plane and good spiritual results have followed. May the Lord continue to use and bless you."

Sincerely,
"W. B. Greenway."

IT'S THE OVERCOMING

Brother, the task which lies out before you may seem to be difficult but you should not be discouraged. Overcoming difficulties is what makes strong characters. Men and women who can go out into a hard field and succeed are the ones we need, and the ones we have so much needed. The masses of people are looking for easy places, but the world never hears from them again.

This needy old world wants those who do not shun hard places; those who are willing to go in the dark corners of this old world and make those dark corners shine with fervency of righteous achievements in the Saviour's name.

D. L. Moody would always say, "You can do it if the Lord is with you." One distinguished minister said, not long ago, "If we believed in God we would be leading in the pro-

cess of events today instead of being led by them."

A. R. Flowers

—Written at Sims, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA'S STATUS IN RELATIONSHIP TO COLLEGE EXPANSION PROGRAM AT END OF FIRST 24 MONTHS

North Carolina was given an allotment of only 66 2-3 cents a member of the \$100,000 proposed for the expansion of the College, notwithstanding it is the largest allotment given to any state. You will be interested to know the accomplishments during the first two years, I am sure. You have turned in 38 2-3 cents a member up to June 30, 1947, or a total amount of \$11,605.10. This means you will raise 28 cents a member during the next 18 months, or a total amount of \$8,394.90. It is easy to observe the fact of your gifts about evening according to schedule; however, it should be remembered that two special gifts of \$1,000 each have been applied on your allotment. In comparing your gifts from July, 1945-46, with those turned in from 1946-47, I discover you turned in \$594.39 more during the former period than the latter; hence the necessity of stimulating your people for larger income to your College during the next 18 months than during the past 24 months.

Proper presentation of a uniform plan for systematic support in monthly gifts will be certain to step up your monthly figures. If you have not discovered a better plan than the Annual Endowment Check Plan, please give an unbiased consideration to its use. It provides conveniences for monthly gifts of any amount desired by the church, Sunday School, League, Women's Auxiliary, or individual. All inquiries concerning its use will be promptly answered if addressed to J. R. Davidson, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Yours for certain victory,

J. R. Davidson,

Treas.-Bus. Mgr.

Hasty decisions often bring life long regrets.

Notes and Quotes



By H. C. Griffin

Revivals

Often we hear some preacher say, "We had a great revival at . . . giving the name of the church, and immediately saying, "Why we had . . . people baptized. But I want to say that it is not always the largest number of people baptized that makes the greatest revival.

What is a revival anyway? Webster says it is "renewed and more active attention to religion; an awakening among large numbers of people to their spiritual concerns." Thus a revival is not only the act of getting people to confess Christ in itself, however, a large number of unconverted people can find, accept, confess and be baptized into Christ.

It is said that a certain Methodist minister was asked, "What was the greatest revival that you ever held?" His reply was "The greatest revival that I ever conducted there was only one boy converted." This boy turned out to be one of their greatest bishops.

I very well remember a stormy night when the Devil tried to keep me away from a series of revival meetings. He said to my mind, "It is too stormy." Even my friends thought that it was useless, but the Holy Spirit kept saying, "Go," and finally I said "Yes" to the Holy Spirit, and there were only a very few out to service, but two fine young men accepted Christ and one of them is now a minister of the gospel. He promises to be one of our best. Every Christian there was revived when these young men accepted Christ.

Several years ago a young man who was ordained to preach the Gospel, put his arms around me and said, "Do you know who is the instrument God used in bringing me to Christ?" or words to that effect. I do not remember the exact words, as it was

many years ago. Then he said, "Do you remember conducting a revival at . . .?" calling the name of the church. I said "yes." Then he said, "I was one of three little boys who gave themselves to the Lord in that meeting. Again we have the privilege to thank God for saving children.

But may we go back to the word REVIVAL which means "A renewed and more active attention to religion; an awakening among large numbers of people to their spiritual concerns."

This means that the worshippers in all departments should receive more spiritual life. The Sunday school should increase in attendance; the mid-week prayer meeting should be more interesting to a larger number of people. I pity the Christian who does not feel the need of, and who does not attend the mid-week prayer service. The woman's and young people's departments should be more interesting after a real REVIVAL, but if this is not true then the evangelist takes the revival away with him and often leaves the pastor to struggle with a number, perhaps, of newly baptized, unconverted church members who only increase the problems of the church and pastor.

But a real old-fashion, Holy Spirit REVIVAL will live on, and on. Many of our ministers and church workers have been workers in a measure for some time, but the revival so renewed and increased their desire for a complete surrender, that they could no longer resist the leadership of the Holy Spirit. I remember a few years ago that two young men, who are ordained ministers now and are serving churches, came out and confessed that God had called them to preach, and that they said "tonight we are laying all on the altar." It was the REVIVAL that brought the discussion. So a revival cannot be counted by the number of church members gained, but by the life and power of the church after the evangelist is gone. Yes, by the consecrated life of those who make up the membership.

Many Years Ago

About thirty-five years ago, I was

in a revival and it was cold and stale. Seemingly what I said "hit the wall and bounced back," but one night a lady stood up and began to talk, and her message was one of repentance. She told of a trouble between her and her brother. Then she said, "We are at "outs" and our children are not saved, but I want to get right with all, and pray God to give us a revival." She and her brother made up, and people broke down and began to weep, in a few minutes the altar was filled with young people, sons and daughters of these two people led the way. God poured out the Holy Spirit and a real REVIVAL CAME. This revival has lived, and if I were to call names it would be noted that some of those who were saved in that meeting are now, at this date, public servants of the Lord and His church. You cannot have a revival until the church is in a mood for the REVIVAL that will kill all selfishness and hatred and malice. God cannot give a revival until everything that displeases Him is taken away. So when a real REVIVAL breaks out, it is one that has come to be felt, and the results to be seen years afterward.

The Way to Start

The way to start a revival is for the evangelist to take an inventory of his own needs and the requirements called for by our Christ in order to give us a revival. It is possible for some preachers to desire a great name as an evangelist. Often we get too much "I" and too little of "CHRIST" in revival meetings. This may result in a GREAT MEETING as often expressed, but when we can hide behind Jesus Christ, the one who was nailed to the cross for our sins, and present Him, then the Revival will live.

After the preacher is on the altar completely, the next thing is to call the church to repentance. And may I say, if the members of the church will not repent of all sin to start with, the evangelist just as well go back home, so far as reaching the lost is concerned. So often, in the years that I was doing a great deal of evangelistic work, that right at the close of the meeting I would find that I had been preaching to a church that was dead, due to the fact that there was some ACHAN (troubler) in the

church. Once I had a man to stand up and say, "I'm the Achan in this church." But he went on and confessed and a great REVIVAL burst forth which is still living in the lives of people today.

At the battle of Jericho, Achan took of the spoil and the Israelites were defeated before Ai. So an Achan will cause a defeat in the REVIVAL, which is always fought against the hosts of Satan. No REVIVAL without a fight. Satan goes to battle the very first service.

Some times it takes a lot of fasting and prayer to bring about a revival. I remember several years ago I was in a meeting and Satan had us blocked. I prayed that God would remove the cause. I prayed much. Towards the close of the meeting I became so anxious that I prayed, Oh, Lord, at any cost, remove the hindering cause, and that very night, the officers arrested a man, who was singing in the choir each night, on a charge of immorality. This man was put in jail. A real revival burst forth the very next service.

THE LIVING CHURCH

Editor, The Church Herald

The living Church is a growing Church. It has within itself, because it is the habitation of the Holy Spirit, the power of reproduction. Church growth, extension and expansion, is in itself an evidence of the presence and the working of the Holy Spirit. In fact, though any Church can add names to the roster, only where the Holy Spirit is present can we expect any real spiritual growth or outreach. The living Church is inevitably, by its very nature, a growing Church. We rejoice, therefore, when we can record not only accessions to our churches, but also the establishment of new congregations, for these events are evidence of vision, faith, devotion, and spiritual life.

When one reads, for instance, that where a new congregation was organized by a group coming from a "mother" church, that the Sunday after the church was organized the mother church was as well filled as ever, one

begins to wonder whether such a "swarming" would not be a healthy experience in many of our churches. Such "fission" or division is a far more healthy sign of real spiritual life than the merging of congregations, which is frequently little more than a strategic retreat. Perhaps some congregations are really too large for effective Christian work, and would multiply their usefulness by dividing and proclaiming the Gospel in two places where it was heard only in one before. We can quickly count up a number of our churches which, because of their size, do not either minister most effectively to their own people, or most effectively cultivate the field for Christ. In some instances these congregations worship in buildings far too small for their real needs, so that they tend to become content with a fractional attendance. These congregations are so large that one minister cannot possibly minister to the congregation alone. The Christian service in such congregations tends to claim the interest and service of but a small nucleus, when a much larger number should be an active part of the cause. Larger congregations tend to become self-satisfied, to neglect hospitality to the stranger, and to lack the urge to evangelism that a youthful and smaller congregation more naturally possesses. It is a spiritual pleasure to witness this internal growth, which one writer has called "the outpopulating power of the Christian Church." Blessed be all churches which have "mothered" others to take their places of witness for Christ.

Blessed be also those churches which grow by an evangelistic outreach into the community, whose accessions come not only in the way of those born into Christian families, but also of those born again into the kingdom of God from outside the church membership. Without such churches Christ's cause would never advance. They are the pioneers for Christ on the growing edges of His Kingdom. It is a supreme thrill to see and share in the establishment and growth of a church where before there was none, to see Christ's Gospel invade a new community for the

glory of God and the salvation of men. For a company of men and women to band together to begin, even with a struggling few, to raise another testimony to the power of the Gospel, is, though often difficult, always a courageous and valiant sight.

So we here pay our tribute to these young churches. We honor the untiring devotion, the unswerving loyalty, that dwells within these pioneers, both pastors and laymen, who are not afraid to reach out, and build up, for God. They are evidences that the faith is a living, growing reality, even in this pagan age.—Selected.

REVIVAL AT SARDIS CHURCH

The Reverend John Golden, pastor of Sardis Free Will Baptist Church, conducted a revival meeting, beginning on July 13 and continuing through the seventeenth. The church is located nine miles west of Eufaula, Alabama. There were fourteen additions to the church, and eleven of the converts were baptized. We are thankful to the Lord for those who were added to the church. The entire church received a blessing from the results of this timely meeting, for it did make our hearts rejoice together to see the old and the young people receive a great blessing from the Lord.

Some said that it was the best revival meeting that Sardis Church ever experienced. Brother Golden is a young minister of the gospel, and the Lord has blessed him in a wonderful way in his work as a gospel preacher. At the present he is pastoring several churches in the South Eastern Association.

We are laying plans to enlarge the church building, for we were unable to seat the large congregation of people who attended the revival. Please pray for us that we may be in the center of God's holy will at all times, and that we may go forward in His great work in our church and community.

Sardis F. W. B. Church,
Rev. John Golden, Pastor,
702 W. Union Street,
Eufaula, Alabama

The Woman's Auxiliary Department



MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON
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WHAT MY MONEY REPRESENTS

Life is made up of exchanges, for we are continually giving something for something else. What I exchange my money for gives a clue to what kind of a person I am.

My money represents my time, of this we all have the same amount. Not the amount of leisure or of time we can use as we choose, but the same number of hours in the day to serve God as He may direct. We do not have the same amount of time to read the Bible, but the same time to practice it. We all haven't the same amount of time to put on church work, but we have the same time to be loyal and use the bits of time we have with surprising results. Not the same time for personal work, but we can help each other to be better Christians by just a word fitly spoken.

My money represents my talents. We don't all have the same amount by any means, but do we use what we have in the right way?

A GOOD PRAYER A PRAYER FOR THE HOT WEATHER

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest,
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord,
To keep the pure and good in sight,
Which, seeing Sin, is not appalled,
But finds a way to set it right.
Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or
sigh,
Don't let me worry overmuch
About the fussy thing called "I."
Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke;
To get some happiness in life,—
And pass it on to other folk.

Paul seems to say it is not so much what we do, as how we do it. I think what we do should be for the glory of God not for show to the people around us. Money is no good unless used as a means to a good end and for a good purpose. Money is a necessary part of His kingdom's progress, for with it we build churches, secure equipment, maintain orphanages, build homes for aged ministers, send missionaries, pay pastors and help the needy.

Without money we can do none of these things.

Paying tithes is an act of worship and brings the soul nearer to God. It is just as much a spiritual service as a prayer or Bible reading. God does not need what we have, but we need to give it that our souls may grow.

Tithing greatly increases the joy of the Christian's life for the tithers have the satisfaction of knowing that they are obeying God.

Rocky Mount Woman's Auxiliary,
Mrs. J. G. Jones

ACTING QUICKLY

A godly woman unexpectedly received a legacy of \$5,000. True to her practice maintained in poverty, she at once put \$500.00 in her tenth box and it was used in Christ's work. She never mentioned the disposal of the tenth, but after her death there was found entered in her diary the day she received the legacy: "Quick, quick, before my heart gets hard."—Pentecostal Evangel.

"Do you know what amazes me more than all else? The impotence of force to organize anything. There are only two powers in the world: the spirit and the sword. In the long run the sword will always be conquered by the spirit."—Napoleon.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Do your church need a pastor or need to change pastors? I have finished my training in our College in Nashville, Tennessee, and am now available for service in the city or rural section, wheresoever the Lord calls, and the people desire my service. I have a wife and two children.

If you want me to visit your church please correspond with me, giving dates that will be open and I will visit your church. If you want any further reference as to my adequacy for service you may write the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, or my Pastor Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Bladenboro, North Carolina. My address is the same as it was before I went to college; Bladenboro, North Carolina.

Yours in Christ for service,
Rev. Allen B. Bryan

CHRISTIAN OR NON-CHRISTIAN?

"The world is either God's workshop for making men or man's factory for making things. The lesser man regards the world as the place for enriching self; the greater man looks upon it as a place for shaping character, serving others and honoring the Almighty."—Editorial in The Watchman Examiner.

"I never go to the movies nowadays because my parents made me go too often when I was a boy. Also, no one at the movies ever spoke to me, and every time I go someone asks me for money. The manager never calls on me, and people who attend are not all they should be." That is as sensible as such excuses for not going to church.

"To go to Church on Sunday or to go to confession, to kneel when it is time to kneel, to get up when it is time to get up, to sing a hymn, to listen to a chant, to put some money on a plate, this has become religion to the soul lost in the Church."—Pearl S. Buck.

Human beings are like
Some sweet; others sour.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE

This is just a few words of warning concerning the different ways in which preachers teach God's word. One can notice that his Word teaches us to search the scriptures, for in them "you think you have eternal life and they are they that testify of me."

Some are teaching that a certain part are to be lost and a certain part are to be saved, but Christ plainly said that we have to become as little children to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Others are teaching that once saved, always saved—no falling away, almost like they had the Devil fenced out. If those two doctrines be true, and if all people would hurry and get in the church, the Devil would lose his job and just as well go home. Our Saviour warns us very particularly to watch as well as to pray. His Word tells us about so many falling away—twenty thousand—in one day, and how the Devil sifted Peter after he had such a great knowledge of God, and how the church members did in those days—getting divorces and marrying, running after the pleasures of the world.

I haven't been to church in twelve months, only at the Free Will Baptist churches, and have seen them kneel down and some are falling in line, but we almost have to try some of them to know by their works that they are church members. Some are claiming to be saved through the spiritual birth—ignoring the burial like Paul taught in Romans 6th chapter and what Christ taught to Nicodemus in third chapter of John. Some of them teach we go to Hell or Heaven when we die, because Christ taught us a parable that we could see each other after the Judgment. Isaiah 66 chapter also teaches the same. It would be a small judgment, just the few that were living when he comes—the rest all in heaven or either in hell.

Notice what he says about the graves giving up the dead when he comes. Well, we can think again: how long will it be after one dies before he is sent to heaven or hell as

Lazareth had been dead, Martha and Mary said, four days when the Lord raised him? If Peter and Jude teach us that the angels who sinned were reserved in chains of darkness until the great day. We also notice what Christ taught his Twelve Apostles when he sent them out. He said for those that did not receive them nor hear their words to shake off the dust off their feet and it would be more tolerable for the land of Sodom or Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

Some people cannot stand the idea of being humble like Christ was. They are too stout, too exalted. They are more up-to-date, and more enlightened now. People were not enlightened then like they are now, and some say he taught that old "foggy way" because they were foggy. Some feel almost like they went to heaven then in an ox cart, but now in an airplane. Some churches are so up-to-date until they won't hardly fellowship a poor common person. They feel that God will have extra mansions for them. Some will say, "Haven't we cast out devils and done many wonderful works," but he will say, "I never knew you."

So, dear people, watch and learn the word he taught, for the thorn is still in the flesh. He says his grace is sufficient, and it is if you will stay strong enough in the spirit.

Yours for Christ Jesus,
B. E. Coxwell,
Woodville, Florida

THE POWER OF GOODNESS

There is no force in the world more powerful than goodness nor more surely recognized. An evil person will instantly recognize a good one.

We do not have to worry about our good being known, it makes itself known, it cannot be hid.

As the light sends its rays far through the darkness, so do kindly deeds and godly lives exert a beneficent influence far beyond our thought or expectation.

The world is not to be won by science, theology or wealth, but by

simple goodness wooing and warning the hearts of men and drawing all in one great brotherhood to God the Father.

"May every soul that touches mine
Be it the slightest contact, get there—
from some good,
One bit of courage for the darkening
sky
One gleam of faith to brave the ills
of life
To make life worth while, and heaven
assured."

—In The War Cry

REVIVAL AT PINY GROVE CHURCH

Sister Judy Caro held a week's meeting at Piny Grove Church, beginning on July the first and continuing through July the seventh. We had a good time in the Lord, with soul-stirring messages each night. The church was filled with people each night. Eight souls gave themselves to the Lord. There were many others who went to the altar for prayers of the Christian people.

We desire to thank Gray Branch Church choir for helping us out with the singing. We thank God for this good meeting, and we will be praying for Judy and her little son.

We request the prayers of the praying people that we may keep moving forward at Piny Grove Church in the name of Christ our Lord.

Irene Lee

PRAYER AND EFFORT

On one of D. L. Moody's journeys across the Atlantic there was a fire in the hold of the ship. The crew and some volunteers stood in line to pass buckets of water.

A friend said to Moody: "Mr. Moody, let us go to the other end of the ship, and engage in prayer."

The common-sense evangelist replied: "Not so, sir; we will stand right here and pass buckets and pray all the time we are doing so."

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SOUND ADVICE AGAINST STRONG DRINK

(Lesson for August 17)

Lesson: Proverbs 20:1; 23:19-21, 29-35, Ecclesiastes 10:17.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18).

In the very nature of things, certain contrasting divergent, incompatible elements do not readily mix. Oil and water have a natural antipathy to each other: it is hard to combine air and sand; and strong drink and the Spirit of God have nothing in common. When Paul wrote this text centuries ago, he he made the sharpest contrast of which speech is capable: **the addict to strong drink is not a spirit-filled man!** There have been, and are, many preachers who indulge in an occasional glass of liquor, but they are not the men who head the evangelical movements. They are not the great evangelists who turn thousands to Christ. They are not the men of God to whom multitudes turn for spiritual council and the way of salvation. Such men as attract the hearts of those who feel a need of God and who desire to amend their lives by His help, are men who are known for their temperance in all things, and their manifest piety. For some strange reason not fully comprehended, excess in any form is incompatible with spiritual power, but a weakness for strong drink completely ruins any chance for a great place in the service of God.

Frank Higgins, the lumberjack evangelist, was once eating his meal at a lunch counter. Some drinking woodsmen invited him to drink with them. "I'll tell you what I'll do, boys; if my dog will drink the stuff you fellows are imbibing, I'll join

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

you," said Higgins. He called the dog to him, but on smelling the beverage, she turned away. "Can't do it, boys. I'd hate to set a bad example to my dog. She has good sense: you'd better follow her lead."—Selected.

II. Heart of the Lesson

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise, verse 1. Solomon says wine is a mocker. He personifies it as though it were a person, describing it as doing what foolish men do while intoxicated by it. It is a mocker in the sense that it makes a fool of those who get drunk of it. Wine is a deceiver; its fragrant odor is pleasant, its red color is attractive, and its taste is good; but its effects are bad, intoxicating the senses, rendering the inebriate foolish, with the loss of his judgment and reason, and destroying sterling character.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Vs. 29. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30. They that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine. The troubles mentioned here are those which individuals experience in a personal way. They are common to those who are enslaved to the drink habit. Solomon did not mean that others might not be brought to feel the weight or influence of misfortune or difficulties or calamity, but he meant to point out emphatically that those who are given to the drink habit would be. **The mixed wine** mentioned was wine that had been mixed with aromatic spices, or flavored with them, to increase its stimulating effects. Men today can no more escape the harmful effects of drunkenness than they could in the days of Solomon.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

"Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

In the city of Paris there lived a man so deeply under the burden of his sins that he tried to take his own life. Twice he went to the banks of the Seine and would have thrown

himself in but some unseen hand restrained him. Twice he lifted a pistol to blow out his brains but felt constrained to lay it down. Three times he lifted a cup of poison to his lips only to set it down again. That man, William Cowper, found Christ. He wrote:

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

Here we have the sure remedy for all sin.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Sound Advice

"Everybody's a turnin' over a 'new leaf.' It's the first day of a New Year. A 'new leaf' is not what they need, its a new life. The other night down at the store I. M. Topsy came in and his breath was strong enough to give Listerine a knock-out blow. Bootlegger hootch had the best of him and had made the worst of him. I says: 'Topsy, why don't you stop it—it debauchin' and degradin' you.' He says: 'Well I drink to drown my troubles.' Say I: 'Drink don't drown trouble, it floats em.' Even if you get the best whiskey Topsy, the best whiskey gets the best of you.' The fellows settin' around the stove all laughed and I up and says: 'Yes and the very fellow you are laughing at, some one else is cryin' over.' And they all got sober like, cause they knew about his old mother and his wife—how they were both sufferin' because of him. Said one of them, Topsy, why don't you just take a drink now and then? So I says: The man who drinks a little, drinks too much. I've noticed that the fellow who 'takes one now and then,' takes more now than he did then.' Nobody said anything till I. M. Topsy spoke out and said; Well I'll get a new berth one of these days and cut it out. I says: 'Its not a new berth you need I. M. Topsy, its a new birth you need.' 'You need not a change of place,' says I, 'but a change of nature and only God can give it to you.' Turnin' over a new leaf on New Year's day won't do it. Its a new life you need, Mr. Topsy.—Wonderful

Perhaps you have not read Daniel 5 for some time. Do so now, and let's remember, too, that hell is bone-dry.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary

Toe River Association

Saturday, August 9—
Middle District, Mitchell County.
Sunday, August 10—
St. Paul (11 a.m.), Mitchell County.
McCoury's Rock (8 p.m.), Avery Co.
Tuesday, August 12—
Mt. Odell, Avery County.
Wednesday, August 13—
Burlison's Chapel, Avery County.
Thursday, August 14—
Lewis Chapel, Avery County.
Friday, August 15—
Elk Mountain, Avery County.
Saturday, August 16—
Vale, Avery County.
Sunday, August 17—
Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.

Piedmont Association

Monday, August 18—
Erlanger, Davidson County.

Western Conference

Tuesday, August 19—
Union Grove, Durham County.
Wednesday, August 20—
Calvary, Durham County.
Thursday, August 21—
King's Chapel, Durham County.
Friday, August 22—
Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.
Saturday, August 23—
Shady Grove, Durham County.
Sunday, August 24—
Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.
Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.
Tuesday, August 26—
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Central Conference

Saturday, August 30—
Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.
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Dilda's Grove (11 a.m.), Wilson Co.
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BURKETTE RAPER'S ITINERARY

Month	Day	Church	County	Conf. or Asso.
August	Sat. 9	Bethel	Johnston	Cape Fear
August	Sun. 10	Pine Level (11 a. m.)	Johnston	Western
August	Sun. 10	Union Grove (8 p. m.)	Wayne	Western
August	Mon. 11	Kenly	Johnston	Western
August	Tues. 12	Micro	Johnston	Western
August	Wed. 13	Pleasant Plain	Johnston	Western
August	Thurs. 14	Holly Springs	Johnston	Western
August	Friday 15	Branch Chapel	Johnston	Western
August	Sat. 16	Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	Western
August	Sun. 17	Piney Grove (11 a. m.)	Johnston	Western
August	Sun. 17	Rains Cross Roads (8 p. m.)	Johnston	Western
August	Mon. 18	Pleasant Hill	Wayne	Western
August	Tues. 19	Spring Hill	Wayne	Western
August	Wed. 20	Stoney Creek	Wayne	Western
August	Thurs. 21	Pleasant Grove	Wayne	Western
August	Friday 22	Antioch	Wayne	Central
August	Sat. 23	Daniel's Chapel	Wilson	Central
August	Sun. 24	Stoney Hill	Nash	Western
August	Mon. 25	Flood's Chapel	Nash	Western
August	Tues. 26	Free Union	Nash	Western
August	Wed. 27	Mt. Zion	Nash	Western
August	Thurs. 28	Piney Grove	Nash	Western
August	Friday 29	White Oak Hill	Nash	Western

ELIJAH'S JUNIPER TREE

Dear old Elijah, a man of God,
How Jezebel made him flee;
And show his frail humanity,
Just as you or me.

Way, deep into the wilderness,
This dear old one did flee;
And found a sort of refuge
Beneath a juniper tree.

Oh! he must have been discouraged,
As he sat down under that tree;
For he asked that he might die;
And then lay down to sleep.

But God, so good, sent an angel
To the wilderness and juniper tree;
Where old Elijah was soundly sleeping,
And bid him "arise and eat."

God had more work for Elijah to do,
So He fed and nourished him there;
Preparing him for the days ahead
And the victories he should share.

We, too, fear and get discouraged
When some "Jezebel" we meet;
Then flee to a wilderness and Juniper tree
And there lay down to sleep.

Like Elijah, we might choose to die,
For God's plans we cannot always see;
But all is dark in the wilderness
When we're sleeping 'neath the juniper tree.

But God cared for Elijah,
So He cares for you and me;
And bids us too "arise and eat,"
When we're under the juniper tree.
Mrs. Delsie I. Waters

GRAHAM BAKER LICENSED

In the July Quarterly conference of the Greenville Free Will Baptist church, Brother Graham Baker was granted license to preach the gospel. This is to notify all pastors and churches that Brother Baker is now available for supply pastoral work, to conduct prayer meetings, or to hold revivals. He is anxious to work with people, or to assist in the League work of the young people.

Anyone desiring his services should contact him at 1100 Reade Street, Greenville, North Carolina.

By the Pastor of Greenville Church, Rev. C. L. Patrick

Beware of snap judgments, which often proves costly.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

FORGIVENESS

Dear Boys and Girls,

It is told that a certain king who was considered very cruel had a lot of enemies. He was cruel to the enemies and they thought of many ways of being cruel to him. One time he had his secretary make a long list of his enemies. Those who heard about this were frightened. What did the king want with a list of his enemies? They knew the king had power, but how would he use this power? Then to the surprise of those who were privileged to see his actions, they saw that the king placed a black cross to the names of a great many of these enemies. Surely, now, there was no doubt in their minds. The black cross meant death! As soon as the enemies heard that a black cross was placed to their names, they fled out of the country for their very lives.

But think of their astonishment when the king recalled them, and with much assurance explained to them that the black cross did not mean death but forgiveness! And when the king forgave these people, they enjoyed the blessings of the country and the fear of death was gone from their lives.

THE KENLY CHURCH PREPARES FOR A HOME-COMING CELEBRATION

This is to notify all members and former members, former pastors and friends of the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church that Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17 will be observed as HOME-COMING DAYS. Everything is being done to make this the most delightful event in the history of the church. The people of the Kenly church will do all they can to bring about the best of fellowship and food possible for the occasion.

The Bible says: "Love your enemies; bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). God's Word also says, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses (sins) your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (6:14, 15). If we expect to have our Father's forgiveness and have our sins forgiven for Jesus' sake and through His Blood, then we should not get "angry" with another and hold a grudge against them.

When we come to the Lord for forgiveness, He blots out our name on His list with Jesus' precious Blood. Instead of putting a black mark to our name which means death, He blots our sins out with the Blood of Jesus. Our name is then put into the Book of Life and through faith in Jesus Christ we have eternal life and enjoy the good things of God. How precious to know we belong to Jesus and that God is our Heavenly Father! If your sins are not forgiven, come to Jesus right away and obtain His forgiveness.—L. L. K.

—In Juvenile Pleasure

The program will be informal and designed to make every one feel perfectly at home and to give you a chance to praise the Lord and bless His holy Name in triumphant celebration of what has been accomplished at this place the last few years.

A revival meeting will get under way on the night of August 17 and will continue for ten days. We invite you to attend every one of these services. Rev. Fred Rivenbark of Wilson will bring the messages and the pastor will be in charge of the music.

A schedule of the programs will be mailed to you on request ahead of

time. We will mail to all our members copies of the program a few days before the event occurs. In the meantime we will be glad to hear from any one desiring a copy. Some of the outstanding parts of the program will include the roll-call of members, reading of the church history, addresses by former pastors, and the rendering of special music by visiting church choirs and quartets.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Pastor,
Charles Hinnant, Com. Chm.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID:

"Christianity will work only when we work for Christianity."

definition of a pessimist: One who blows out the light to see the dark.

"Atomic bombs are here to stay; are we?"—editorial in the "Washington News."

"Nearly everything in a modern home is managed by a switch—except the children."

"When some people discharge an obligation you can hear the report for miles and miles."

"We are fighting not so much to preserve a Christian civilization as for the opportunity to make one."—Archbishop of Canterbury.

"The morrow of victory is more perilous than its eve."—Mazzini.

To crowd a lot of living

Into every passing year;

To gain a lot by giving

To bring God's kingdom near.

A Schenectady, N. Y. policeman said to his pastor: "When a White Slave prison or Red Light house or gambling hell stands alone, we can reach it and put it out of business. The one place we police can't touch, without losing our job, is the place located booze joint, because of the booze-sellers political pull."

ALCOHOL DEFINED

"The chemist defines it as poison; the biologist defines it as a hazard; the pathologist calls it a narcotic; the sociologist calls it a waste; the economist calls it a parasite; the psychologist calls it a deceiver; the criminologist calls it an accessory after the fact in crime."—Roy L. Smith.

DEDICATION AND HOME-COMING AT AYDEN

There will be a dedication service at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church Sunday morning, August 24 (Fourth Sunday). The Fidelia Sunday School Class will present to the church a new Hammond Electric Organ in memory of the late Rev. R. F. Pittman, and the church will dedicate it to the Lord's service. Rev. W. B. Everett will preach the dedicatory sermon. There will be congregational singing, special music, and an organ-concert in the afternoon. The same day is to be observed as home-coming day by the church. All members, former pastors, and friends are extended a cordial invitation and will receive a hearty welcome.

The Fidelia Sunday School Class,
Mrs. J. E. Wooten, Teacher

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I have been licensed by Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church to preach the gospel, and that I shall be available to supply for pastors, hold prayer meetings and preach at places where the people might want to hold services. I live near Juniper Chapel, and about three miles west of the town of Vanceboro, North Carolina. Call me, or write to me, or drop by to see me.

Rev. Herbert T. Tripp,
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A CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my gratefulness to my many Christian friends in Norfolk and in North Carolina, and elsewhere, who have been so kind to me and considerate of my welfare and happiness during my recent protracted illness. My best efforts express in a very feeble way my heartfelt thanks for the many cards, flowers, personal calls, and all other expressions of kindness. Particularly do I wish to express my sincere thanks for the prayers offered in my behalf. I feel that I owe my improved condition to God's mercy, extended because of the prayers of my Christian friends. Please continue to pray for me.

Your sister in Christ the Lord,
Mrs. Rosa Sutton

Some people can hold a horse better than they can their tongue.

If you want to cast a reflection let it be of God's goodness.

LOVELINESS DIVINE

Show me Thy face—one transient gleam
Of loveliness divine,
And I shall never think or dream
Of other love save Thine;
All lesser light will darken quite,
All lower glories wane,
The beautiful of earth will scarce seem beautiful again.

Show me Thy face—the heaviest cross
Will then seem light to bear;
There will be gain in every loss,
And peace with ev'ry care.
All doubts and fears for future years
In quiet trust subside,
And nought but blest content and calm
Within my breast abide.

—Anon.

Disappointment, rather than profit, is often a product of speculation.

To know one's self is not easy.

You Will Enjoy Reading Youth's Banner

Our Sunday School and Young People's Paper



THE way the young people of our church have accepted YOUTH'S BANNER has been gratifying. The paper is now being distributed Sunday after Sunday through progressive Sunday Schools, Free Will Baptist Leagues and other youth organizations all over the territory covered by our National Association. These organizations order the paper in quantities ranging from ten copies per month up to the one hundred copies per month, used regularly by the Fairmont Park Church, in Norfolk, Virginia (one of the youngest of our churches).

Put in an order today for Youth's Banner for your Church, Sunday School or League, to begin with the Fourth Quarter of 1947. The paper is published monthly in weekly parts (one for each Sunday) and costs only 15¢ per quarter per set of 13 weekly parts. If you have not used it before, send \$1.00 for 20 copies of the September issue (80 weekly parts) and give it a trial. Send all orders, and make money orders or checks payable to

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MRS. LEE WHALEY MISSION ITINERARY

French Broad Association

Saturday, August 9—

Hyatt's Creek, Haywood County.

Sunday, August 10—

Canton (11 a.m.), Haywood County.

Western Yearly

Sunday, August 10—

Pleasant Grove (8 p.m.), Cherokee Co.

Tuesday, August 12—

Conley Creek, Swain County.

Wednesday, August 13—

Mt. Vernon, Swain County.

Thursday, August 14—

Saw Mill Hill, Swain County.

French Broad Association

Friday, August 15—

Sweeten Creek, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 16—

Pisgah Forest, Buncombe County.

Piedmont Association

Sunday, August 17—

Rocky Pass (11 a.m.), McDowell Co.

Erlanger (8 p.m.), Davidson County.

Cape Fear Conference

Tuesday, August 19—

Hopewell, Johnston County.

Wednesday, August 20—

Wooten's Chapel, Wake County.

Thursday, August 21—

St. Mary's Grove, Johnston County.

Friday, August 22—

Pleasant Grove, Harnett County.

Saturday, August 23—

Bethel, Johnston County.

Sunday, August 24—

Tee's Chapel (11 a.m.), Johnston Co.

Yelverton's Grove (8 p.m.), Johnston County.

Tuesday, August 26—

Riverside, Johnston County.

Western Conference

Wednesday, August 27—

Spring Hill, Wayne County.

Cape Fear Conference

Thursday, August 28—

St. John, Wayne County.

Eastern Conference

Friday, August 29—

White Oak Grove, Lenoir County.

Saturday, August 30—

Deep Run, Lenoir County.

Sunday, August 31—

Gray Branch (11 a.m.), Lenoir County.

St. Mary's (8 p.m.), Rowan County.

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MISS ZALENE LLOYD MISSION ITINERARY

Jack's Creek Association

Saturday, August 9—

Horney Heights, Buncombe County.

Sunday, August 10—

Hazel Green (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.

Cedar Hill (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Tuesday, August 12—

Mt. Bethel, Buncombe County.

Wednesday, August 13—

Ray's Chapel, Buncombe County.

Thursday, August 14—

Union Chapel, Buncombe County.

Friday, August 15—

Union Valley, Buncombe County.

Saturday, August 16—

Laruelton Chapel, Madison County.

Sunday, August 17—

Paint Fork (11 a.m.), Buncombe Co.

Barnardsville. (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Thursday, August 28—

Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.

Friday, August 29—

Middle District, Mitchell County.

Saturday, August 30—

St. Paul, Mitchell County.

Sunday, August 31—

Burleson's Chapel (11 a. m.), Avery County.

Lewis' Chapel (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

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REPORT OF SECOND UNION MEETING

The Second Union of the Western North Carolina Conference met with White Oak Hill Church in Nash County in June. After the devotions were conducted, the moderator appointed the following committees: Devotional, Sunday School, Temperance, Finance, Missions. Then the list of ministers was called and those present were J. B. Ferrell, J. F. Parrish, L. H. Boykin, D. Bissette, Tilden Renfrow. The visiting minister was Brother Willie Renfrow who was from the First Union meeting.

The minutes of the last union were read and approved, then the moderator asked that we have ten minutes for recess. At the eleven o'clock hour Brother D. Bissette delivered the morning message, after which the church and community spread a nice lunch on the church grounds. The dinner was enjoyed by everyone present.

The afternoon session was opened with the devotions. Then the list of churches was called and we had one hundred percent represented. Next was the reports from the various committees, which the union accepted. A special offering was taken for

the orphanage to the amount of \$25.08. We received from the churches \$50.50.

The disbursements were as follows: Incidental expenses, \$6; to Mrs. G. W. Ferrell, \$5; to Mrs. R. B. Carroll, \$5; for foreign missions, \$5; for Christian education, \$5; to the orphanage, including special collection, \$45.08. There was \$4.50 left in the treasury, and grand total in the treasury \$14.60. A motion was made and carried that the Sunday School, Temperance, and Mission reports to be made orally instead of being written reports, and that each speaker or reporter to be confined to ten minutes talk. The petitions were received from Free Union, Rock Springs and the Orphanage for the next union. By the majority vote, the next union will meet in August with Free Union near Spring Hope, North Carolina.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to White Oak Hill for the kindness shown this union meeting. Then a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it was closed with praise and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Moderator,
Rev. J. F. Parrish,
Secretary-Treasurer

SHAKE IT OFF

Trouble does not prove sin. When the simple people saw the viper fasten on Paul's hand, they said, "No doubt this man is a murderer." But their judgment was altogether erroneous.

They were, however, wise enough to revise their opinion.

It is better not to be too ready to believe in another's wickedness, even when circumstances are against him, but to "pity the hand rather than praise the serpent."

Christ is always conquering the poisonous beast. The soul which He inhabits flings off the viper.

It is a symbol of His Sanctification. From the victory of evil I cannot deliver myself, but He delivers me.

Where my strength and skill are powerless, He is mighty to save. He extracts the venom. He treads the serpent down.—Clipped.

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Breathe on Me

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do that thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine;
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

—Edwin Hatch

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DEDICATION, MEMORIAL AND HOME-COMING AT DAVIS F. W. B. CHURCH

We the members of the Davis Free Will Baptist Church are happy to announce that the work on our church is now completed. The interior of the main auditorium has been painted, a new choir and pulpit, new art glass windows put in and have recently installed a new Hammond organ.

On the 5th Sunday in August there will be an all-day service in which the organ will be dedicated. A memorial program will also be given in honor of our deceased members.

We especially invite all the former pastors who have served our church to be here and take part on the program in the afternoon, also any other preachers who would like to come are invited.

Dinner will be spread on the church grounds.

Yours in His Name,
Mrs. Maggie Willis

REVIVAL CLOSES

We have just closed a revival at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. Our pastor, J. M. Goody, of Overton, Texas, preached the old-time gospel, and the Lord added 21 members to our church.

We give God credit for this good work, and may the Lord bless every where people who submit to His Divine will.

W. V. Broome
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Henderson, Texas

Don't be a part-time Christian; full time pays better.

Editorial

BELHAVEN CHURCH BUILDING S. S. ROOMS—

The Belhaven F. W. B. Church has just completed the Sunday School rooms and will dedicate them in the near future. Those people have been quite active in the church and Sunday School work for the past months, and are looking forward to doing even greater and more worthwhile things as time goes on. They have opportunity for splendid growth and expansion in the town of Belhaven and adjoining section of the country round about them.

Reverend L. E. Ballard is the pastor of the church and has been elected to continue his pastorate with the Belhaven people for another year. From all appearance he is doing a good work among those good people.

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N. C. STATE ASSOCIATION—

The North Carolina State Association will convene in its next annual session in only a few weeks with Shady Grove Church in Sampson County. As is usually the case, there will be much important business to transact for the good of the church work in the State in the way of Christian education, missions, orphanage work, and other outstanding phases of the denominational work. The question of a field representative, or travelling officer of the association, is still one many are giving much thought about because it is generally felt that such a field worker is greatly needed to advance the work of the church in the State. May the leadership of the association, and also the church people as a whole seek to do something definite about this matter.

Shady Grove Church is located in one of the best rural communities anywhere to be found in Sampson County, and the church people are well prepared to entertain the association in a fine way. During the history of the association, this church has entertained the body several times in such a manner as to cause the people to want to go back there for another fine session. No one should feel doubtful about Shady Grove not being able to entertain all those who attend this meeting, for they are splendid providers of excellent food and good homes in which to entertain the guests. Each church within the bounds of the State should see to it that representatives from their bodies shall be present for this great meeting. The ministers should find time to attend this annual meeting and take part in the proceedings of the association. Complete announcements and the program will appear in this paper within a few days.

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UNION OR QUARTERLY MEETINGS—

The next Union or Quarterly meetings will meet on Saturday, August 30, before the Fifth Sunday, in their respective districts for the transaction of church matters pertaining to their individual districts. In these meetings it has been observed that much good is usually

accomplished for the furtherance of the cause of righteousness among the local churches. In many of the districts Sunday School conventions have been organized during the past few years, and they, too, are doing a good work for the advancement of the Sunday Schools of those districts. In the forthcoming meetings it is expected that even greater efforts will be put forth concerning the leading phases of the denominational work; as, foreign and home missions, Christian education, Superannuation, orphanage work, and the like.

In addition to the business matters, the sweet fellowship at these meetings is always a great asset to the cause of Christ in the work of the church as a whole. Delegates, ministers and friends become a little more acquainted and friendly, and appreciative of one another by attending these quarterly meetings of the churches. Many are stimulated to go back home and to try to do more for the cause of Christ in their local churches and Sunday Schools. And this kind of thing helps greatly to build up Christianity in the church and community. May the coming together in these district meetings on August 30 prove a great blessing to the church people and also be of great value to the denominational work as a whole.

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INCREASED USE OF LITERATURE—

We were asked the question recently, "Why is it that you people are increasing all the while the sales of your Sunday School and Young People's literature?" We hesitated at first to give any answer, other than to say that we suppose it is due to the fact that there is more money in circulation in this country, and the church people are able to buy larger supplies of the literature. However, during the conversation, the person who asked the question had been led to understand, by what some people had told him, that our literature had been greatly improved during the last few years, and that the church people were appreciating using it more and more.

We do appreciate this feeling on the part of many of our patrons, and hope that still further improvements will be made in the literary content and also in the general make-up of the Sunday School and League quarterlies. It is the great desire of the Business Management of the Press, and the editors of the different types of literature to continue to make improvements in the literature produced here in the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, North Carolina.

If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on and prosper, but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how suddenly a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.—The War Cry.

Questions about Tithing Answered

A. N. Fisher

In a recent issue of the Michigan Advocate certain questions relating to the practice of the tithe were submitted with request that they be publicly answered. As an adherent of the system, I venture response.

1. "What do you understand by a tithe; a tenth of what?"

A tenth of income from salary, wages, investments; or from industrial pursuits minus necessary operating expenses. Minus living expenses? No. Minus support of dependent relatives? No.

2. "Is there any distinction between tithing and systematic giving?"

Yes. A man may be systematic in giving any fraction of his income. Moreover many writers emphasize a distinction between giving and paying. Strictly speaking, we do not give the tithe. It is not ours to give. We pay it as belonging to God.

3. "Should all tithes be given to the Church benevolences, or should part be given in a private way?"

The prevailing custom in the region with which the writer is familiar is for each steward to make distribution of the tithe according to the best light he has and being answerable to God for its uses. There are, however, earnest advocates of what is known as "The Storehouse Plan" which places the tithe under control of the church authorities. We think that the majority of tithe payers do not regard the argument in this behalf conclusive.

4. "Name some practical difficulties in the way of tithing."

We know of none worthy of mention. Bunyan's Pilgrim saw lions in the way; but he was admonished: "Keep in the midst of the path and no hurt shall come unto thee." This provision holds concerning all highways cast up by the Lord.

5. "Should people tithe when in debt?"

The intelligent tithe-payer regards himself as always in debt. Whatever his fiscal relations with his fellow men, he is always in debt to God, the

owner of all with which he is entrusted and who has therefore first claim on his profits. It is a manifest injustice to use God's tenth in squaring accounts with human creditors.

6. "Under what conditions would you consider tithing too much or too little?"

Let us divide the question. "Too much?" It is not easy to designate the precise degree of destitution that will deprive its victim of the privilege and benefit of tithe-paying. Except to say that where there is no income there is no levy. Nor need we give ourselves concern in the premises. The extremely poor are God's poor, and we cannot think of Him as being exacting with them. On the other hand, a good way to realize improved conditions is to trust in God and observe all His commands.

"Too little?" Here our task is easier. Proportionate giving is plainly taught in the scriptures. "As God hath prospered him" answers the question. Any one whom God has favored with ability to give after his tithe has been paid is expected to honor the Lord with his substance by free will offerings proportioned to his prosperity and his just obligations.

7. "Do you consider tithing a wise policy?"

From the point of view of one who regards the tithe a divine institution this is a strange question. We find in Revelation a time law and a money law directing us to set aside one-seventh of the time God affords us and one-tenth of the money, for sacred uses. Is it competent for me to raise the question of "Policy" as to the wisdom of such requirements? God does not consult me in setting forth what is best for human welfare.

8. "Is the old Jewish law of the tithes sanctioned by the New Testament?"

Of the tithes, No. Of the tithe, Yes. There were Levitical tithes that were ceremonial and ritual, just as there were Sabbaths of the same order. These fared the fate of all ceremonialism. But the tithe that is

pronounced "Holy Unto the Lord" is not distinctively Jewish as the Holy Sabbath is not. No man ever had any right to the tithe in any age of the world. Like prayer tithe-paying was practiced by the patriarchs long before the formation of the Hebrew Church, and like prayer it received distinct commendation from the lips of our Lord. That he who said, referring to tithe paying, "This ought ye to have done," himself practiced the tithe, there is every reason to believe. Leviticus calls new machinery into existence, but it affirms the old principle of the tithe as belonging to God. The New Testament modifies the machinery, but it does not abrogate the principle, it rather affirms it. It is time that the Church has done with the unfounded notion that the tithe was a Judaistic practice that Christianity outlaws.

9. "Under the old law of tithing the government taxes were included in the tithe. Ought our modern civil taxes likewise be counted as part of the tithe?"

In a theocracy all fiscal contributions would necessarily partake of the nature of what we call "taxes." But in modern governments, where Church and State are separate institutions, the tithe that is "Holy unto the Lord" is exclusively devoted to sacred uses.

10. "Is tithing easier for the well-to-do or the poor?"

It is not "easy" for anybody who lacks in love for Jesus Christ and in zeal for his cause; but to the devout whether rich or poor it is a delight. We pity the man who feels it a duty to tithe, but who knows nothing of the joy of the Lord. If he is poor he will shrink from reducing a meager fund; if he is affluent he will deplore a heavy draft upon resources which to him somehow never seem abundant. But the Christian who pays the tithe as an act of worship finds in the practice a sense of fellowship with the Lord of heaven and earth that renders him oblivious of sacrifice in its attainment. Indeed, he

makes no sacrifice, but rejoices in an obedience that is better, and that crowns with the benediction of the divine approval. To the pious, whether indigent or affluent, the holy Sabbath and the holy tithe are privileges of which neither will be willingly denied.

The tithe is no experiment as some of these questions seem to imply. In all lands Christian believers of every name have demonstrated it a present day method of financing the King-

dom that is practicable, equitable and efficient. Nor is it merely a superior financial system, pleasing to God and profitable to the church. Its spiritual results commend it as a divine institution. Next to prayer itself it is the surest means of keeping alive a sense of dependence on God. It is a form of Thanksgiving that affords the best possible expression of heart gratitude. It meets the conditions of a great promise and insures abode beneath the open windows of heaven.

you will remember as the lad who worked for me some time ago) walked along the road with me to tell me of his keen disappointment that his son Arrumugan had not also been baptized with the two Rajus. Arrumugan's mother had brought along a change of clothes for him, and the family had come definitely expecting to see Arrumugan baptized also! It had not occurred to them that he

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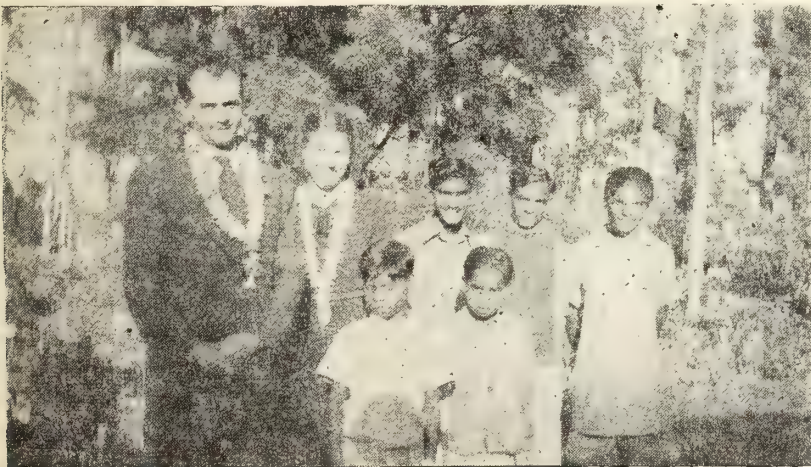
A MOST SACRED SERVICE

"Shamrock"
Kotagiri, S. India
July 20, 1947

Dear Friends,

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The second baptismal service ever held to baptize our own converts marks June

reminded them of the significance of the names they had taken to themselves. After the baptism we held at "Shamrock" a communion service to seal the significance of the occasion. Moses and John had definitely broken with Hinduism and we had definitely received them into the fellowship of believers in Christ. This step was clinched in the minds of all as



29, 1947, as a memorable day. Brother Woolsey baptized our Raju and his cousin, a young man by the same name, in a very precious service in which the presence of the Lord was clearly felt. Our Raju chose for himself the name of John, the beloved disciple; while his cousin Raju chose to be called Moses, the leader of his people out of bondage. Brother Woolsey gave a solemn charge to these two young Christian men as he

they watched the young men take bread and wine with us in the name of Christ and Calvary.

The baptism of John and Moses has already been signally blessed of the Lord. In the first place, the parents and immediate families of both boys were present to witness the baptism, having given their consent to it. Other friends and relatives also came. After the service, the aged father of Arrumugan (whom



would need to be examined and would have to satisfy us of his sincerity and worthiness for such a sacred rite. When he arrived at the water, so I learned the story, John had advised him not to speak to me at that late moment, feeling sure we would be unwilling to baptize him suddenly. So Arrumugan had sorrowfully obeyed, but much to the disappointment of his parents as well as himself. His mother meekly carried the bundle of clothes home again. Please keep the lad much in your prayers. While working for me, on one particular occasion in prayer, he definitely opened his heart to the Lord and made a covenant to live for Him. But he is still young, only 14 at most, and perhaps it is wise to let time confirm his stand. We shall certainly look forward to baptizing him in the Lord's

own time, but let us pray that the father and family will join him in the step. The father is a priest, an important man in his village, and it will take the definite movement of the Spirit to lead him to this point. He is able!

Present at the baptism was another young man who has grown up with John and Moses and who has for several years declared his intention to follow the Lord. This lad, Ganeshan, along with one Manickam, had been going to high school in another town, and have this week transferred to the Government high school in Kotagiri in order to be under Christian teaching and influence. Ganeshan does not have the consent of his parents to be baptized. I am not thoroughly sure of his actual spiritual experience, but as you pray, both of these young men will be drawn of the Spirit and will one day be buried with Christ in baptism, both in type and in reality, as these other two have done. They are the only young people in their entire village who are in high school, and they have a desire to get an education to help their people. If they become truly Christian teachers, what a boon they will be to their depressed people. But if they get an education without God, what blind leaders of the blind they will be! I have more to write about them later, but meanwhile keep them before the Throne of Grace.

In addition to these specific instances, the pace of our entire work has quickened. Somehow, this baptismal service has been taken of the Spirit and used to impress upon the people the value of the Message that is being given out. Sunday School has deepened its roots and attendance has solidified. Day school also has suddenly risen to an attendance of never less than fifty and often as many as sixty. The teachers have not had to go out and bring in the children a single day since the baptism! The same has been true of Sunday School. I would not attempt an explanation, lest I desecrate something too sacred for human language.

We do not recognize that all we see, as well as what we cannot see,

of the Lord's working here is due to faithful prayers back home. As I have recently been re-reading letters from friends at home it has been so heartening to read of definite prayer for individuals here and for situations that needed prayer. Beloved friends, it is this prevailing prayer that tears down strongholds out here and makes way for the Spirit of God to work.

Please continue to pray for William. He had given us such great encouragement. But he has now slipped again into sins of theft, though not on so large a scale this time. He has been too willing to live on the border-line, without yielding up questionable practices such as smoking, etc. He may be seeing now the truth of my warning that these little things would be used by the Enemy as snares to defeat him in the bigger things from which he longs to be delivered. Remember my description of his background, and pray the more earnestly for him.

I enclose you a picture of the "Shamrock" family (with the minor exception of myself) as it was while the Woolseys were here. You will recognize William and Raju, whose picture has recently appeared in the Baptist. The young man on the end (right) is Moonswami, of whom I have written some time back. He was a soldier who was wanting to be baptized. Demobilized some time ago, he worked for us as an "extra" for one month. He is still keen for baptism, and wanted to be baptized with John and Moses, but he also has habits of dishonesty which somehow he does not drop. Pray for him.

The two small boys are (left) Grishman and (right) Balan, both of whom have lived in "Shamrock" for a time while receiving treatment. Krishnan is shown in the separate picture just as he was the morning he came to "Shamrock" to stay, even before getting a bath! We washed him up, fed him properly, gave him treatment for his diseases, and a wholesome environment. The results are partially shown in the group picture. Krishnan did not even know himself in the first picture when I

had it developed and showed it to him after he had been here six weeks! Balan's story is a similar one. Both boys are regular in school and Sunday School now, and are as full of life and mischief as any normal boy. Pray them into a real experience of salvation!

Yours in His glad and satisfying service,

Laura B. Barnard

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NOW OR NEVER IN MISSIONS

"And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." "Their sound went into all the earth, and their words (they that preach the gospel of peace), unto the ends of the world." "The Gospel is preached to every creature which is under heaven." The question is not whether the will of God is done in the lives of others but whether it is done in our own lives. We are watchmen on the walls of Zion. If we see the danger approaching and fail to warn the people, we have proven false to the trust of God. It is true that others have been true to the "Captain of their Salvation," but that does not excuse us for our unfaithfulness. A certain man had two sons; and he came unto the first and said, Son, go work to-day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterwards he repented and went. And he came unto the second, and said, likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Which did the will of his father?" For years the Lord has been saying to Free Will Baptists: "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel unto all nations." At first, we said, "Not so, Lord, our work is at home and besides we are too few and too poor and too uneducated to go; but afterward we repented and said, yes, Lord, here are we, send us." God forbid that because the lack of faith in Him, or failure to give of our means or ourselves that we now fail to go. The responsibility is not to a few who would go forth or to any Board or to the Leaders of the Denomination:

but unto every single individual in the entire denomination. The answer to the call of God can not be answered by an isolated voice here and there but by the united voice of our undivided people.

"He that putteth his hands to the plow and looketh back is not fit for the Kingdom of Heaven." "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father which is in Heaven. "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them." "God has begun a great work through Free Will Baptists. God cannot fail; neither will he fail His people. It is up to us to see that we do not fail the Lord of lords and the King of kings. It has been a hundred and sixty-seven years since God through Benjamin Randall called forth a people by the name of "Free Will Baptists." Their growth during the first hundred years of their history was almost phenomenal. Counting independent bodies, they numbered hundred and fifty thousand souls. Their zeal for lost souls was known not only throughout America but had crossed the ocean. Their schools, colleges and their seminaries were scattered throughout the land. They took the lead in two of the greatest movements of our nation—abolition of slavery and the Temperance Movement. The founders—under God—were all pioneer missionaries. They traveled the roadless forests, left the comforts of their homes and preached the Gospel in settlements never before visited by ministers of the Gospel. In the physical wilderness was a deeper spiritual wilderness; God, through our pioneer preachers, caused wells of living water to break forth to His Glory. They were also in the van in the modern Missionary Movement. Some of our most talented and consecrated men and women bid good-by to their homes and friends and sailed to foreign lands. God blessed our every efforts and we were growing on all sides. But our missionary vision both home and foreign grew dim, and our love for lost sinners grew cold. As a denomination we received what looked like the death blow. Over-

night—as it were—we lost every school, college and seminary, our missionary work, all of the larger churches. We were left a scattered and divided remnant without any educational facilities, or adequate press and mission field or missionaries. Where we had numbered the thousands we scarcely could number scores. Mistrust of one another sprang up throughout the remainder of our work; we divided into small and fearful groups. But worst of all we lost the vision—the greater vision of lost men and women throughout the world. For years we failed to hold our own. It looked as if we had received a blow unto death. But God is merciful and gracious unto his children far beyond their merits. Here and there a vision was granted to various ones of our scattered people. The lost zeal, the vanished vision, the lack of the spirit of unity began to return to our people. We began once more to realize that the Lord can and does use the despised things of this world for His own glory and to the salvation of the lost. Our Ministers began to regain their former passions for lost souls. We began to realize the necessity for an united effort against the forces of evil. Here and there the vision for the lost in Foreign Lands began to seize upon our people. We began to remember that the promise: "Lo I am with you always even unto the ends of the world," were only to them that went into all the world preaching the Gospel to all nations. The Eastern Division of our work elected a foreign mission board. This Board raised funds—pitifully small—to keep or rather to pay the expense of an Indian Worker in India. Small as this effort was God honored it (as He does every sincere effort put forth in His Name for the salvation of the lost). Our interest in Missions grew. In the meanwhile He honored one of our own who was first His own with the Macedonian Call to far away India—The Field of successful service in His Name in bygone years. Miss Barnard, as we all remember so well, was sent by the Foreign Mission Board of the Eastern Conference to India in 1935. In 1936 the New National Association of Free Will

Baptists appointed the Willeys as our Missionaries to Latin America. Two years later Miss Yeley began her labors under our Board (although a Free Will Baptist she had labored under another Board until that date). God has once again honored His promise, "Lo, I am with you always." Since that time we have grown by leaps and bounds. According to the June, 1946, issue of "The Christian Herald," The Free Will Baptists had made more gains than any other Denomination in the United States in the previous year. Since we once more took up the work both at home and abroad, we have tripled our membership and more, we have purchased, furnished and operated the Bible College at Nashville. We have purchased and equipped (in part) six new orphanages—three of which are in full operation, and associations have been organized in such widely different sections as Michigan, New Mexico, California and Florida. We have a Bible School, eight missionaries, more than twenty native workers, an organized Free Will Baptist Association, schools and churches in foreign lands. All has been accomplished in His Name through the power of His Holy Spirit. To no man, woman or group of men and women belong any honor and praise but only to the Lamb that was slain and now sitteth on the right hand of the Father where he maketh intercession for us day and night. Blessed be the Name of our Lord who has done such great things for us. May our love for the Lord and His work grow and wax warmer each day, month and year. God has clearly shown us that by our Mission program, at home and in foreign lands, we stand or we fall. God grant that the vision of lost souls, the wide world over, may never perish from among our people. God has never and cannot make mistakes. He has now called forth eight or ten of the finest and of the best of our consecrated young people to Foreign Lands. It is the Lord's work and marvelous indeed. God has called these to sacrifice father, mother, brothers, sisters, loved ones, home, ambitions, comforts and also possibly fame, wealth and honor. They

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Notes and Quotes



By J. C. Griffin

One Holy Spirit

"There is one body, and one Spirit" (Eph. 4:4). Jesus said, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:7, 8).

Notice that here the Lord Jesus uses the personal pronouns, "him" and "he". So the Holy Spirit, is a person, not just an influence, but a person, just as much a person as the Lord Jesus is a person, or the Father is a person. He is the Third Person of the Godhead—the triune God. The Godhead is a trinity. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All orthodox Christians believe this fact. Again I want you to notice the other names that are given to the Holy Spirit. In the King James' Version of the Bible, He is called the Holy Ghost. But a ghost and a spirit is the same, to intelligent man. However, I have recently received a letter from one would-be instructor, who denies the fact that the Holy Spirit and the Holy Ghost is the same person. So if this poor deluded, misled, uneducated soul's interpretation were right, then there would be two Spirits, and Paul says, "ONE SPIRIT.", but she says "two."

I would not bother the time of intelligent readers with such foolishness, if it were not for the fact that there are preachers in the little woman's denomination that are so weak minded and so ignorant that they are preaching such doctrine, and filling the mind of hundreds who know no better with not only this error, but with other false doctrines, and foolish babbling, doctrines that cause great confusion, which Paul said God

is not the "author." (see I Cor. 14:33.)

The Holy Spirit is spoken of about nineteen times in the 8th chapter of Romans, and in the ninth verse He is spoken of as the "Spirit of God and also as the "Spirit of Christ."

He is called the "Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

He is called the "Spirit of Grace" (Heb. 10:29).

"The Spirit of Burning" (Matt. 3:11, 12).

"The Spirit of Truth" (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; and in I John 5:6).

"The Spirit of Life" (Romans 8:2).

"The Holy Spirit of Promise" (Eph. 1:13).

"The Spirit of Glory" (I Peter 4:14), and the "Spirit of God and of Christ" as stated above (Rom. 8:9).

His office work is in part, to convict sinners and teach and empower believers. Christ said "When he is come he will reprove the world of sin" (Luke 16:8). "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit (R. V.) whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26).

Notice, "Bring all things to your remembrance." Thus the Holy Spirit did His office work at the house of Cornelius. Peter preached Jesus and the Holy Spirit came down on all that were there. Notice what the Scripture says: "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit (R. V.) fell on all of them which heard the word." Now notice the fifteenth verse of the 11th chapter of the Acts, but may I quote the 14th verse first. "Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved." (Peter was the "WHO" mentioned in this verse.) Peter was to tell "Words whereby" they could be saved. "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them as on us at the beginning." Now notice the 16th verse: "Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

In verse 14 we learn that they are to be saved. In verse 15 we learn

that the Holy Spirit "fell on them." Now they are saved. Then in verse 16 Peter says, that they received the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit." So as Christ promised in John 14:26, "He shall bring all things to your remembrance," so in this very moment the Holy Spirit reminded Peter as to what the Lord Jesus had said.

The Gentiles received the Holy Spirit here as the Jews did on the day of Pentecost. The Jews waited for the promise. They had faith and the promise was fulfilled. These Gentiles waited for Peter to come down from Joppa and preach to them. That is they had faith in God's word. So by faith the Jews, the 120 disciples, with the women and others, were baptized with the Holy Spirit. The Gentiles by faith waited and received the salvation—the Baptism of the Holy Spirit—by faith, so from that time those who received the Holy Spirit have received him by faith in the word of God, as they listen to the gospel of Christ. No hands were placed upon the disciples at Pentecost, and no hands were placed upon the Gentile Cornelius and his household.

It has not been so very long since I wrote on the subject of the Holy Spirit, and this writing has been only to try to set the mind of such people as the little lady spoken of right.

The Second Blessing

I have been asked several times, "Have you received the second blessing?" I always answer "Yes." Thank God I have not only received the second and third, but God has blessed me with a complete SALVATION IN CHRIST JESUS. "I was created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (See Eph. 2:8-10). Read it and see what God does for a surrendered soul.

Here is where I stand, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption, that, according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Cor. 1:30, 31).

We may pursue many things in life, not the least of which is happiness.

GOD IS MY PARTNER

As told to William L. Stidger
by Elsie Caverly

People always get a shock when they stop at my house and then come into my garden to find me. I remember one good man, who has since become one of my best friends, first came up on my New Hampshire hill to see me because somebody had told him about my flowers.

It was a beautiful July evening, and he came down through my garden in the dusk. At first, as he told me afterward, he thought I was a small boy, or a little gnome, for my head did not reach even to the top of the lowest flower. I was watering them. I wear heavy gunnysack pads on my thighs, for my legs are off just below the knees; and I must move about by crawling.

It's of slight concern to me how I look when I am working in my garden, for my flowers have enough beauty and perfume in them to make up for all the physical beauty which I lack. I just dig in and get all covered with dirt.

But I'm happy, no matter how strange I look, for I have learned to be happy, and happiness is really the most sought-after achievement in the world.

The evening my good friend came, I was pushing myself along between the rows of flowers on my hands and knees. He almost stumbled over me. I could see the shock in his eyes, even in the dusk.

"Miss Caverly," he asked, "how do you do it? Here you are, handicapped for life, and yet you make most of us look like cowards.

"Your smile is like one of those roses bursting into bloom with the dews of dawn on its first petals. You have the laughter of a child ringing in your voice, or the song of one of your meadowlarks in springtime. Your smile is like the sunset I saw on the hills as I drove up here this evening. You have something; what is it?"

Then I laughed aloud again as we sat there in the twilight. As we talked I looked down over my valley, and thousands of fireflies turned the val-

ley into a constellation of stars. We had a meadow of stars below us and a sky of stars above us; and, for the first time in all my life, I suddenly realized that I was different from other people.

I had never thought of it before. I had just accepted through life the handicap of having lost my two legs. But that night I found myself going back through the years and trying to account for it all.

You know how it is: when trouble comes, you just do the next thing that is to be done. If it is a matter of making a living, you do it the best way you can, and step by step you make your new life, make it—sometimes—in sorrow and suffering, with bafflement and bewilderment; but you do make it. You have to especially when you have lost both legs, and you have neither parents nor friends who feel directly responsible for you. You have to "go it" alone.

If you have pride—and I did—you do not want to be dependent upon others, so you just keep a stiff upper lip and start in.

Before you know it you are seventy years old and you have a beautiful garden. You have friends all over the world; they keep coming to see you and writing you letters. They buy your flowers—and you are a bit bewildered and wonder what it is all about, why people are interested in you. Is just doing what has to be done something to talk about? And you sigh and smile to yourself and begin to look back. I guess you have a right to look back at seventy, if ever, back through the years when you felt cruel train wheels crunching off your legs.

My legs were shattered in a railroad accident. I was hurrying to my work in an orphanage one morning in Dover, New Hampshire, when I took a short cut—one which everybody took in Dover—and I was thinking about a party I was going to that evening, perhaps about a boy friend—for I had them, like all other girls.

I saw a train coming, but thought it was on another track. Then it hit me.

Kind passersby picked me up. My legs seemed to be tangled up in my

long dress, and I was numb all over. A crowd gathered around me.

One man bent over and asked, "Do you want a priest, girly?"

I said, as sweetly as I could, for I appreciated his thought for me. "No, thank you sir! I'm a Protestant."

That's all I remember of that, until I came out of the hospital and had to face life.

Since that time I have been making my garden up here on the hill and sending my flowers to people who pass, on their way up, to the White Mountains, and on their way down, to Boston.

Through all these years I have been able to make my own living without being a burden to others and to help people bring beauty into their lives and homes.

I'll confess it wasn't easy at first, for there were long, long years when nobody knew I was here, when I had a meagre market and an even more meagre living; when it seemed pretty dark and lonely, especially during the long New Hampshire winters. But after a while I began to find friends.

Now I am happy, for I have friends all over the world.

I was born in Stratford, New Hampshire. My father died when I was ten, and "they put us out," as eviction was called then.

The only time I was ever away from home in my life was when I was a young girl, and I went out to Kansas, selling books. That was before my accident.

There was a meeting being held in a Baptist Church, and I went "forward." I was baptized along with about eight others.

That night I had a beautiful dream. I dreamed that I was in Heaven, and everybody was singing, "Glory to God in the Highest." The voices were beautiful.

I awoke then, trembling, and could not sleep for hours. I have never forgotten that night, not even when my accident came. Maybe that's why I was able to bear the shock of the accident and the problems that came to me when I faced life after the loss of my legs. Christianity has meant a great deal to me, even though I can't go to church.

When I came out of the hospital I didn't know how I was to make a living. The railroad gave me a thousand dollars, but the hospital bills ate that all up.

I had always loved flowers, even as a child. I didn't think at first of making money by selling my flowers, but I started in with sweet peas. God blessed those flowers so that people who drove along to the White Mountains would stop and say, "Will you sell some of your sweet peas?" I would.

My trade grew and grew, until there was finally quite a market for them. Then I branched out into tulips. There have been five thousand bulbs growing in my garden at one time, and I planted and tended every bulb of them.

Flowers are like children. You get to caring for and loving every single one of them, even if there are many, and when you love them they grow beautifully for you. They are more beautiful, it seems, than the flowers which are sold by commercial growers.

Finally the people who had been here began to tell others about me, and I began to receive letters, money and presents from all over the world.

I have a lot of what I call "Garden Friends." They are always nice people. Persons who love gardens and flowers are always kind, good people.

I have received letters from persons in twenty-four states, and I spend a lot of time in winter answering those letters. It's a lot of fun.

People often ask me if I have ever been away from this hill. I tell them I have not; you don't have to go away from a place to be happy. A tree never leaves its hill, yet it has all that is necessary for strength and beauty in one spot. Many of my tree friends have lived here on this hill longer than I have. They never move. I guess I am like that: a "tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

I have never left this hill, but it seems to me that I have everything right here. I have trees, flowers,

mountains, the sky; I have dawns and moons and sunsets. They all come to me.

City people travel hundreds of miles to see our New Hampshire hills, and I have them all. They get only a glimpse of them for a few hours. I see them all the time.

My happiness comes from simple things, and it would be a good idea for more of us to derive much from little. I thank the beneficent Almighty for His great goodness to me, for the overflowing beauty that He has crowded into my life!

—Selected from the Religious Digest

The Woman's Auxiliary Department



MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON
Editor
612 New Street
New Bern, N. C.

MISSIONARY HONOR ROLL

Dear Co-Workers:

Do you remember a few weeks ago reading a missionary article which I called the Missionary Hat? Well, I have told several about the story of the hat, and how it came about, and what a wonderful spiritual blessing I received by obeying the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Now, I am starting a list of names of those who are sacrificing something which they really wanted (I don't know that they needed) things they could do without, but if they did, it will make the gift all the more precious in the eyes of the Master.

I am praying, as others may read this message, that they will give and send to me the name and address, and also the amount, if they do not care to tell what they have denied themselves of. You are not to send to me the money, send that to your foreign mission treasurer of your state, and tell them to send it to Brother Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri. If someone should see this, and you are not a member of our denomination, just send your gift in to Brother Davis also.

Pray, dear Sisters and let us raise thousands of dollars through this channel of denial. Please fall in line and let us do our best to raise all the money we can for this most worthy cause.

Self-Denial Offerings

Lizzie McAdams, Davis, N. C.

(a hat) ----- \$5.00

H. M. McAdams, Davis, N. C.,
(a hat) ----- \$5.00
Mrs. R. L. Beckton, Kinston,
N. C. ----- \$5.00
Mrs. Daisy Moore, Greenville,
N. C., (a pair of shoes) ---- \$10.00
Mrs. W. E. Warren, Greenville,
N. C., (a pair of shoes) ---- \$5.00
This person's name was lost -- \$3.00

I am very sorry that I failed to have the name of the person who gave the three dollars, but I will try from now on to be very careful to record all the names of those who make gifts to this great cause.

May God bless all who are moved to give by sacrificing something that they can do without and who love to give to the work of the Lord.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams,
Davis, N. C.

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KEEP YOUR HEART IN TUNE

Dear Women:

Are you praying with us each morning at 9 o'clock? (Matt. 18:20), "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We cannot gather together in body, as we are scattered throughout the nation, but we can claim this promise by gathering together in the Spirit.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," said the Apostle James. There is a tradition that the Apostle James' knees

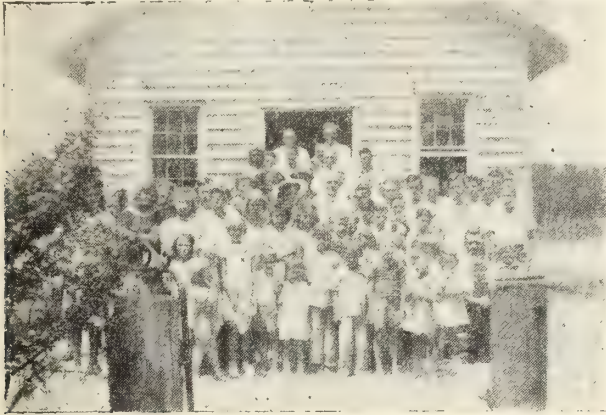
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A FINE REVIVAL MEETING

This is the first time in my sixteen years' of ministry that I am taking the time to write an article for publication in the Baptist paper. It is with pleasure to me to know that

day in March. I started as pastor of the church, and on the fifth Sunday in June we started a revival meeting. The attendance was good each night, and there were 32 people who came forward and gave themselves over to the Lord. Doubtless there were some

has visited that church again, and new life seems to be shown in its work. The picture of the old dilapidated church, and its Sunday School I am running here so that the people might see what it looks like. Also here is the picture of the baptizing



we do have a F. W. B. paper by which we can learn more of each other.

I should like to say that in regards to Oak Grove F. W. B. Church at Eastover, South Carolina, I was there for the first time on the fifth Sun-

of them who rededicated their lives to God, and some who were made new creatures in Christ Jesus. The church had been out of conference, or without a pastor for quite a while.

We are very glad that the Lord

of the converts during the meeting. It was a great scene for the people to behold so many to be baptized at one time.

Rev. L. L. Powell,
Hyman, S. C.

NOW OR NEVER IN MISSIONS

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have—by His Grace—said Lord, here am I, send me. God has given us the challenge. The task is great but thanks be unto Him for His grace is more than sufficient. "Dare great things for God; attempt great things for God and, God will do great things for us." The burden may seem heavy, the day long and the way gloomy, but we are invited to come unto Him and upon Him to cast all our cares for He careth for us. May our people pray as they have never prayed before. May they work as they have never worked before. May they give as they have never given before. Then rest assured that God will bless as He has never blessed before. Will we trust Him? Shall we place our faith in Him and in Him only? Can we leave the results with Him, knowing that He is able to supply us abundantly more than we can ask or even think?

Paul Woolsey

Sober thought increases when intemperance decreases.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

Fifty churches that will take the support of one student each in the Cuban School of Missions during this coming school year at \$15.00 per month per student. The Director over the Cuban field, Rev. Thomas H. Willey, says there will be approximately fifty students this next term. They must have more funds with which to operate the school, and the treasury is not in a condition for us to advance any more money than what we have been paying. If we could get churches or auxiliaries to take the support of the students at \$15.00 each per month it would solve the problem. If you will take a student write and let us know. You will be furnished a picture of your student together with their testimony, and you will send the money in to the treasurer each month designated for that purpose. If we can get a sufficient number of churches to adhere to this plan it will keep the Cuban School going in nice shape. Remember we want this done in addition to what your church is already doing for missions. If it is not done in ad-

dition to what is already being done then there is no use to do it. It would be of no help after all. Why not let us hear from you telling us you will take the support of one student.

Winford Davis,
Monett, Missouri

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN

This is to notify you that the second union of the Central Conference of North Carolina will meet with Saint's Delight Church in Greene County, August 30, at its new location, Ormondsville. This place is on Ayden, and Snow Hill Highway, 9 miles east of Snow Hill.

Come and be with us.

D. W. Alexander, pastor of the church, and moderator of the union meeting

"In the United States criminals force us to spend each year more than four and two-thirds as much on them as we spend on all forms of education, both public and private."—J. Edgar Hoover.



WISE WORDS CONCERNING HONESTY

(Lesson for August 24)

Lesson: Proverbs 3:3; 11:1, 3; 12:17-22; 14:5; 23:10, 11.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:21, 22).

My daily mail is composed to an alarming degree of letters from students who are being swept along toward doubt and unbelief by the forces of scholarly infidelity and learned ignorance. This correspondence comes from pupils in high school, college and university, and in most cases it reflects a desperate desire on the part of the student to maintain his faith and cling to the Christian ideals imparted to him by Godly parents. But with faculty members and textbooks lined up against him, he begins to feel that the Bible could be wrong, at least in certain parts, and calls for help.

One of the greatest handicaps youth faces in an attempt to get an education in our weird times is the above mentioned "scholarly ignorance." I have before me as I write, a letter from a high school girl who believes the Bible and seeks to lead a true Christian life, whose mind has been distressed by a totally uncalled for piece of misinformation imparted to the class by the teacher of English. This professor went out of her way to tell the class that modern learning had discredited the Bible, and offered as proof the fact that Jacob tried to get the better of Laban in the matter of the increase of the flocks by attempting to increase the birth rate of certain types of lambs and kids by pre-natal influence. The teacher stated that the Bible said the spotted and ring streaked progeny

resulted from the mother's gazing at the peeled rods at the time of conception, and that "modern medical science" proved that this would have no effect upon the progeny. This learned (?) dissertation greatly impressed the children, and planted the seed of doubt in God's Word; also it started an argument on the school grounds which eventually reached me by mail.

This was a class in English, as I have previously stated, so it is presumed that the teacher can read English! If she had taken the trouble to read the 30th and 31st chapters of Genesis, she would have discovered these facts.

1. God promised to bless Jacob and prosper him, and to increase his riches.

2. Jacob and Laban spent fourteen years trying to outtrade and outsmart each other.

3. Jacob and Laban made an agreement by which all the spotted and ring-streaked lambs and kids were to be Jacob's portion.

4. Jacob, who apparently believed in prenatal influence, attempted by a shrewd trick to hasten the enrichment of his own herds.

5. God kept his promise and blessed Jacob in spite of this trick, not because of it!

6. The Bible nowhere states that the stratagem of the peeled rods had anything to do with the rate of birth—it merely records the attempt as a clear illustration of the character of Jacob.

7. Jacob, Rachel and Leah all freely state that the good result was from God's favor. They give Him all the praise, and never mention the effect of the peeled rods (Gen. 31:7, 9, 16).—Selected.

II. A Start on the Lesson

The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment. Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy, verses 19, 20. Be it understood, God's truth will live forever, and those who speak and live His truth will be justly rewarded for their righteousness. But lies, and all kinds of false testimonies have a short time to flourish because God brings His judgment

upon them. They are soon found out and disbelieved. The Scriptures tell us that **His truth shall live forever.** God gives credit to those who tell the truth, but he discredits those who are false witnesses. Evil thinkers and wilful deceivers are sinful at heart and are followers of Satan, thus they stand in opposition to God and all religious truth. Their false words, bad counsel, and corrupting influences are all detrimental to the cause of righteousness.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

V. 18. **There is that speaketh like the piercings of the sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.** Harsh and unkind words, even though spoken unthoughtedly, may pierce through friendship and wound the very soul of others, even as the sword, wielded by the hand of a furious foe, wounds the body into which it is thrust. But those who are wise speak words that heal wounded feelings and restore friendship. We have many opportunities of speaking words to restore health to others who are wounded or afflicted. It is our responsibility and privilege to offer balm through our words to those about us whose souls are wounded and sin-sick.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

10. **Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:**

11. **For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.**

The reference here to the ancient landmark has to do with the removal of such evidences as would prove the claim of individuals to certain property. We are to respect the rights of others. Honesty involves more than correctness of speech; it implies rightness of life. No subtlety of reasoning can lead us to the conclusion that we may have God's approval if by unfair means we take that which belongs to another.

Particular attention is given to the fact that we are to have regard for the fatherless. The Word of God constantly gives special attention to the fatherless and the widows. It would seem that God will particularly mark as amiss any unfair advantage taken over these individuals. In fact, this text stresses that God as their

Redeemer will plead their cause against anyone taking advantage of them. Of course, there can be only one result when God opposes, and that is disaster to the individual who occasions His wrath.

Perhaps it is that very sense of helplessness that makes the fatherless depend upon Him. It is certain that until we feel our need of God, we shall go on in our self-sufficiency without Him. When our own lack of strength becomes apparent, then it is we turn to Him, and then it is that He is willing to be our Redeemer.—Moody Monthly.

BURKETTE RAPER'S ITINERARY

Month	Day	Church	County	Conf. or Asso.
August	Friday 15	Branch Chapel	Johnston	Western
August	Sat. 16	Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	Western
August	Sun. 17	Piney Grove (11 a. m.)	Johnston	Western
August	Sun. 17	Rains Cross Roads (8 p. m.)	Johnston	Western
August	Mon. 18	Pleasant Hill	Wayne	Western
August	Tues. 19	Spring Hill	Wayne	Western
August	Wed. 20	Stoney Creek	Wayne	Western
August	Thurs. 21	Pleasant Grove	Wayne	Western
August	Friday 22	Antioch	Wayne	Central
August	Sat. 23	Daniel's Chapel	Wilson	Central
August	Sun. 24	Stoney Hill	Nash	Western
August	Mon. 25	Flood's Chapel	Nash	Western
August	Tues. 26	Free Union	Nash	Western
August	Wed. 27	Mt. Zion	Nash	Western
August	Thurs. 28	Piney Grove	Nash	Western
August	Friday 29	White Oak Hill	Nash	Western

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

Miss Hazel Dawkins' Itinerary

Toe River Association

Saturday, August 16—

Vale, Avery County.

Sunday, August 17—

Green Mountain (11 a.m.), Avery Co.

Piedmont Association

Monday, August 18—

Erlanger, Davidson County.

Western Conference

Tuesday, August 19—

Union Grove, Durham County.

Wednesday, August 20—

Calvary, Durham County.

Thursday, August 21—

King's Chapel, Durham County.

Friday, August 22—

Hansley's Chapel, Durham County.

Saturday, August 23—

Shady Grove, Durham County.

Sunday, August 24—

Oak Grove (11 a.m.), Durham County.

Tippett's Chapel (8 p.m.), Durham Co.

Tuesday, August 26—

Free Union, Wake County.

Wednesday, August 27—

St. Delight, Franklin County.

Thursday, August 28—

People's Chapel, Wilson County.

Friday, August 29—

Rosebud, Wilson County.

Central Conference

Saturday, August 30—

Owen's Chapel, Wilson County.

Sunday, August 31—

Dilda's Grove (11 a.m.), Wilson Co.

Aspin Grove (8 p.m.), Wilson County.

All services begin at 8 p. m. unless otherwise stated.

REPORT OF S. S. CONVENTION

The Central Second Union Sunday School Convention of North Carolina, met June 29, 1947, with Rocky Mount Church.

The convention was well attended and the Sunday Schools were all represented, except one. There was one school reported reorganized.

The convention sermon was delivered by Rev. R. B. Spencer. He used as his subject: "The Effective Ministry of the Sunday School." His message was very instructive and worth while.

By motion the banners are to be awarded at our next convention. Please see that your local secretary keeps all records of your Sunday School and fills out the convention blank correctly, and returns it to Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury, N. C., before the convention meets, then your school will have a chance of winning the banners.

Please have a delegate appointed to represent your league (or if your church does not have a league organized) do send a representative to Sts. Delight Church Saturday night for the purpose of organizing a Second Union League Convention. Please pass this information on to your church or League. We need your cooperation as there is much to be discussed and acted on. We are depending on each of our churches, pastors,

and members to help us in this great work.

One feature of our convention that was enjoyed by all was the special music rendered by various Sunday School groups. These are very inspiring moments to those who love and appreciate worshipping God in music.

The next convention will meet with Sts. Delight, August 31, 1947.

Be sure and attend as there is much to gain by cooperation.

Reported by
Mrs. H. L. Spivey

TIME

Time is money—we have no right to waste it.

Time is power—we have no right to dissipate it.

Time is influence—we have no right to throw it away.

Time is life—we must value it greatly.

Time is God's—He gives it to us for a purpose.

Time is a sacred trust—we must answer for every moment.

Time is wisdom—we have no right to be ignorant.

Time is preparation for eternity—we must redeem it.

—Watchman-Examiner

Burning a candle at both ends always returns poor dividends.

LOOKING UNTO CHRIST

Part II

Looking Unto the Reigning Christ

We have looked backward to the Atoning Christ. Now let us look upward to the Reigning Christ.

We should always look upward, never downward. When Christ arose from the dead, He appeared unto His disciples at different times, and He always appeared unto them in His glorified body, for He had a glorified body. He arose in a glorified body. He spake unto them many things concerning "The Kingdom of God." After forty days, He gave them the great commission, and ascended unto Heaven, while they stood watching Him.

We can see by the eye of faith, the angels as they came to meet Him, as their songs of praise and victory sounded, and we hear the bells of heaven, as they ring to welcome the King of Glory. We see Him as He puts on His Kingly Robe and sits down at the right hand of God. Victorious over death, and over the grave, our King sits glorified upon His throne! He is King in Heaven, and one day all the kingdoms of the world will become His, and the prince of the air (Satan) will be destroyed.

Is He King of our hearts? If He is not, why not crown Him King of your heart today? Prophets foretold of His Kingdom, and of the blessed reign of our King. In chapter nine Isaiah describes beautifully the Kingdom of Christ. "Of the increase of His government and peace, there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and justice, from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this." Beautiful indeed are the pictures Isaiah gives us of His reign of peace. And we, too, shall reign with Him, if we will allow Him to reign in our lives, if we will dethrone self and crown Christ King of our hearts.

David wrote of His kingship, of His victory over His enemies, for He shall triumph over the kingdom of Satan, and reign supremely. Some day every knee will have to bow unto Him, and every tongue confess

Him. Those who will not crown Him King of their lives, but instead let Satan rule, will be afraid when He shall come again.

The Jews rejected Him. They desired a murderer to be granted unto them, and when Pilate washed his hands and said that he was innocent of Christ's blood, the Jews said, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." How true this has been. Christ's blood has been upon them, because they rejected Him. How great have been their calamities! They were attacked by the Romans, driven out of their land, and many of them were carried captives unto other lands. All these years they have suffered persecution, they have been a byword, because they rejected Christ. How sad it is to even think about. However, we read that Israel will be remembered and again be carried back to their own land. They will own Christ as King. Many of them today are accepting Christ. I read a book recently, written by a Jew who is a Christian. It will make you weep to read it. It can be obtained by writing to Tommy Steele, Box 85, Raleigh, N. C., who will send to anyone asking him, the address of its author. The title: **From Sinai to Calvary.**

A few of the Jews received Him, and unto them He gave the power to become the Sons of God. What are we going to do with Jesus? Are we looking upward to the reigning Christ? Or are we looking down to the transient things of this earth?

Are you tempted by Satan? Jesus is able to succor those who are tempted. Satan tempts us all, but if we will meet him with God's word, he will flee. Oh, that our lives may be ruled by the King of Glory! That His will be our will always. Peace, sweet peace, reigns in the hearts of those who crown Him King. As I pen these words, my heart is at rest, while the storms of unrest sweep the world about me. I am His, and I know that my King will never forsake me. While men's hearts are failing for fear, my heart is still, because I know that soon He will come and take all His children to live with Him. Oh, troubled soul, come to Jesus now. Receive Him. Come as

you are; He will give you peace, a peace that the world can never give, nor ever destroy.

Do you realize that unless He is King of your life, you are not safe? I plead with you now, for He is coming again, and woe unto those who are His enemies! But how sweet it is and will be for those who love him!

—Submitted by
Mrs. Sudie Dowty Brinson

A LOST ART

The art of letter writing appears to be passing out with the dying generation. Among our contemporaries are still a few who possess and employ the gift of expressing themselves with pen and on paper, of saying the gracious thing in a gracious way, as Paul wrote to Philemon, and of recalling the mercies and beauties of the Lord; but they are very few indeed. In the case of most of us the pace of this machine-age is depriving us of the joys of communion of thought with our brethren, of common burdens and problems shared, and of discourse in correspondence, to mutual advantage and blessing.

We were reminded of this as we thumbed through some old biographical titles in our library not long ago, and more recently, as we sorted a bundle of letters from our late beloved friend, Dr. Arno C. Gaebelin, and a few of his contemporaries. We wish that we might capture the aptitude of loving self-expression and thoughtfulness that our older brethren had! Yet how can we do it, if we allow ourselves, like Martha, to be "cumbered about much serving"? One needs to learn again and again the better part that Mary chose, and to sit at the feet of the Saviour.

Perhaps all of us are too busy. We think we cannot spare the time for quietness in the presence of the Lord, when it is the one thing needful. We neglect it to our own spiritual loss and to the detriment of those whom we would serve. It would be a splendid thing for all of us—some of us, surely—to learn to say "no" and to mean it. It will be more pleasing to the Lord if we do a few things with a single eye, and well, than for us to do many things half-heartedly, and badly.—Our Hope.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HARRIS. The death angel entered our home and took my Father, Fenner Harris, to rest from all pain and sorrow the last of October, 1947. His funeral was conducted on Monday in the Christian Church by his pastor.

He had moved his name from Parker's Chapel to where he said that he could work in a church better if his name was there. I can say that one good man has gone home to be with the Lord in heaven. He moved in Virginia on a farm and stayed there until his health became very bad. Later he moved in Suffolk, Virginia, and when his health got worse, he went to a Richmond Hospital and remained there for several months, and then they took him home, and then he was taken to the hospital in Suffolk, and he remained there until his death.

He suffered very much for quite a while. His wife preceded him to the grave 21 years ago. He left four sons and four daughters. He had great trials, but God in some wonderful way had his purpose in all of it. May the Lord in heaven care for his dear ones left behind. His daughter, Margaret, stood by and did all she could for him while he was sick.

A little word spoken now
One little smile today;
Mean more to me than all
You give when time takes me away.

—Written by Jane Whitehurst

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I have been licensed by Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church to preach the gospel, and that I shall be available to supply for pastors, hold prayer meetings, and preach at places where the people might want to hold services. I live near Juniper Chapel, and about three miles west of the town of Vanceboro, North Carolina. Call me, or write to me, or drop by to see me.

Rev. Herbert T. Tripp,
Vanceboro, North Carolina
Route 2

Civility costs nothing; lack of it has cost many a man his position.

KEEP YOUR HEARTS IN TUNE

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were worn with hard callouses through his constant habit of praying. When we think of this we do not wonder that he was such a brilliant Christian and great preacher.

Those who go often and regularly to the place of prayer have power in their lives. They are like the "tree planted by the rivers of water." They bear their responsibilities in the church joyfully and well. They are God's powerhouse.

There is some confusion existing relative to women's place in the church and ministry. During our Savior's earthly life and ministry, many devout women devoted their time, substance, and personal ministrations to their Lord. Free Will Baptist women! Will you join us in prayer each morning at nine? Praying that God will show us a greater vision, than ever before, of the work He has set aside for us? Praying that we might each find our place and apply ourselves to making the vision become a reality.

May the Lord bless our Free Will Baptist women, who have banded themselves together for the service to which they are called, is my prayer.

Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan,
4th Vice-Pres., W. N. A. C.

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TO THOSE GOING TO THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE AT CRAGMONT

The schedule and other information regarding the chartered bus provided for the convenience of women going to the Woman's Conference at Cragmont Assembly, follows:

The Orphanage Bus has been chartered for the trip, and will leave from New Bern on the morning of Monday, August 18, arriving at Cragmont in time for supper. The regular stops and approximate time the bus will reach each point are:

Leaving St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Fleet Street, in New Bern, at 5:00 o'clock.

Arriving at the Queen Street front of Lenoir County Court House in Kinston at 6:00 o'clock.

Arriving at the Free Will Baptist Church, Corner Cotanche and 11th Streets in Greenville at 7:00 o'clock.

Arriving at the Nash Street entrance of Wilson County Court House in Wilson at 8:15 o'clock.

Arriving at the filling station on the corner of New Bern Street at the east front of the State Capitol in Raleigh at 10:00 o'clock.

Please be on hand and ready to board the bus at these places. Women who have not registered, but decide at the last minute to go, cannot be guaranteed seats as all but two seats have been reserved at this writing. We will take you if we can, but it would be best to write or phone the undersigned (New Bern, 2481) in advance if you decide to go.

We have worked out the following schedule of fares: From New Bern, \$7.00; from Kinston, \$6.50; from Greenville, \$6.00; from Wilson, Raleigh and any other points east of Durham the minimum charge, \$5.00.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director,
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church announces its annual Homecoming Day to be held Sunday, September 21st.

All former pastors are invited and urged to attend. Those who think they will be able to attend, please notify me, so that you may be worked into the program schedule for the day.

With sincere wishes for a good attendance of pastors.

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Cape Fear Conference

Tuesday, August 19—

Hopewell, Johnston County.

Wednesday, August 20—

Wooten's Chapel, Wake County.

Thursday, August 21—

St. Mary's Grove, Johnston County.

Friday, August 22—

Pleasant Grove, Harnett County.

Saturday, August 23—

Bethel, Johnston County.

Sunday, August 24—

Tee's Chapel (11 a.m.), Johnston Co.

Yelverton's Grove (8 p.m.), Johnston County.

Tuesday, August 26—

Riverside, Johnston County.

Western Conference

Wednesday, August 27—

Spring Hill, Wayne County.

Cape Fear Conference

Thursday, August 28—

St. John, Wayne County.

Eastern Conference

Friday, August 29—

White Oak Grove, Lenoir County.

Saturday, August 30—

Deep Run, Lenoir County.

Sunday, August 31—

Gray Branch (11 a.m.), Lenoir County.

St. Mary's (8 p.m.), Rowan County.

All services begin at 8 p. m., unless otherwise stated.

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MISS ZALENE LLOYD MISSION ITINERARY

Jack's Creek Association

Barnardsville (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Thursday, August 28—

Odum's Chapel, Mitchell County.

Friday, August 29—

Middle District, Mitchell County.

Saturday, August 30—

St. Paul, Mitchell County.

Sunday, August 31—

Burleson's Chapel (11 a. m.), Avery County.

Lewis' Chapel (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

All services begin at 8 p. m., unless otherwise stated.

AN EXTENSION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

During the recent session of our National Association an extension campaign was launched in the interest of our missionary program. If

you will help us put this campaign over the top it will be one of the greatest achievements ever in the history of Free Will Baptist missions. It is a settled and known fact that we are going to have to do something in the interest of missions which we have not done before. Our fine young people are presenting themselves to us, bringing us as a denomination face to face with the greatest challenge we have ever met. From this hour forward we must enlarge or we go backward. We must enter in upon a gigantic missionary program or else we will fail. No, we are not going to fail. We have fallen on this plan of expansion as presented here so as to enable us to bring to materialization the potentialities and possibilities that are rising before us.

We have set forth a suggested quota for each of nineteen different states for the three ensuing years. These quotas when reached will bring our annual income up to the figure of \$60,000.00 by 1950, and the combined total for the three ensuing years amounts to \$146,500.00. These quotas as suggested are based upon the extent of financial support these various states have been giving the last year or so. Of course these quotas, as we have stated, are only sug-

gestive. We cannot say you must do thus and so. It is not ours to tell the various states what they have got to do. We can only ask you to do it, but truly in all sincerity we do ask you to do your best to reach your quotas as set forth in the table shown here. This campaign is being launched with the intention of sending at least two new missionaries to the foreign field annually. A Director is being appointed in each of the states charged with the responsibility to push this campaign in his respective state, and to work in cooperation with the National Foreign Mission Board in putting this campaign over the top. Each state is to have a certain month designated as missionary month; during which month the Free Will Baptists of the particular state are to focus their interests and unite their efforts toward the attainment of the goal as set forth in these suggested quotas.

You will notice on the left side of the list of states is listed the amount which was given by each state during the past associational year of 1946-47. Thus you can compare the increase we are expecting you to make during the coming year over that of last year, and so on until 1950.

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STATE QUOTAS FOR EXTENSION CAMPAIGN

In		1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	Total
1946-1947					
\$ 6,469.64	North Carolina	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,250.00	\$11,000.00	\$ 28,250.00
4,546.75	Missouri	6,000.00	7,250.00	9,000.00	22,250.00
4,072.25	Tennessee	6,000.00	7,000.00	8,500.00	21,500.00
2,076.77	Michigan	3,000.00	3,500.00	4,100.00	10,600.00
1,717.52	Ohio	2,500.00	3,250.00	4,000.00	9,750.00
1,492.00	West Virginia	2,000.00	2,250.00	3,000.00	7,250.00
1,250.33	South Carolina	1,800.00	2,250.00	3,000.00	7,050.00
1,207.78	Oklahoma	1,800.00	2,250.00	3,000.00	7,050.00
1,186.13	Illinois	1,800.00	2,250.00	3,000.00	7,050.00
949.95	Alabama	1,200.00	1,550.00	2,100.00	4,850.00
873.27	Texas	1,200.00	1,550.00	2,100.00	4,850.00
581.82	Georgia	850.00	1,150.00	1,550.00	3,550.00
428.66	Kentucky	850.00	1,150.00	1,500.00	3,500.00
410.20	Florida	700.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	3,200.00
374.86	Mississippi	600.00	850.00	1,200.00	2,650.00
143.00	California	200.00	275.00	400.00	875.00
125.16	Arkansas	200.00	275.00	400.00	875.00
115.00	Virginia	200.00	275.00	400.00	875.00
70.00	Kansas	100.00	175.00	250.00	525.00
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God Save the People

When wilt Thou save the people
O God of mercy, when?
Not kings and lords, but nations,
Not thrones and crowns but men!
Flowers of Thy heart, O God, are they,
Let them not pass like weeds away,
Their heritage a sunless day:
God save the people!

Shall crime bring crime for ever,
Strength aiding still the strong?
Is it Thy will, O Father,
That man shall toil for wrong?
"No," say Thy mountains; "No," Thy skies;
Man's clouded sun shall brightly rise,
And songs ascend instead of sighs:
God save the people!

When wilt Thou save the people?
O God of mercy, when?
The people, Lord, the people,
Not thrones and crowns, but men;
God save the people! Thine they are,
Thy children, as Thine angels fair,—
From vice, oppression, and despair,
God save the people!

—Ebenezer Elliott

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FALKLAND COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

The people of the Falkland community are enjoying a fine prayer meeting services which they are having each week. These services were started in the latter part of last fall. The location of these meetings is between Falkland and Fountain. The average attendance is around fifty to sixty people. Before the tobacco season the attendance was about sixty-five, but we still have a goodly number present for these meetings in spite of the very busy season.

The ministers participating in these services are Rev. Johnnie Vernelson and Preston Ellis, and Heber Joyner. These ministers have brought many good and inspiring messages, and lost souls have been saved by these meetings.

We are glad that we have had a large and regular attendance of the young people in these services. They seem to take much interest in these meetings. We are inviting one and all to these precious prayer meetings. Also we are asking every one to pray with us that these meetings might continue to help save many lost souls.

Jane Dilda

ANNOUNCEMENT

Reverend Ranton H. Jackson, pastor of West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church, will have charge of devotionals over radio station W.R.R.Z., 880 on your dial, beginning on Monday, August 25th, and running through Saturday, August 30th, at 8:30 A. M.

Everyone should tune in for these inspiring messages, and let him know how much you liked them.

Mrs. R. H. Jackson



News From India



A FERVENT APPEAL!

"Shamrock"
Kotagiri, S. India
July 30, 1947

Kind Friends:

It is on my heart to write a word of exhortation regarding the book, **His Name Among All Nations**, and to state why the book was written and why it is essential that all well-meaning Free Will Baptists get this book and study it. The occasional reports of sales have been most disheartening. Not more than 2,000 copies were printed, and the reports show that not more than a few hundred copies have been sold, although it has been off the press nearly one year. Various leaders of our National work have written words of appraisal of **His Name Among All Nations**, and have recommended and urged the purchase and reading of it. Still the sales reports are meager. If the author makes an appeal, will it avail anything?

In my correspondence file I find scarcely a letter that does not request, "Please write us something about India and the work you are doing." "Write me something I can read to my Auxiliary, League," or some other group; and many similar requests. These letters, though deeply appreciated, bring a sadness to me as I realize that just what they are requesting is contained in **His Name Among All Nations**, which has been especially prepared for this purpose but which the thousands of our Denomination have not yet read. If the reviewers are right in their estimate, it contains exactly what our people must know in order to intelligently support the missionary program. And if it does, then it is a tragedy that, after the book has been prepared and made available, it still is not in the hands of the people.

As is commonly known, I moved about among our people for four and one-half years, more or less, trying to give information that would en-

able us to go forward in missionary witness. I do not refer to any one particular class of our people, but to our entire Denomination with precious few exceptions, when I say that I found our people did not know the thrilling story of how the Gospel came to us and how it happens that we ourselves were not left in the plight of India, Africa and other idol-worshipping countries. Even educated people seemed not to have taken seriously these facts of history and applied them to our responsibility in Christian witness. The story of early Free Will Baptist Missions was almost a complete blank. Accordingly, there was no background for hearing and receiving the further thrilling story of our own denominational missionary movements of recent years. Even more serious, our people did not understand what the Bible emphatically teaches about the state of those who haven't heard the Gospel, and about our obligation to preach it to them. Thoroughly convinced first-hand of the enlightenment that must be set before our people if we ever hoped to become a really missionary Church, I prepared **His Name Among All Nations** and hoped that God would use it to inspire our people. The book, therefore, contains just the **irreducible minimum** of what every Free Will Baptist must know if he would satisfy God in his missionary vision and efforts.

Why, then, have not more people bought and read the book? Before the manuscript was ever prepared for publication, I recall, urgent requests came to me from practically every department of our denominational work, for the preparation of just this sort of literature for use as study courses in auxiliaries, leagues, institutes, camps, etc. Especially from the leaders of National Auxiliary Convention did this demand come. "Something we can place in their hands, which they can read and study with their own eyes!" This is the kind of appeal that came oft and again. In view of what seemed at

that time to be such a strong demand for missionary literature, it has been a disappointment indeed that these particular departments of our work have not done something more definite toward circulating **His Name Among All Nations**. If I am misjudging or underestimating what has been done in this connection, I have only the sales records as my source of information.

One minor reason for the low sales record, I realize, is because groups are purchasing one copy and trying to make it do for the entire auxiliary, league, or even the entire church! Please do not think I'm hard when I say that you cannot do this. The reason is, first of all, that this book cannot be read and understood as a novel, or even as the ordinary missionary narrative. You have compacted in this book the salient facts of a dozen other books. (I claim originality for none of it, except the part that deals with my own experience.) This book is a **study book**. I find it necessary to keep a copy in my book-case for reference. Before it was printed I kept the manuscript at hand. Many of these details I cannot hold in my faulty memory, but must constantly refer to and re-study different parts of the book. I marvel at those who read the book once, then put it aside as another book read and finished, or pass the copy on to some one else. This kind of reader, I fear, misses the message of the book. Each chapter is followed by a set of questions. Only when you can answer all these questions and have fastened them securely in your mind can you afford to pass your copy on permanently to some one else! Every church library should have the book. But the individual members of study groups should have their own copies also, just as college students own their own books.

It has been lamented again and again that present-day Free Will Baptists have almost no literature. Now this book has appeared as a purely Free Will Baptist publication, and as such it represents the Free Will Baptist Denomination in a special way. In addition to its contents,
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Winning the Youth for Christ

Leroy Forlines
Winterville, N. C.

(This talk was given at the Union Meeting at Rocky Mount church and requested to be published in the Baptist paper.)

I will attempt to speak to you on "Winning the Youth for Christ."

All Christian people should be deeply concerned about how the young people have drifted away from God and how we may win them for Him.

I will try to give you my opinion on how we may bring them to Christ so that they may feel His love and live for Him.

The first step toward winning the youth for Christ should be taken in the home by the parents.

It is the duty of every father and mother to live a Christian life before their children; to set before them an example to go by; and to show them that there is peace and happiness in serving God.

Parents should be interested in the spiritual training of their children; the training that they will need to face the temptations of the world; that will encourage them to take a stand for God wherever they may go. From their early youth they should be told of God . . . how He gave His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross, that "Whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

They should be taught to pray and to look to God to take care of them. Bible reading should be read and discussed more in the home. Bible reading has been greatly neglected today.

You should be interested in their associates, because boys and girls in the youthful age are greatly influenced by their friends. It is better to say that your boy or girl associates with Christian boys and girls than someone who is wealthy or socially prominent, if they are not Christians, because wealth has led so many away from God.

You should be interested in their friends but never use force in trying to make them associate or not to associate with anyone. Train them so you may trust them to choose their

own friends. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

The second step should be taken in the Sunday School. We should be careful that proper instructions are given in the Sunday School; and to be sure of this, we should have Christian teachers and officers. We should be careful in selecting teachers and officers because they greatly influence the youth.

When choosing teachers we should be sure they are Christians. May I say to you that the socially prominent and the ones with flowery words of speech are not always the best teachers. We have too many teaching today who are not Christians. We have teachers who should be taught rather than teach. What kind of advice could they give your children? It is often misleading.

We must have better teachers. Teachers who are sincere in serving God; who want others to know of Him because they have felt His love.

You may say that in some Sunday Schools there wouldn't be enough such people to fill the places, and doubtless there wouldn't be. But may I say to you that it is better to have just one teacher for a whole Sunday School who is teaching because of his love for God; who is seeking to do the will of God, both in Sunday School and every day life, than to have several who are not sincere and who are not Christians.

It is not the number that counts but how true the few are.

I would like to say to you who are teachers and officers in Sunday School, to let your life be a guiding light to the youth in your community.

Third—Has to do with the church. The ministers should warn young people of the temptations that they will meet in life and how the devil approaches them as a wolf in sheep's clothing, saying, "It is all right to do this or that . . . there is no harm in it! Oh! Why don't you come on and

enjoy yourselves? You are only young once." He tells them not to accept Jesus now, but to wait awhile . . . until they will be more fit to serve Him. It is not the will of the Devil that anyone should ever serve God, and he promises them anything to keep them led astray.

Warn them of the temptations and encourage and strengthen them to always stand firm for Christ. Tell them of the wonderful love of Jesus . . . how He died on the cross to save them from sin. How He can be their comforter and guide.

Above all, ministers should be careful not to give any misleading advice from the pulpit, because the eyes and ears of sinners are open, trying to catch some flaw to justify themselves in what they do.

It is our aim to bring the youth up to the standard of the church rather than to carry the standard of the church down to the youth.

Fourth—comes in the every day life of a Christian. Maybe you are not fitted for a minister, teacher, or some office in the church but this doesn't hinder you from helping in winning the youth for Christ. There is no better influence than to see someone who is living a Christian life . . . someone who is never discouraged but looks to God with faith that everything will be all right.

You should always be on the alert for a chance to take your stand for God. A chance to glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

You should not only be a listener but a true and faithful worker. We have too many who just go and listen to the preacher and never take an opportunity to speak for God themselves. Can they call themselves servants of God?

As a Christian, you should be willing to sacrifice; to be a Christian there are things that you will have to sacrifice. You may not always be able to follow the crowd and be a Christian. You may be discouraged by your friends. You may be laughed at or criticized but if you can't

stand for God everywhere you go, can you call yourself a Christian? You should be willing to give up anything that will hinder you from serving God. May I beg of you who are Christians to let your life be a guiding light to our youth.

Fifth—May I call upon you who are not Christians, that for the sake of the youth as well as for yourselves, to give your life to Christ and become a Christian because your life is an influence to those around you.

You may say, "I have never said anything against God. I have sent my children to church and Sunday School. I have never hindered anyone from being a Christian." But you have! There is no neutral ground. You either live for Him or against Him. You cannot stand on neutral ground. Oh! Will you think of your influence on the youth . . . think of what God could do for you and what you could do for Him? That you could work for Him instead of against Him. Give your life to God and say, "Have Thine own way, Lord. Thou art the Potter, I am the clay."

Sixth—May we call upon the leaders of our land. Just think what a wonderful place this would be if our leaders, the ones who make up our government, were Christians! We would have fair and just laws to be governed by, and a lot of the temptations that we have set before our youth would be forbidden. There would be places to encourage good moral living instead of places of temptations. What can we expect of a nation that is after money, and seeking pleasure more than to do the will of God?

Seventh—We must pray! We should pray for the young people and ask God to lead them and strengthen them in every hour of temptation. We should pray that the forces of evil be weakened. Above all, we should be sincere and honest in our prayers and look to God with faith that will be answered. As it is said in that beautiful old hymn,

"What a Friend we have in Jesus

All our sins and griefs to bear;

What a privilege to carry,

Everything to God in prayer."

In conclusion, let me say, if you

want to win the youth for Christ, you must let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

The same saving grace that saved your father and mother, and saved you, will save the youth of today!

YOUTH CAMP AT CHILDREN'S HOME

The F. W. B. Youth camp opened on July 21 at the F. W. B. Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama. There were 98 enrolled, and the most of these attending were young people. The Reverend J. B. Bloss opened the camp on Monday morning by asking God's blessings on the work. He read the rules of order and gave the schedule for the week.

The bugle call was at 5:30, and the exercises began at 6:00 A. M. Breakfast was at 6:30 and devotions at 7:15, then the class work began at 8:00. The League work was taught by Hazel Cook, who is a graduate of the F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. D. C. Dodd taught Bible doctrine, and Rev. Reford Wilson taught Sunday School organization. The Auxiliary work was taught by Mrs. D. C. Dodd, and Bible drill and recreation was taught by Rev. W. H. Ryland. The general superintendent was Rev. J. B. Bloss.

In the afternoons many games were enjoyed on the spacious grounds adjoining the Home, and everyone who attended this camp seemed to have enjoyed it very much. During the evangelistic services in the evenings for the week 21 young people came to the altar, while others rededicated themselves for special service. One young man confessed the call to preach the gospel, and five young girls presented themselves to be missionaries, or whatever the Lord might lead them to do. Practically everyone was a Christian before the week was over.

There were present several visitors each evening for the evening service. On Friday afternoon, after the classes were over, a photographer came and made pictures of the group together, of the teachers, and of some

of the scenes about the Children's Home. Brother V. C. May is to be commended for the remarkable job which he has done as Field Worker for the Home, and also in getting the Home ready for the official opening to receive children in it, which will open on August 31. This is our Annual Rally Day at the Home, and everyone is invited to attend this occasion.

The program rendered on Friday night by the campers was proof of the good talent among the F. W. B. young people in Alabama. Next year we are hoping to be able to have two weeks for the Christian Workers' Institute, and we request the same teachers used this time to be with us then, those whom we have learned to love so well. The camp closed with our hearts full and running over with joy, and we sang as our closing song, "If We Never Meet again This Side of Heaven."

Mildred Parker,
Leeds, Alabama

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Deep Run members and community met on Monday afternoon after the Third Sunday in June and began a Vacation Bible School which continued through Friday. There was some over one hundred enrollment, besides the teachers and visitors. There was a perfect attendance of about fifty or sixty.

This was the first school we have attempted to have. All seemed to enjoy it very much. Mrs. S. A. Smith from Beulaville came and was with us at the beginning of the school, and instructed us how to begin. We appreciate her being with us so much.

On Friday afternoon, after school was over, we had a spread supper out on the ground, which was very much enjoyed by all present.

We are hoping to have another Vacation Bible School next summer with 200 enrollment instead of around 100. I am glad I had the privilege of attending each day. Pray for us that we may continue in the work.

Yours in His name,
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions

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REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD

Executive Secretary

3609 Richland Avenue

Nashville, Tennessee

ANNUAL REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan, greetings:

We the Board of Foreign Missions beg to submit the following report:

Again, as in the years before, we come to the close of another associational year with noticeable gains having been made in the department of foreign missions. More of our people have been reached in the interest of missions, more of them have been enlisted to the support of missions, and more money has been given for the cause of missions than in any previous year. Our total receipts during the past year reached a new high of \$31,430.68 which is a gain over last year of more than three thousand dollars. Putting the brought forward figure with the receipts makes a sum total of almost thirty-seven thousand dollars. While we have been blessed with an appreciable gain in receipts our disbursements have also mounted. There are greater demands on the treasury continually. It increases considerably every year.

Two new missionaries have been sent to the field during the past year, namely, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey to India. Reports are that they are getting settled in their work nicely so far, and we have great confidence that a new day has dawned for Free Will Baptists in India.

We come to this new associational year with several candidates for the fields of Cuba and India. Some few years ago we were searching diligently for missionaries to send out, now we have more applicants than we have money with which to send them.

CONCERNING CUBA will say the work is moving forward there with

blessing. We now have ten organized churches in the Pinar Association of Free Will Baptists, and approximately 40 preaching stations. Some of these mission stations are practically ready for organization into churches. The work at the school has progressed nicely through the past school term. The student body this past year amounted to thirty-two in number.

We have a campaign on for the erection of a new and permanent set of buildings at the Cuban School. Some progressive work has been done on a dormitory building for the girls; but it is in great need of being finished. The completion of this part of the new building project is most compulsory before the opening of the next school year. Due to the fact this building campaign for the Cuban School was launched after the sitting of our last National Association, we are therefore asking in this report that you, while assembled here in session, kindly approve this campaign the board has seen fit to launch. If you in your wisdom can be pleased to approve this move the board will appreciate it, and will expect to drive harder in the immediate future for the completion of this dormitory building, and for the completion of several other buildings over a period of the next few years.

A very gratifying move has been made during the past year in the interest of our work in Cuba in the securing of our title to the school farm. This is a matter which Bro. and Sister Willey and the Board have mutually been desiring might be taken care of for some length of time. At the time the farm was purchased the Board was in no position to receive title to property in another country. The only thing that could be done was for Bro. and Sister Willey to make the purchase. Therefore in the face of this condition the

Board was immediately made an incorporation so as to be able to handle the matter, and your Promotional Secretary went over to Cuba in May of this year and duly received title to the farm for the denomination. We are happy to report that the work with the officials in Cuba went off very nicely, and all concerned were greatly relieved to know the matter was brought to a very agreeable finish. While receiving title to the school farm we also received legal title to the jeep and proceeded to grant Rev. T. H. Willey, our Director in Cuba, Power of Attorney which enables him to legally represent us in Cuba in all legal affairs. The Power of Attorney was given with certain limitations which limitations were inserted not only for immediate and present purposes, but were set forth as a precedent for the good of the work in years to come. That you may understand more clearly we give here the exact motion as passed by the Board concerning the matter: "Motion carried that we grant Rev. Thomas H. Willey, our director over the Cuban field, Power of Attorney with limitations as follows: No purchase of any real property to be made which purchase involves a cost exceeding \$300.00 (three hundred dollars): no improvement on real property to be made which improvement exceeds a cost of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars); no real property whatsoever to be sold without permission of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the U. S. A. Purchases and improvements of property which cost exceeds \$300.00 (three hundred dollars: may be made by obtaining permission from the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the U. S. A."

It is with regret we report that Rev. and Mrs. Dodd were compelled to return to the States in March of this year on account of Sister Dodd's failing in health. Her Cuban Doctor required her to return to the States for a period of rest and complete relaxation. Let us be much in prayer that the time may speedily come when Sister Dodd's health will be completely regained, and they can

make their return to the field. They did such a splendid work what little time they were on the island, and indeed there is much remaining there for them to do. They were dearly loved by the Cubans and it does seem tragic that they must leave; but we must rest on the "all things" scripture of Romans 8:28.

CONCERNING INDIA we are indeed happy to be able to report that we have new recruits on the India field. It was surely a relief to Miss Barnard to have the safe arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey to assist her in the work on that great field. Bro. Woolsey took with him a great deal of very useful and helpful equipment. Some twenty-four to twenty-six thousand dollars worth. Our people were very liberal in giving for the purchase of this equipment for which liberality we are very grateful.

The Woolseys and Miss Barnard we are quite sure have plans in the making for the opening up of a new work some where in the northern part of India, and possibly will arrange for the continuation of the work in the Kotagiri section also. Let us pray for them earnestly as they shoulder this great responsibility of representing us and the Lord in that far away land. May God give them great wisdom and great grace. We hope that soon other recruits may be added to our staff of missionaries in India. Might say in conclusion of this paragraph that Bro. Woolsey has written very highly of the work Miss Barnard has been doing during the years she has been laboring there.

As to the itinerate work will say not a great deal has been done outside of what Rev. Kenneth Turner has done with his motion picture service. The Secretary-Treasurer has not done a great deal of itinerate work during the year. Have done some however and have seen some gratifying results. I have done most of my work this year through the mails in mailing out circular letters, missionary papers, many personal letters, etc. Rev. and Mrs. Willey did some itinerate work during their stay in the States in the summer of '46. Rev. Damon Dodd has also done some itinerate work, and some

has been done by Rev. Paul Woolsey during the past year. Wherever and by whoever itinerate work has been done the results as a whole have been favorable. Referring again to Rev. Turner's work, he has spent 327 days on the field conducting itineraries in twelve different states. His total offerings during the year was \$6,161.24. He received \$2,640.00 for his services and the use of his machine, \$864.05 travel expense, and the cost of arranging these itineraries was \$373.05, leaving a balance for the treasury amounting to \$2,284.14. He conducted eleven itineraries in all and traveled 31,471 miles. Sixty-four persons presented themselves to the Lord in these services for special missionary work.

During the latter part of the winter Rev. Turner, together with Rev. Frank Linton, made a trip to the field in Cuba for the purpose of taking a new set of pictures. He was gone four weeks on this trip. However the cost of this trip was not paid from the treasury. This trip was paid for by friends, and those interested in having the work done.

The Foreign Missions Board has held only one meeting since last National Association. However we have been very busy as a Board; but have tried to take care of most of our work by correspondence so as to save expense. The meeting we held was the annual meeting at the College in Nashville, Tennessee, in April.

Concerning the book written by Miss Barnard titled, "His Name Among All Nations," will say we are indeed happy to have gotten this fine piece of work out to our people during the past year. We are sure it is proving a great blessing in creating missionary interest among our people. The book has not sold as fast as we had hoped for; but of late months the sales have been increasing. We have negotiated with the F. W. B. Press at Ayden, N. C., and they are now handling the book. It may be ordered either from the Press at Ayden, N. C., or from the Missions Office in Monett, Mo. During the past year we received from the sale of this book in exact figures \$674.00. The Board advanced \$1,712.45 in having between 1900 and 2,000 copies

of this book printed. This cost together with the Woolseys getting out in the early spring with a travel cost of \$1,500.00 come near causing us to suffer another financial crisis. However by your help and cooperation we stemmed the tide and overcame the situation without too much hurt. However we are yet greatly in need, and are compelled to operate on a small, and therefore dangerous, margin. We are yet looking forward to the day when Free Will Baptists will become so greatly awakened to this great missionary challenge and will so rally to its support that we can operate on a much larger scale and with a full and established treasury.

We present the following recommendations:

No. 1—We ask the National Association to please approve the campaign which was launched early in this associational year for the erection of a new and permanent set of buildings at the Cuban School of Missions. The Board is asking that funds be raised not to exceed \$10,000 for this purpose. The buildings to be finished within three to five years.

No. 2—Whereas the Free Will Baptist Missionary program has grown even far beyond our expectations during the past twelve years, and

Whereas we are not receiving sufficient financial support to meet the demands incurred by this increasing number of volunteers

Therefore we recommend the following plan as a means of increasing the support of our people over the many states so as to reach an annual total in receipts to the amount of \$60,000 by the year 1950. Each state which has heretofore been supporting missions in any substantial sum to be given a suggested quota to be raised by the time of the National Association in 1950. These respective quotas to be spread over the ensuing three years with the lesser amount to be given in 1947-48, an increasing amount to be given in 1948-49, and a still larger amount, which will finish the quota, to be given in 1949-50. These respective quotas as suggested based upon the support received from the respective states

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Notes and Quotes



By J. C. Griffin

The Piedmont Association

It was our happy privilege to attend the Piedmont Association in its annual session, week before the First Sunday in August, in which I was honored with the delivery of the Associational sermon, an honor for which I praise the Lord.

The brethren and sisters of the Piedmont are keenly alive to the general program of the church. It is the fastest growing section of North Carolina Free Will Baptists. A very noticeable part of the work is the fact that a great number of the churches are whole-time churches. Perhaps this is one of the secrets of their fast and healthy growth. It is an evident fact that a pastor can do more for the cause when his efforts are not divided between several churches. No man can **pastor** a large group of churches. He can go and preach at monthly appointments, but very little, and often NO PASTORAL WORK is done. It takes a lot of sacrifice for a minister to do much visiting when he is living at a distance of several miles away from his church.

I shall not try to tell in detail the work of the Piedmont Association, but I can say that they are surging ahead of many of the older associations and the work is really encouraging to those who want to see the work of the Lord go forward. May God bless the efforts of the Piedmont brethren and sisters is our Prayer.

Foreign Missions

Under the caption "HASTEN" comes this message through a letter from the "Pilgrim Mission in India," which I quote in part: "An unutterable horror is now poised and ready to fall upon FOUR HUNDRED MILLION people. They are to be denied the Gospel. India is to refuse to al-

low 'conversions' or baptisms, which is to say India is getting ready to stamp out Christianity. Not until the English leave India next year can this dreadful thing actually become law. Wherever the English have gone the Gospel has gone. And God has added His blessing, and the English Empire was a mighty power, and always has protected Christianity in the past. That will soon be over in India."

When I read the above letter, the question came from Satan, I am sure, saying, "What is the use of supporting the work further?"

God Gave the Answer to the Question

Jesus said in estimating the value of a soul that it was worth more than all the world. "What shall it profit a man though he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." So a soul is worth more than the whole world. So then, for the value of lost souls every child of God should rally to his or her highest ability and put every dollar possible into the hands of the Mission Treasury for the next several months and every available missionary should go to India. A man that would lie down on the job now, in this the last days of the age, would be as guilty in abetting in the damnation of these poor Indians as I would be if I were to sit still and let a man's house burn down on him and his family. Let us preach, teach, and be all on the altar for Foreign Missions in these last days.

Another reason for whole-hearted and sacrificial efforts now is the fact that if all Christians would do their very best, who knows but, what God would give us so many Christians in India by the end of this probation that the Christians would be able to hold the reins for Jesus and His church.

Our Quota, or Allotment

Recently I received from Rev. J. R. Davidson a paper showing North Carolina's "Status in Relationship to the Bible College Program."

It is with interest that these papers are sent out. Even though Brother Davidson's activities, as Busi-

ness Manager of the Bible College, expire the first of September, 1947, his interest in the ongoing of the Bible College does not expire.

For the benefit of North Carolina Free Will Baptists, I am giving verbatim or publishing the letter as information, so that every one who reads my Notes and Quotes will get the message, and perhaps a great number will see the need of getting this allotment off our hands before the end of 1947. At least that is my desire. So let us do all that we can in order to save every lost soul.

You may say, "Will the support of the college program mean the salvation of lost souls?" I answer "Yes," because our college is a Christian Institution that teaches, or trains men and women in presenting the truth of Christ in a nintelligent manner, which is certainly needful in this day as it has always been.

Here is Brother Davidson's "Status" paper. Read it and digest it. AMEN.

"North Carolina was given an allotment of only 66 2-3 cents a member of the \$100,000 proposed for the expansion of the College, notwithstanding it is the largest allotment given to any state. You will be interested to know the accomplishments during the first two years, I am sure. You have turned in 38 2-3 cents a member up to June 30, 1947, or a total amount of \$11,605.10. This means you will raise 28 cents a member during the next 18 months, or a total amount of \$8,394.90. It is easy to observe the fact of your gifts about evening according to schedule; however, it should be remembered that two special gifts of \$1,000 each have been applied on your allotment. In comparing your gifts from July, 1945-46 with those turned in from 1946-47, I discover you turned in \$594.39 more during the former period than the latter; hence the necessity of stimulating your people for larger income to your College during the next 18 months than during the past 24 months.

Proper presentation of a uniform plan for systematic support in monthly gifts will be certain to step up your monthly figures. If you have not discovered a better plan than the

Annual Endowment Check Plan, please give an unbiased consideration to its use. It provides convenience for monthly gifts of any amount desired by the church, Sunday School, League, Women's Auxiliary, or Individual. All inquiries concerning its use will be promptly answered if addressed to J. R. Davidson, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Yours for certain victory,

J. R. Davidson,
Treas.-Bus. Manager

RAREST CHRISTIAN VIRTUE

Passion for souls is the rarest of all Christian virtues (Jer. 20:9).

It is kindled in the soul of the believer:

1. By the conviction that a divine commission or dispensation of the gospel is committed to him (Jer. 1:17; I Cor. 9:17).

2. By a consciousness of a debt owed to humanity (Rom. 1:14; I Thess. 2:4); we are debtors to man and trustees of the gospel.

3. By the hearty persuasion of the truth of the message, that is, the terrors of the Lord, and the love of Christ (II Cor. 5:11, 14).

4. By self-sacrifice for others' sake (Rom. 9:1, 3; 10:1; Col. 1:24).

5. By confidence in the redeeming power of God's gospel (Isa. 55:11; I Tim. 1:16).

Its effects in the character and life:

1. Overcoming natural self-distrust, slowness of speech, etc. (Jer. 1:4-9).

2. Boldly meeting antagonism and ridicule (Eph. 6:19, 20).

3. Creating an inward necessity. Pent-up fire (Ps. 39:3; Matt. 12:34; Acts 4:20).

4. Imparting courage to attempt to save even the chief of sinners. Passion for souls awakening hope for them.

5. Becoming the secret of actual uplifting power. Men cannot resist impassioned earnestness. No logic like that of love.

—Soulwinner

Provident people prevent poverty.

TO ORGANIZE DISTRICT LEAGUE CONVENTION

This is to announce that the Second Union District of the Central Conference of North Carolina has decided to organize a Young People's League convention. Saint's Delight Church, at Ormondsville, on Ayden and Snow Hill Highway, has extended an invitation for all leaguers and others who are interested to meet with them at 7:30 P. M. on Saturday night before the Fifth Sunday in August.

Accommodations for the night will be available for those who wish to stay over for the Sunday School convention on Sunday.

Please be much in prayer that the organization of this convention will meet with much success.

David M. Wooten,
President of King's
Cross Roads League

AN IMPORTANT REQUEST

Will any Free Will Baptist person or persons, living in Newport News or vicinity, who are interested in the establishing of a Free Will Baptist church in said locality, please send their names and addresses to

Rev. M. C. Roscholar
902 East 28th Street
Norfolk 8, Virginia

that necessary arrangements may be made or considered for a Free Will Baptist work to be started in that city?

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours in Christian service,
Rev. M. C. Roscholar

"The prospects of the Gospel might be better if the average town had in place of a few thousand members now listed only a dozen Christians who are not in the least apologetic and are willing to make the spread of the Gospel their first interest."—Dr. D. Eldon Trueblood.

Where spirituality reigns materialism can not thrive.

Human conduct reaches its zenith when patterned after Christ.

THE SUSTAINER

The Spirit of God still broods in love over the world. By placing the fingers under the breast of a hen as it broods over its eggs, it will be found that every nerve is vibrant with life and pulsing with energy. Not in passivity, therefore, but in activity does the Spirit of God brood over creation.

How significant are the findings of modern science, that there is a ceaseless energy at work in all nature; not only in dead organic nature, but in what men have in time called dead matter. The discovery of the electron and the principles which give us the radio reveal a universe shot through with energy. Not only, therefore, was the Spirit of God operative in creating, but He is the sustaining energy pervading all nature and the life-giving power everywhere.—J. B. Hunley, in **The Pentecost and the Holy Spirit**.

BUSINESS OR SPORT

We crossed and recrossed the river several times by the ferry boat at Basle. We had no object in the world but merely amusement and curiosity, to watch the simple machinery by which the same current is made to drift the boat in opposite directions from side to side. To other passengers it was a business, to us a sport.

Our hearers use our ministry in much the same manner when they come to it out of the idlest curiosity, and listen to us as a means of spending a pleasant hour. That which should ferry them across to a better state of soul, they use as a mere pleasure boat, to sail up and down in, making no progress after years of hearing. Alas, it may be sport to them, but it is death to us, because we know it will ere long be death to them.—Spurgeon.

"Faith is not the ability to believe something in spite of the evidence; it is the willingness to do something in spite of the consequences."—Dr. Sherwood Eddy.

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during the last number of years, and this plan carried out with the intention of sending out at least two new missionaries each year.

The suggested quotas for nineteen different states was published last week.

No. 3—We recommend that Rev. Rashie Kennedy and Rev. Winford Davis be appointed to work out a plan for the promotion of this extension campaign in the appointing of one person in each state as a director and field man in the interest of foreign missions. Each state to have a month in which a special drive is to be made in the interest of Foreign Missions.

No. 4—We recommend Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk as missionaries to India; the time of their going to be subject to the acceptance of Miss Barnard, and the state of the treasury.

No. 5—We recommend Miss Louise Ferritinno of Durham, N. C., as secretary to the Director in Cuba. Her going to be at the option of the Director.

No. 6—We recommend that the churches over the states be solicited to support one native student each in the Cuban School of Missions to the amount of \$15.00 per student.

No. 7—We recommend that the Promotional Secretary carry on in his work during the coming year under the same set-up as of the previous year.

No. 8—We recommend the same salaries be paid the missionaries, and the same amount of promotional funds be sent to the foreign field as of the previous year.

No. 9—We recommend that Rev. Turner continue his itinerate work with the picture machine on the same basis as of the previous year.

No. 10—We recommend Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach as field workers in the interest of foreign missions.

The financial report follows:

Financial Report

Receipts

Brought forward from last associational year ----- \$ 5,316.32

Received as by states during past year as follows:

North Carolina -----	\$ 6,469.04
Missouri -----	4,546.75
Tennessee -----	4,072.25
Michigan -----	2,076.77
Ohio -----	1,717.52
West Virginia -----	1,492.00
South Carolina -----	1,250.33
Oklahoma -----	1,207.78
Illinois -----	1,186.13
Alabama -----	949.95
Texas -----	873.27
Colorado -----	656.69
Georgia -----	581.82
Kentucky -----	428.66
Florida -----	410.20
Mississippi -----	374.86
California -----	143.00
Arkansas -----	125.16
Minnesota -----	125.00
Virginia -----	115.00
Kansas -----	70.00
New Mexico -----	22.00
Nebraska -----	8.00
New York -----	6.00
New Jersey -----	5.00
Idaho -----	2.00
National Unified Program Fund -----	840.00

Received from sale of books,

"His Name Among All Nations" -----	674.00
National Aux. Conv. -----	419.97

Offering taken at National Association ----- 328.71

Offering taken at Bible Conference ----- 135.77

Given by Rev. C. Vandenburg ----- 85.00

Received from sale of picture poster sets ----- 16.00

Given by Miss Laura B. Barnard of India ----- 10.00

Received as subscriptions to the paper ----- 4.00

Refund from the American Express Company ----- 1.05

Received as from a friend ----- 1.00

\$31,430.68

Brought forward from

last year ----- 5,316.32

Grand Total ----- \$36,747.00

Total disbursements during past year ----- 34,613.71

Bal. in treas July 1, 1947--\$ 2,133.29

Winford Davis,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

PROGRAM OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The following is the program for the Central Second Union Sunday School convention of North Carolina, which is to convene with Saint's Delight Church at Ormondsville, on August 31, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Sunday School by the local school
- 11:00—Devotions led by Mr. David Wooten
- 11:15—Address of welcome by Mr. Levy Humbles
- Response by Miss Louise Hedgepeth
- 11:20—Congregational singing and special music
- 11:30—Convention sermon by Rev. D. W. Alexander
- 12:00—Brief business period
- Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions led by Mr. Floyd Harris
- 1:15—Address: "The Value of Music in Worship Services" by Miss Gladys Hines
- 1:35—Special music
- 1:40—Business period
- 2:00—Address: "Our Responsibility to Our Youth," by Rev. D. A. Windham
- 2:20—Business period
- Election of officers, etc.
- Special music as a special feature
- Adjournment

By the Committee

PROGRAM FOR ALBEMARLE LEAGUE UNION

The following is the program for the Albemarle League Union, which is to be held with Mt. Olive Church, on Saturday, August 30, 1947.

Theme: "Victory through Christ."

Evening Session

- 7:30—Devotions conducted by Vernon Davis
- 7:45—President's remarks and recognition of ministers
- 7:55—Reading of minutes of the last meeting
- 8:00—List of churches called and Leagues represented
- Business period
- Digest Committee's report
- Treasurer's report
- 8:30—A talk on the subject: "How to Win Victory through Christ" by Miss Althea Etheridge
- 8:45—A talk on the subject: "The Reward" by Oscar Webster
- 8:55—Adjournment

Alice Webster,
Program Committee

What does Christianity mean to you? Much or little? Think it over.

A man may make money, but money can never make a man.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

GLEN CHANGED HIS MIND

Alice Blaine

"I know what I'm going to buy," exclaimed Glen fingering three bright dimes.

"What's that?" asked Roger.

"A ball for one. I saw some nice ones in the dime store."

Glen and Roger had just finished their Saturday afternoon's work. Both boys had been so eager to earn money, and they had worked hard. With Roger's coaster wagon they hauled corn cobs from the mill in Leesfield. Many people in the small town were glad to buy cobs for kindling. The boys stuffed three big sacks with cobs and sold them for ten cents. They sold six loads, so each had three dimes.

Glen and Roger went home happy-hearted. They talked eagerly about their money.

Glen was sure he would want his share all for himself, either spend it or save a part of it.

"Oh, there are many things I'd want," Roger was saying to Glen.

But Glen was so excited he could not wait until Roger had finished. "And I'd like to have a knife too," he broke in, "and oh, I don't know what all. But perhaps I'll put some in my savings bank."

"I think I'll save some of mine, too," Roger said counting his dimes for the tenth time. "But this isn't all mine."

"What?" Glen burst out. "I'd like to know whose it is if it isn't yours. You earned it."

"Yes, but Mother said out of every dime I earn one penny belongs to God. That's what the Bible means by the tithe," explained Roger. "I'm going to take three pennies to Sunday School to-morrow."

Glen only laughed and said, "I don't care what you do with yours. But what I have's mine. I earned it."

"But I don't believe it's right to keep for ourselves what belongs to God," said Roger still holding his

ground.

Glen gave his shoulders a little shrug. It was plain what Roger said did not suit him.

"Well," he said at last. "I must hurry home, for it must be 'bout supper time. Mother will be waiting for me. Good-by."

"Good-by," rang Roger's voice in parting.

Glen and Roger met each other again the next day in Sunday School. As usual all the children of the Primary and Junior classes met in the big assembly room for the worship service. This morning there was a special treat in store for them. A missionary from China spoke to them. She told them many interesting things about the children and people in China.

"Many, many of the children in China," said she, "have never heard of Jesus. They know nothing about Sunday School, the Bible and God. Many people there pray to idols instead of to the true God."

The missionary showed them an idol which she brought from China. Holding it in her hand she said, "This is to whom the people pray, to such idols made of wood, stone or brass which can't see nor hear. Of course when the Chinese become Christians they throw away their idols."

When the missionary had finished her speech, Miss Dodd, the superintendent, got up and said, "We will pass the baskets now. All the money you put in this morning will be given to Mrs. Wilson who spoke to you. We hope you will give gladly. Mrs. Wilson wants to go back to China to tell more children there about Jesus."

"Jingle, jingle," went the coins into the baskets. Almost all the children had something to put in.

Glen and Roger as always sat together. Roger dropped his three pennies into the basket and felt very happy.

When the collection was taken the children went to their classes.

"Say, I'm glad I don't live in China,

aren't you?" whispered Glen into Roger's ear. "I'm going to give one of my dimes to the missionary."

"Good for you," Roger whispered back.

"And what you say?" continued Glen. "Let's haul more cobs next Saturday, so we'll have more money for missionaries."

"I'm for it," returned Roger half aloud.—Junior boys.

NEWS FROM INDIA

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it has been finished in quality and attractiveness, making altogether a very commanding appearance. It should be the pride of every loyal Free Will Baptist to have a copy in his home.

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Laura B. Barnard

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The Woman's Auxiliary Department



MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON
Editor
612 New Street
New Bern, N. C.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF W. N. A. C.

Mrs. Myron Hyatt,
Centerview, Mo.

"Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy." As born-again Christians it is our duty to glorify God by praise, good works, fruit-bearing, spiritual unity, and entire consecration. May we go forward as co-laborers in spiritual unity—"That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." To obtain spiritual unity there must be an entire consecration in the heart and life of every member of our Auxiliary organization. Then, good works and fruit-bearing will be produced by our activity for the Lord. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit" (John 15:18).

With God as our great leader, let us go forward throughout this coming year and do greater things for Him. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

The followig is a list of the officers of our W. N. A. C. Please keep them in remembrance when you pray. Also, they want to serve you in the Lord's service—our auxiliary work.

President—Mrs. Myron Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.

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Second Vice-President—Mrs. Melvin Bingham, 1904 S. Central Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, New Bern, North Carolina.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, 128 Pasadena, Highland Park, Michigan.

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Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1624 Cahal Ave., Nashville 6, Tennessee.

Assistant Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, 612 New St., New Bern, North Carolina.

As your president, I feel a deep need of prayer in my behalf. I do desire to serve our women to the best of my ability with the Lord's help. Whenever I can be of any assistance to you, feel free to call upon me. I shall be happy to serve you. I love the women of our work. We're trusting that this year will be the greatest in the history of our W. N. A. C.

"I have seen the vision
And for self I cannot live;
Life is less than worthless
Until my all I give."

—Oswald J. Smith

Note—My address is Centerview, Mo., at present, but will be Greentop, Mo., after September 1, 1947.

FIFTH UNION REPORT

The Fifth Eastern union meeting of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina convened with Rock of Zion Church in Pamlico County on Saturday, June , 1947. It was called to order by the moderator and the opening song was led by Rev. Roy Miller, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Duff Toler. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Griffin. Then the moderator welcomed the visitors and delegates to this session of the union.

The minutes of the last union were read and approved, then the list of ministers was called. There were 29 churches represented at this union meeting. The devotional committee selected Rev. Roy Miller to open services today and Rev. Duff Toler to preach. After the sermon dinner was spread on the church grounds by the ladies of the church and community.

The afternoon session opened with song and prayer, led by Rev. Roy Miller. The devotions were conducted by Rev. Elmo Harper. Rev. J. C. Griffin warned, concerning buying Bible literature, the people to be very careful in what they buy. He said that they should be careful as to what they bought and took in their homes for their children to read, as well as for the grown ups to read, because false teachings are scattered abroad in the land.

Miss Zalene Lloyd was given a few minutes to speak on her work as a missionary. She spoke on home missions and foreign missions also, which was an inspiration to all who were present. She asked the continued prayers of the praying people that her work may be a success and that God might be glorified. A special offering was taken for the orphanage to the amount of \$39.12. Then a rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their kind hospitality shown this union meeting. The financial report was given as follows:

Received today	\$186.63
On hand from last union ...	64.18
Offering for the orphanage ..	39.12
Total	\$289.93

Disbursements

To the orphanage	\$100.00
Chapel Fund	20.00
To Bible School	25.00
To Missions	25.00
Rev. Duff Toler	15.00
To the clerk	7.50
For Amplifier (Paid in full) ..	56.42
Public collection for the orphanage	39.12

Total paid out	\$288.04
Balance in the treasury ----	\$ 1.89

The union closed with prayer to meet the next time with Bethel Church, Pamlico County, on Saturday, August 30, 1947.

Rev. J. R. Bennett, Moderator,
Rom Mallard, Clerk

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

REPORT FOR JULY, 1947

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt. All receipts reaching the office later than July 31, will appear in August report.)

GENERAL FUND

Central

Marlboro	\$ 62.29
2nd. Union Meeting	78.44
Spring Branch	5.00
St. Delight	5.00
Dilda's Grove	10.00
Hugo	5.00
Free Union, Greene County	27.23
Rocky Mount	2.86
King's Cross Roads	4.35
4th. Union Aux. Conv.	25.00
LaGrange	4.67
Winterville	11.50
Reedy Branch	10.00
Gum Swamp	4.26
Bethany	7.55
Hull Road	13.87
Aspin Grove	10.00

Total ----- \$287.02

Eastern

Arapahoe	\$ 89.27
Core Creek	43.37
Carteret County Union	38.71
3rd Union	50.00
St. Mary's	11.91
Warden's Grove	8.35
Mt. Zion	6.74
Dublin Grove	5.00
Soundview	12.00
Wintergreen	1.15
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	1.15
Juniper's Chapel	7.25
Gray Branch	5.00
Sarecta	2.25
Whaley's Chapel	5.75
Kinston	43.00
Pilgrim's Rest	3.00
Beulaville	7.00

Friendship, Jones County	11.67
Sandy Plain	7.65
Union Chapel	60.34
St. John's Chapel	10.00
Davis	7.50
5th Eastern Union	152.00
Total	\$590.06

Albemarle

Free Union	\$ 4.00
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Western

Elwood Lane	\$ 12.00
Union Grove	25.00
Tippett's Chapel	10.49
Calvary	21.89
3rd Union	6.00
Hansley's Chapel	72.83
Oak Grove	45.03
King's Chapel	10.01
Shady Grove	2.00
Black Jack Grove	5.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00

Total ----- \$220.16

French Broad

Canton	\$ 8.58
Cedar Hill	8.00
Mountain View	12.55
Red Hill	20.00

Total ----- \$ 49.13

Rockfish

Rockfish Union	\$ 8.00
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Piedmont

Piedmont Association	\$ 27.00
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Pee Dee

2nd Union	\$ 2.72
White Oak	2.00
Beaver Dam	5.40

Total ----- \$ 10.12

Cape Fear

Lee's Chapel	\$ 3.82
Tee's Chapel	6.00
Shady Grove	4.05
St. John's, Wayne County	5.00
Powhatan	5.00
Goldsboro	12.00
Robert's Grove	5.00
Corinth	5.00
Yelverton's Grove	3.06

Total ----- \$ 48.93

Miscellaneous

Free Gospel S. S. Love Offering	\$ 6.60
Farm, dairy, garden cash sales	1,385.00
Refund	222.86
C. H. Pelt	10.00
Hazel Dawkins, Field Rep.	649.80
Truck Hire	114.00
W. K. Ballentine	15.00
William H. Dixon and Wife	10.00
Selma Furlough	7.00

Bob Pittman Vocal Union	17.12
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laderer	3.00
Greene County Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives)	30.00
Y. P. Friend Subscriptions	5.00
Burkette Raper, Field Rep.	707.92
John Huff, parent)	10.00
J. R. Bennett	10.00
R. B. Tapp (through children's relatives)	180.00
1st F. W. B. S. S., Jacksonville, Florida	40.00

Total ----- \$3,423.30

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND

Albemarle S. S. Convention	\$419.26
Albemarle Union	175.37

Total ----- \$594.63

CHAPEL

Central

Rose Hill	\$10.00
Marlboro	4.50
Elm Grove	6.70

Eastern

5th Eastern Union	\$20.00
Carteret County S. S. Convention	50.00

Total ----- \$70.00

Western

Edgemont	\$50.00
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Miscellaneous

Mrs. Lorraine Best	\$5.00
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Total General Receipts ----- \$4,671.54

Total Albemarle Cottage Fund

Receipts ----- 594.63

Total Chapel Fund Receipts ----- 146.20

Grand Total ----- \$5,412.37

REVIVAL AT BETTY

The revival will begin in the church at Betty, North Carolina, beginning on the fifth Sunday night in August. The preaching will be done by Rev. J. R. Forrest of New Bern, North Carolina. He is the pastor of the church. We are taking this means of cordially inviting everyone to come and be with us during the meeting.

We are asking the prayers of all the Christian people that God will have His own way with us in the meeting, and that we may have an old-fashion revival meeting.

Ralph Wilkins



WISE WORDS ABOUT WORK

(Lesson for August 31)

Lesson: (Proverbs 6:6-11; 18:9; 22:29; 24:30-32; 27:23; Ecclesiastes 5:12.)

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl 9:10).

I have known of a surprisingly large number of business men who "retired" at a time when they appeared hale and hearty, and when there was no physical or mental reason for them to cease work. But they were deluded by an idea which is far too common in America: they thought that the ability to retire at a fairly young age was a mark of unusual business genius, and marked a man as an unqualified success. What they failed to realize was that leisure, to be enjoyed, must come as an interlude between periods of labor! So all of these persons to whom I refer either died within five years, or went back to work!

It is no idle observation which the New Testament makes when it teaches, "If any (will) not work, neither (let him) eat." This axiom was given to the church at Thessalonica by Paul, not as a recommendation, but as a positive commandment. At the same time the great Apostle sternly reproved those who loafed away the days, calling them "busy-bodies" who "walked disorderly" and were a general nuisance to the Christian community. Is it not ever thus? Those who have no business of their own have no way to keep alive but to interfere in their neighbors' business!

How few Christians apply this grand text to their spiritual activities and to the discharge of their religious duties! Honestly, now, how diligently have you been personally, in serving Christ through your church? How many lost souls did

you lead to Christ in the last thirty days? How many calls have you made on the people of your own group who have been growing indifferent to their church attendance? When did you last phone your pastor and ask, "Are there any calls I can make for you, or any prospects I can work on while you are busy elsewhere?" Half the preachers in America would probably faint at the telephone if they got such a call from most of their members.

II. The Heart of the Lesson

He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster, verse 9. "He also that is slack in his work is brother to him that is a destroyer" (R. V.). "A slothful man neglects his work, and the materials go to ruin: the waster, he destroys the materials. They are both destroyers."—Dr. Adam Clarke. As a matter of fact, the remissness in one's duty to worthy things most often causes a loss in material values which affects the lives of some people.

This fact is too often observed of some in religious matters. Matthew Henry says, "He that is trifling and careless in praying and hearing is brother to him that does not pray or hear at all." There are too many lazy church members today, too many lazy Sunday School people who do not study the weekly Sunday School lesson, and there are also too many indifferent Sunday School teachers who do not take to heart the responsibility of leading the lost to Christ.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. A contrast is given here between one who is wearied but not worried, and one who is worried but not wearied. The honest worker who toils throughout the day and lives a simple and worthy life, eating plain food, little or much, lies down to a sweet rest and sleep at night. He who has the assurance that he has performed his tasks well, and discharged his responsibilities to man and God as a faithful servant, enjoys the peaceful rest which he has earned. The fact of whether he has

much or little does not rob him of his rest and peace. The selfish idler, on the other hand, may, through the efforts and thrift of others, have much money and the best of foods; yet he earns nothing and does nothing, and so his nights may be spent in restlessness and sleeplessness. Especially is this true when the individual feels conscious stricken because of his misdeeds during the day.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

III. The Lesson Illustrated

"Next door to where I live is a fella that's sorta queer like. His name is I. M. Smart. He don't have much use for church or the Bible or God. One day I was sittin' on the porch a readin' by Bible and he was just acomin' from the bank where he had made a deposit. When he saw me he said, 'What's that book you're readin', Uncle Josh. U. Way?' So I sez, 'It's the best book in the world Brother Smart, its the Bible.' 'That ain't the best book in the world' and held up his bank book. 'I'll trust in this book,' sez he. 'The bank book is the best book in the world, Uncle Josh. U. Way.' I told him that there was more 'gold, yea fine gold' in the Bible, than anywhere else in the world. Of course he couldn't understand it because he didn't know about the things the Spirit of God teaches a man.

"One day a month later, I. M. Smart was acomin' up the sidewalk. His head was a-hangin' down on his breast and he looked kind of dejected like. So I cried out and sez, 'What's the matter Mr. Smart?' So he took his bank book out of his pocket and held it up and sez, 'The bank has failed. I can't git any money. All I've saved is lost.' Then I sez, 'Then the best book in the world is not the bank book, is it Brother Smart?' He shouted back, 'Shut up!' and went into the house and I sez to myself, 'That's just what the bank has done.' They may be times when you won't git anything out of the bank but there'll never be a time when you won't git somethin' out of the Bible. There are heaps of folks in the world today that wouldn't put any money in missions and now they are a-wonderin' if they'll get ten per cent of what they lost, back."—Selected.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

GASKINS—Brother Richard A. Gaskins, of Pitt County, North Carolina, was born January 14, 1872, and said to have been a very obedient child.

He united with the church at Pleasant Hill, Pitt County, when he was 22 years old, and was faithful until death. He served the church in many ways, and was the clerk for about thirty years. He was strictly temperate and lived a clean life.

Brother Gaskins was married when he was a young man to Miss Sudie Smith. To this union were born five children: Roy P. Gaskins of the home; Mrs. Charlie Jones of Vanceboro; Mrs. Walter Sutton of Greenville; Mrs. Luther Stanley of Winterville; and Mrs. C. H. McPherson of Norfolk, Va. They with their mother and eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive.

He departed this life on June 9th, 1947, making his stay on earth 75 years, 3 month and 25 days. His funeral was conducted at the home by his pastor.

"Servant of God well done!
Thy glorious warfare past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

—Written by his pastor,
D. W. Alexander

PROGRAM

The Fourth Union Meeting District of the Central Conference of North Carolina will convene with Daniel's Chapel, August 31, 1947.

Submitted by: Miss Nancy Owens, Secretary.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Devotions, conducted by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
- 11:15—Welcome Address, Mr. Hubert Jomp
- Response, Mr. Joseph Owens
- 11:30—Special music by Dilda Sisters
- 11:45—Sermon by Rev. Stephen Smith
- 12:30—Adjournment for Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotions by Miss Josie Galloway
 - 1:45—Special music by Spring Branch Quartet
 - 2:00—Talk by Mrs. Brantley Speight
 - 2:30—Business
 - 3:15—Program by local church
 - 3:30—Adjournment
- Mrs. Vernon Sullivan,
Mrs. Paul Thigpen,
Mr. Joseph Owens

UNION PROGRAM

This is the program for the Second Union meeting of the Western Association of North Carolina, which is to be held with Free Union Church in Nash County on Saturday, August 30, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Opening song by the congregation
- Devotions by Rev. L. H. Boykin
- Appointment of committees
- Welcome address by Rev. Willie Renfrow
- Response by Rev. J. C. Varnell
- Reading minutes of the last meeting
- Roll Call of ministers
- 11:00—Union sermon by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Song by the congregation
- Devotions by Rev. J. F. Parrish
- Roll Call of churches
- Report of all committees and report of officers
- Petitions for the next union
- Adjournment, song and prayer
- Mrs. Nade E. Strickland, Comm.

SECOND UNION PROGRAM

The following is the program of the Second Union of the Central Conference of North Carolina, which is to be held with Saint's Delight Church, at Ormondsville, Greene County, on Saturday, August 30, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions by Rev. C. J. Harris
- 10:15—Business period
- 10:40—Season of prayer
- 10:55—Congregational singing
- 11:10—Union sermon by Rev. C. L. Patrick
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions by Clarence Little
- 1:15—Open forum: "Effective Evangelism" led by Rev. M. A. Woodard
- 1:45—Report of Churches
- 2:00—A talk by Miss Rachel Wooten on the subject: "How to Combat Juvenile Delinquency"
- 2:15—Business period
- 3:00—Adjournment

L. W. Humbles,
Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr.,
M. S. Cowan

PROGRAM OF ALBEMARLE UNION

This is the program of the coming Albemarle Union meeting which is to be held with Mt. Olive Church, on Saturday, August 30, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. Tom Davenport
- 10:15—Moderator's address
- 10:20—Reading of the minutes of the last meeting

- Calling the roll of ministers
- Calling the roll of churches

- 11:10—Special music by local church
- 11:15—Union sermon by Rev. A. L. Reynolds
- 11:55—Offering taken for the orphanage
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. R. C. Ambrose
- 1:15—Special music
- 1:20—Field Worker's report
- 1:35—Business period
- Treasurer's report
- Apportionment Committee's report
- Miscellaneous committee's report
- Petitions for the next union
- 2:35—Adjournment

Alice Webster,
Program Committee

PROGRAM

The Sunday School Convention of the Albemarle District will meet with Mt. Olive Church, Washington County, August 31, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Opening devotions conducted by Mr. Archie Willoughby
- 10:15—President's remarks
- 10:30—Reading minutes of last convention
- Roll call of Sunday Schools
- Appointment of committees
- 11:00—Business period
- 11:15—Special music by the Free Union Quartet
- 11:25—Convention sermon by Rev. M. L. Johnson
- Offering taken for Orphanage
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions conducted by Mr. L. D. Ange
 - 1:15—Talk: "Wise Words About Work," by Rev. R. C. Ambrose
 - 1:30—Special music by the Free Union Quartet
 - 1:40—Business
 - Report of committees
 - 2:30—Treasurer's report and adjournment
- Mrs. Alton Reynolds,
Program Committee

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**French Broad Association
Cape Fear Conference**

Friday, August 22—

Pleasant Grove, Harnett County.

Saturday, August 23—

Bethel, Johnston County.

Sunday, August 24—

Tee's Chapel (11 a.m.), Johnston Co.

Yelverton's Grove (8 p.m.), Johnston County.

Tuesday, August 26—

Riverside, Johnston County.

Western Conference

Wednesday, August 27—

Spring Hill, Wayne County.

Cape Fear Conference

Thursday, August 28—

St. John, Wayne County.

Eastern Conference

Friday, August 29—

White Oak Grove, Lenoir County.

Saturday, August 30—

Deep Run, Lenoir County.

Sunday, August 31—

Gray Branch (11 a.m.), Lenoir County.

St. Mary's (8 p.m.), Rowan County.

All services begin at 8 p. m., unless otherwise stated.

**MISS ZALENE LLOYD MISSION
ITINERARY**

Jack's Creek Association

Barnardsville (8 p.m.), Buncombe Co.

Thursday, August 28—

Odom's Chapel, Mitchell County.

Friday, August 29—

Middle District, Mitchell County.

Saturday, August 30—

St. Paul, Mitchell County.

Sunday, August 31—

Burleson's Chapel (11 a. m.), Avery County.

Lewis' Chapel (8 p.m.), Avery Co.

All services begin at 8 p. m., unless otherwise stated.

REVIVAL MEETING

A revival meeting at St. John's F. W. B. Church will begin on Monday night, August 25th. The church is located on the new highway, and nine miles east of Lake City, South Carolina. The meeting will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Hucks, and assisted by Rev. Malcum Harrelson and family. The public is invited to attend these services, and to worship the Lord with us. We are asking that the Christians pray for us, and we are hoping that many souls may be saved during this meeting.

Church Reporter

P R O G R A M

FOR

Pittman Memorial Dedication

AYDEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

August 24, 1947

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE—"Melodie Celeste" - - - - - Thomas Koschat

INVOCATION—"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

HYMN No. 219—"Faith of Our Fathers"

PRAYER - - - - - Rev. J. P. Woodard

PRAYER RESPONSE - - - - - Choir

DUET—"Be Still and Know" - - - - - Buckner and McKinney

R. F. Pittman, Jr., and James Ray Pittman

PRESENTATION OF ORGAN - - Mrs. J. E. Wooten, Teacher, Fidelia Class

ACCEPTANCE - - - - - Rev. J. P. Woodard

Pastor Ayden Free Will Baptist Church

MEMORIAL ANTHEM—"Into Perpetual Light" - - - Montrose Thompson

Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS—

OFFERTORY—"Romance" - - - - - Anton Rubenstein

SOLO—"My Work Is Done" - - - - - Carrie J. Bond

Mrs. Rosa Jones Little

DEDICATORY SERMON - - - - - Rev. W. B. Everette

DEDICATORY PRAYER - - - - - Rev. J. P. Woodard

HYMN No. 292—"Near The Cross"

BENEDICTION—

PARTING HYMN OF PRAISE - - - - - Choir

POSTLUDE—"March of the Priests" - - - - - Felix Mendelssohn

LUNCH—

ORGAN RECITAL

BY

LYMAN SEYMOUR

2:30 P. M.

Trumpet Voluntary - - - - - Purcell

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Let Us Smile

The thing that goes the farthest toward making
life worth while,
That costs the least and does the most, is just a
pleasant smile.

The smile that bubbles from the heart that loves
its fellow men,
Will drive away the clouds of gloom and coax the
sun again.

It's full of worth and goodness, too, with manly
kindness blent;
It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost a
cent.

There is no room for sadness when we see a
cheery smile;
It always has the same good look; it's never out
of style;
It nerves us on to try again when failure makes
us blue;
The dimples of encouragement are good for me
and you.
It pays the highest interest—for it is merely lent;
It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost a
cent.

A smile comes very easy—you can wrinkle up
with cheer
A hundred times before you can squeeze out a
salty tear;
It ripples out, moreover, to the hearstrings that
will tug,
And always leaves an echo that is very like a hug.
So, smile away! Folks understand what by a
smile is meant;
It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost a
cent.

—Wilbur D. Nesbit

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The Scioto Ministerial Conference of Free Will Baptists in the State of Ohio, in connection with the Scioto Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptists, will be held on September 4, 5, 6 at Union Church on State Route, beginning at 10:00 A. M.

The program is as follows: The election of officers and committees. Discussion of the various subjects assigned at the last session, which is to be led by Reverends J. A. Kemper, Jacob See and Marion Wilburn. A business session will follow these discussions. This service is open to everyone. On Thursday evening, September 4, at 8:00 P. M., the devotional services will be conducted by Rev. Edward Percell, and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Clarence Herles. His text will be taken from Galatians 4:24.

The Friday's session is closed to the public for the examination of ministers who, on reporting, are questioned about the Doctrine, character, and their efficiency as ministers in our denomination. Friday evening at 8:00 P. M. the devotional services will be led by Rev. Forrest Chambers, and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. S. Percell on the text taken from I Peter 3:15.

The Yearly Conference will start on Saturday morning at 10:00 A. M. with Rev. Melford Riddleberger who will preach the Introductory Sermon from the text found in John 11:25. This conference is made up of Three Quarterly Conferences consisting of 35 churches.

Homer Nelson,

Clerk of both conferences

Editorial

GOSPEL TRACTS—

A great many calls continue to come to the Press concerning the need for Gospel Tracts for distribution among the Auxiliaries, Leagues and Sunday Schools of our church. This is also quite true with many evangelists and pastors who find opportunity for distribution of good religious tracts in revival meetings and at church services.

The Press has not been able to furnish anyone many of such tracts due to the fact that we have no one who is giving any time in writing suitable tracts for distribution among the church people and others. The editors at the Press are too busy with their own work to be able to write Gospel Tracts for distribution.

The Business Manager has talked with the Editor and has made a suggestion concerning this matter which we are passing on to the church people. It is this: We are asking that some qualified writers of Bible subjects prepare short and concise tracts on appropriate religious subjects, and submit them to the Press for publication. The Business Manager can have them printed in small folder form with very little expense to those who would like to buy them by the hundreds or thousands for distribution among the Auxiliaries, Leagues, Sunday Schools, etc. The editors at the Press can and will be glad to edit these tracts, if necessary, before they are printed and prepared for sale at the Press.

Those who will take the time to prepare some of these tracts, please send them to the Business Manager, F. W. B. Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

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THE HIGHER WE GO—

There is an old axiom which runs like this: "The higher we go in sin, the greater will be our fall or departure from all that is good and holy." No right thinking person can honestly doubt this truth. The deeper the evil is imbedded in the human heart, the darker is that life in a world which God made for the good of mankind. But when a person is down in the bottom of gloom and despair, the way out is the way up. And the way up is found through the shining light of the blessed Son of God. No one is so deep in the quagmire of sin but that he can rise high in the sunlight of God's countenance. Christ is the great Physician, the purifier, and elevator of shady and down-cast souls. The closer the child of God walks with the blessed Saviour, the richer and higher will his soul be in the realms of holy communion with the Lord.

We are soaring high now in this country with inflation. Everything is at a high price, and going higher every day. What people need and must have is still climbing the scale of inflation and no prospect for immediate turn in the course of prices. But the fall will have to come, sooner or later, and the higher we go with this in-

flation, the harder will be the fall when it shall strike this country. That is our guess. Free and wild spending of much money is constantly aiding the spirit of inflation. When people learn to buy only what they need, and in quantities adequate for present consumption, then the change will soon be seen coming for more moderate living.

And so, individuals who physically, mentally and morally turn loose, with every bit of energy, in this inflationary period, and climb higher and still higher to gratify their wants and whims, will reach a breaking point some day. And that day may not be very far in the future. High and fast living cannot be endured nor enjoyed without end. Life has its limitations, and once the fall or break comes, it is very hard to regain normal again. Yes, the higher we go in seeking to satisfy the desires of the flesh, the greater the likelihood of our falling into a situation unpleasant to contemplate.

We need to get back to sense and reason, good judgment and plain living. People need to take time to think, worship God and be holy. We cannot climb too high in the realm of spiritual things, for God cares well for his own people, but we are to be careful as to how free we are with our lives and our money.

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HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF—

Jesus uttered this striking truth to the scribes who were opposing his wonderful teachings: "If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mk. 3: 25). He meant to teach that a person is saved or lost, for God or against Him, according to the kind of life which he is living. In other words, there is peace and harmony between God and the truly saved person, because the saved is brought into right fellowship with God.

The home, the family, living in peace and accord for the good of all in the home are said to be united and work together for the good of the members of the family. But when division and strife, ill-will and contention dominate the home, then that home is disrupted, and oftentimes torn asunder with serious results to those of the home.

We sometimes wonder if this is not true of churches that are or do become divided. Some pulling one way and the others pulling the other way. The lack of unity, or understanding, or brotherly love, or something entered into the church which resulted into division. In some cases certain members were responsible for the strife which resulted into the division, while in others no one was responsible, nobody did anything that was specially wrong. Somehow the thing simply happened, it would seem. But the lack of unity and division cause the split in the church. And so it goes now and then with some congregations. Let us pray that God will lead people to do the right thing so that He can get glory from the way they serve Him.



News From India



IN THE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS

Folfsburn, Landour
Mussoorie, V. P., Ind.
8-4-47

Greetings from the North of India:

Here we are in a town that is literally perched on the rocks and crags of the mountains. Some three thousand miles over plains, hills, deserts and mountains and a tedious journey of five days by rail, separate us from Kotagiri where we spent the first two months of our stay in India. Landour, where we now are is some four miles beyond the end of the motor road. We think we have some "real mountain roads" in The Great Smokies. I have never seen mountains until we come here to the Language School.

Laudour and Mussoorie, the Indian Town, are reached on foot, on horse back or in "dandies." As we were tired from the long, tedious journey from Kotagiri and were advised that the altitude and air prohibited new comers from climbing the winding trails with ease, we permitted ourselves to be brought up in dandies. The dandies may be said to be chairs built on long poles and carried by four coolies. They are comfortable enough but I almost died of self mortification. Think of four human beings carrying another human being in a chair straight up a mountain. I stood it for so long and then alighted and began to climb under the power of my own motor. At first the coolies objected, obviously afraid that I would want to dock their pay. All went well until we reached the bazar and then nothing would do but that I must once again rear back and take it easy. Their reputations were at stake and also their jobs. Although they were near exhaustion, they did not dare to permit it to appear that they were not equal to their task. However, as soon as we passed the busy section, I was once more permitted to alight. It is true that these

men make their living entirely in this manner and if people do not patronize them, not only they, but their families will be without the necessities of life. Therefore they beg most pitiful to be engaged in a task that means their early death but if they are not thus employed they will die even earlier from the lack of the bare necessities of life. However, I must be sick before I shall again endure this form of self debasement.

The coolies that carried our baggage up the mountain for four miles had an even harder task. Some advocate that dandies, rickashaws and "human pack horses" be abolished by law. However, until a more suitable employment can be found — and in the countries their millions are always numbered among the unemployed this is a difficult task indeed—it would not only fail to be a humane law but would be sentencing millions to even greater privations than they now endure. The missionary often faces a similar situation whenever a convert is made to the Christian faith. Too often even in 1947 becoming a Christian means, humanly speaking, inviting disaster. There is also the opposite danger of people becoming "rice Christians" with the hope that the missionaries will provide or help to provide the necessities of life. These are problems that confront a missionary constantly. The only solution is a Divine one.

We are some 7,500 feet above sea level. In the distance peaks that rise from 20,000 to 30,000 feet above sea level may be seen. On clear days the peaks of perpetual snow can be seen in one direction and the cities and rivers of the plains in another. Although it is the rainy season, we have been having ideal weather. Rain and sunshine have about equally divided the day time between them. The temperature has played between sixty and seventy degrees both night and day during the month that we have been here. In fact, the weather conditions have been ideal on both land and sea ever since we left Green-

ville. These pleasant days will be ours to recall with praise and thanksgivings when we shall be working in the villages with the thermometer registering around 120 degrees in the shade or the rain descending in almost unimaginable torrents with the heat registering little if any less.

We are here in Language School. Some two hundred and more Missionaries are studying the Language of their particular field of labor. Hundreds are here to escape for a few weeks the unbearable heat of the plains. Among these are Miss Margaret Ballentyne and her sister, Mrs. White, and Rev. James Brown, the son of the late Rev. Dr. M. M. Brown. These are well known to many of our mutual friends in Greene County, Tenn. We enjoyed a wonderful "U. S. Southern Dinner" and fine fellowship with the Whites and Miss Margaret.

Paul Woolsey

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AN ANSWER TO ENQUIRIES

Enquiries keep coming regarding what to send and what not to send to India. I would like to list here a few things that friends may send and a few they should NOT send. First are some things we do NOT need:

Used Christmas Cards. Please DO NOT SEND any more. We have enough to last at least another year, and we have no place to keep any more!

English Tracts, Gospel Portions and Bibles. As our work is in Tamil, we have very little use for literature in English.

Do not send money in letters. Buy a New York Bank Draft and enclose it in a letter. Or, buy a Foreign Postoffice Money Order. It is illegal to receive United States Dollars in the mail in India, and it is also illegal to hold them.

Clothing. Last Christmas so many friends sent items of clothing that I have enough of some garments to last a long time. There are, of course, still things that will be needed, but friends usually decide to send the same item, and as a result the missionary gets over-stocked with certain things while suffering a

shortage in others. I would like to suggest that whenever friends desire to send personal gifts of clothing, they should please write me and make sure they are needed. My clothing needs are not as great here as at home, since fashions do not trouble us here! And for many reasons I do not wish to have more than I need of anything. Airmail reaches me here from most points in the U. S. A. on the 8th day, and some come in 7 days. You may purchase airletter forms at the postoffice for 10c each., so it is well worthwhile to write by special airmail and confirm any gift of clothing you might plan to send to me.

The following are things you may send:

Rag Dolls and Toys. We received many last year, and all were appreciated and served a fine purpose. We shall be happy to receive them again. However, if you send second-hand toys, be sure that they are in good condition. If the toys have lost their color and look pretty shabby, perhaps you could paint or varnish them and make them look brighter. You know that with us human beings it is the outward "glitter" that charms! It is true with children especially. And it is MOST IMPORTANT to pack these goods securely. Although I have written of this before, they continue to reach us in severely damaged condition due to improper packing. No articles of this kind can travel this distance, regardless of the box you pack them in, without beating against one another. It is NECESSARY to pack them inside with excelsior, paper, or some such packing, and to put them into a wooden crate or strong carton whose sides will not give and permit them to move about. Your postage on these things is enormous, and on this side we always have to pay duty. It is therefore a grievous disappointment to find the goods are smashed, as we so often do.

Clothes for Children. For boys, we can use both shirts and trousers for any age up to 16. For girls, little dresses up to about 8-year size. After that size the girls here do not wear our style of dress. They wear plain, straight waists with separate

skirts from 2 1-2 to 3 yards in width, precisely grandmother's old-fashioned petticoat style, even to the ruffles, gathered onto a tight band and tied around the waist. The skirt must be ankle length. So if you wish to make clothes for girls past size 8, please make them in this fashion. Otherwise, send only the material.

Sweaters of any sizes, warm caps, and long, straight, warm scarfs that can be wrapped around head and neck. Small, three-cornered ones are not useful.

Sunday School Picture Rolls. These are most useful to us. We have received one very fine second-hand lot of these, but can use any number. We are short of Old Testament pictures. In addition, we would appreciate entire sets of the Primary Lesson Cards, and the lesson sheets that have the pictures. But all such pictorial material should be sent as literature and marked as such so as not to incur duty.

And I trust that all will understand if I ask you to try to send along money for duty when you send a parcel of dutiable goods. If you feel it is difficult to send money in addition, then please send less goods in the parcel and save back money for duty. Please count on our paying at least one-third of whatever you have declared as the value of the goods you send. It will often be much more.

And may I also suggest that in case your sending a parcel to us here prevents your making a contribution to the General Foreign Mission Treasury, please send your gift to Brother Davis in Monett, Missouri, or to your State Treasurer, instead. We are in need of your parcels, and especially in need of your personal touch with our work, which your parcels and special gifts of money stand for; but we are in greater need of missionaries to be sent out to help. I say this especially in view of the several fine young people who are now making application to our Board and who are being definitely discouraged in their zeal for India, because there is not enough money in the Treasury to send them out. If you cannot make these special contributions without injuring the stream of offerings to the Treasury, then by all

means send your money to the Treasury and earmark it "To help send new missionaries to India!" We are more than glad to sacrifice the lesser for the greater always. New missionaries in India for Christmas will be the very best gift you can send us!

Yours for His glory,
Laura B. Barnard

July 30, 1947

HOME-COMING

The Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Selma, North Carolina, Route 1, wishes to announce its annual home-coming celebration for Sunday, September 7, 1947. All former pastors and former members and singers are invited to attend this annual service.

The public is cordially invited to be present for this meeting. Come and let us make this day a great day in the song service, the sermon, and really worship to the glory of the Lord.

With sincere wishes for a good attendance of pastors, friends and members, we remain your servant in the Lord,

Rev. Wiley Ferrell, Pastor,
Four Oaks, N. C., Route 2

HOME-COMING AT CORE CREEK

This is to announce that there will be the annual home-coming celebration observed at Core Creek F. W. B. Church on the first Sunday in September. The church is located near Cove City.

All former pastors, church members and friends are cordially invited to attend this service. Dinner will be spread on the church grounds at the noon hour. Come and let us enjoy the day together in the name of the Lord. Fine singing, good messages and splendid Christian fellowship will be the order of the day. Don't fail to be present for this great occasion.

Rev. S. A. Smith

Hidden talent, like hidden gold,
availeth nothing.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN PORTSMOUTH

The Reverend H. Edgar Harden, of Norfolk, Virginia, who recently returned to the Free Will Baptist denomination, conducted a revival meeting, with the assistance of Rev. W. A. Hales, in the city of Portsmouth, Virginia. From the results of this meeting a Free Will Baptist church has been organized with 32 charter members. Five more members were received into the church last Sunday. The prospects are good for a rapid growth of this church in the heart of the city of Portsmouth.

A Sunday School was organized in this church on the third Sunday in August with 42 members. A Woman's Auxiliary is being organized in the church. The church services and the Sunday School are being held in the Prentice Park Community Hall at the present time. Reverend Harden is holding church services each Sunday morning and evening. The attendance is very good at these services. The majority of these charter members were original Free Will Baptist people who had moved into the city from North Carolina and elsewhere. Brother Cherry, originally from Rooty Branch F. W. B. Church out from Mount Olive, North Carolina, and some others are already acting officially in the church to help Brother Harden with the official duties of the church and Sunday School.

From all reports it is a work well begun, and many of the original Free Will Baptists living in the city are very happy to have established in their midst the church of their choice to which they can be a part, and help to develop through the coming years a strong church in the heart of the city of Portsmouth.

May God's blessings rest upon Brother Harden and his newly organized church.—Ed.

Give proper attention to little things, and you can grapple with the big.

A REWARD OFFERED

We are in need of the following copy of the **ADVANCED QUARTERLY** for Adults and Young People to complete our files for the eight years which this Quarterly has been published for our Sunday Schools:

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Any person who has this copy of the Sunday School quarterly, and will mail it to R. B. Spencer, Ayden, North Carolina, will receive by return mail a nice cash reward. This copy has been lost from our permanent files.

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R. B. SPENCER

MY CHURCH

Oh, how I love our little church,
It has meant so much to me;
It was there I found my Saviour
And from sin I was set free.

Many long years I've gone there,
It grows dearer to me each day;
Many heavy burdens have been lifted
Because we went there to pray.

It is not the largest church,
Nor is it considered very fine;
But to me it seems so wonderful
For those with troubled minds.

Oh, how I thank God for our pastor,
One who is so humble and very kind;

Though we may search the wide world over,

I am sure no better would we find.

Mrs. Helen Phillips,
A member of Elwood Lane Church,

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions

Superannuation — Publication and Literature

REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD

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APPOINTMENT OF STATE DIRECTORS FOR MISSIONS CAMPAIGN

In launching the foreign missions extension campaign Rev. Rashie Kennedy and myself were authorized by the board to appoint a State Director in each of the nineteen states which have been given a suggested quota to raise. These State Directors are to have the supervision of all itinerate work which may be done in their respective states, be responsible for the distribution of literature from time to time, do what travelling they may have time to do in the interest of missions in their various states, etc. In fact the State Director is to be a general promoter of this extension campaign in his state. He is to lead the people of his state in raising their quota. Whom-so-ever the National Board of Foreign Missions

have authorized, or may authorize, to do itinerate work in a national way will be expected to work in connection with, and in cooperation with, these various state men; and the state men of course will be expected to give due consideration to those who have been, or who may be, recommended to do itinerate work by the National Board.

The appointments have been made as follows:

North Carolina—Rev. Rashie Kennedy, 713 Simmons St., Goldsboro, N. C.

Missouri—Rev. Damon C. Dodd, 406 Keith St., Flat River, Mo.

Tennessee—Rev. E. A. Craft, 4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Michigan—Rev. Homer Willis, 921 E. Granet, Hazel Park, Mich.

Ohio—Homer Nelson, Route 1, Wheelersburg, Ohio.

West Virginia — Rev. Kenneth Brown, Canebroke, W. Va.

South Carolina—Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 452 Railroad Ave., Rock Hill, S. C.

Oklahoma—Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Cushing, Okla.

Illinois—Rev. Wallace Malone, Sesser, Illinois.

Alabama—Rev. J. B. Bloss, Leeds, Alabama.

Texas—Rev. C. B. Thompson, 4406 Brady St., Houston 11, Texas.

Georgia—Rev. E. C. Morris, Glennville, Georgia.

Kentucky—G. E. Ratliff, 2826 Holt St., Ashland, Ky.

Florida — John Howard, Dukes, Florida.

Mississippi—L. E. Duncan, East Tupelo, Mississippi.

California—Rev. Dean Moore, Porterville, California.

Arkansas—Rev. J. E. White, New Edenburg, Arkansas.

Virginia—E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Virginia.

Kansas—Reverends Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Wellbaum, Haddam, Kansas.

Winford Davis,

Monett, Mo.

Rashie Kennedy,

Goldsboro, N. C.

Note—Rev. Kennedy consented to take the appointment for North Carolina as my own individual suggestion. —Winford Davis.

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts during the month of July	
Franklin County Quarterly Meeting of Illinois	\$ 70.00
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wilhite, Johnson City, Illinois	10.00
Glennville Church, Glennville, Ga.	11.73
National Auxiliary Convention	66.27
Waltonville Church of Illinois	10.50
Clayton Texas Church	4.40
First Church of Shawnee, Okla.	11.27
Union F. W. B. Church and S. S. of Johnson City, Tenn.	5.00
Oak Grove Church of Tennessee	2.50
Taken up by Bro. Willey and designated for Cuba	374.73
Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransonville, North Carolina	1.00
Eld. Ray Purdon, Ft. Smith, Ark.	2.00
Rev. C. J. Hearron, Waco, Tex.	7.00
Freedom Church of Illinois	20.00
Union Meeting of South Carolina Conference	60.00
S. P. Easley, Portales, N. M.	20.00

Mrs. C. F. Miller, Mulga, Ala.	100.00
Mrs. Anna Crumpton, Tarrant, Alabama	5.00
Ebenezer Church of Ga.	11.34
Offering taken during National Association in Detroit	291.80
Reedy Branch Sunday School, Winterville, N. C.	10.00
Dorothy Conley, Crockett, Ky.	1.00
Lillie Herring, Morrison, Va.	5.00
Central Ave. Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.	5.00
D. B. Hellard, Treasurer, Sopulpa, Oklahoma	5.00
Oklahoma Auxiliary by Mrs. E. W. Keiffer	8.88
West Fork Quarterly Meeting of Texas	24.28
Union F. W. B. League, Thompsonville, Illinois	10.00
Andrew L. George, Edge, Texas	12.00
Shady Grove League, Hickory Point, Tennessee	5.00
Mamie L. Palmer, Castleberry, Alabama	2.65
Mrs. J. F. Dyer, Northport, Ala.	2.00
East Tupelo Church, East Tupelo, Mississippi	26.31
Daily Vacation Bible School, Bright Light Church, Bryan, Texas	15.00
Opie Hargrove, Mtn. Home, Ark.	7.00
W. J. Gibbs, Pamplico, S. C.	25.00
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Okla.	10.00
Oak Lawn S. S. of Tennessee	14.72
Young People's Missionary Meeting, Stacy, N. C.	5.00
Prospect S. S., Dothan, Ala.	10.00
Rev. John B. Elliston, Oklahoma City, Okla.	5.00
The Ina Church, Ina, Illinois	50.72
Intermediate S. S. Class, Elon Church of South Carolina	15.00
W. S. Gardner, Springer, Okla.	20.00
Mrs. John Worsley, Mendota, Ill.	10.00
National Auxiliary Convention	100.00
Prayer Band of Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Mich.	15.00
Bible School, Liberty Church, Chucky, Tennessee	6.00
Midway Church and Auxiliary, Midway, Tennessee	8.00
Holston Hills Church, Knoxville, Tennessee	3.00
F. W. B. Church, Joelton, Tenn.	3.25
State of North Carolina by J. W. Alford, Treasurer	540.87
Missouri State Association by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer	428.33
Received as subscriptions to the paper	1.00
Received during the month from sale of Book, "His Name Among All Nations"	88.00
Total	\$2,583.05
Brought forward	\$2,133.29
Total disbursements during month of July	\$1,909.38
Balance in treasury August 1, 1947	\$2,806.96

WINFORD, DAVIS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER AS GIVEN BY STATES

July, 1947

Brought forward from month of June	\$2,133.29
Received by states during month of July as follows:	
North Carolina	\$556.87
Missouri	428.33
Illinois	181.22
Alabama	119.65
South Carolina	100.00
Oklahoma	65.65
Texas	62.68
Tennessee	47.47
Mississippi	26.31
Georgia	23.07
New Mexico	20.00
Michigan	15.00
Arkansas	9.00
Virginia	5.00
Kentucky	1.00
Taken in by Rev. T. H. Willey, designated for Cuba	374.73
Offering taken at National Association	291.80
National Auxiliary Convention	166.27
Received from sale of books titled "His Name Among All Nations"	88.00
Received as gift for the paper	1.00
Total	2,583.05

Grand Total	\$4,716.34
Disbursements during July	1,909.38
Bal. in treasury August 1	\$2,806.96

WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Semi-Annual

January 15, 1947 - June 30, 1947

Balance brought forward Jan. 15, 1947	\$4,358.47
Receipts	
February 13, 1947—	
C. B. Thompson, Texas St. Bd.	\$ 20.00
M. L. Johnson, Prem. on policy	11.29
M. L. Johnson, N. C. St. Bd.	55.92
W. G. Prude, E. Tupelo, Miss.	2.72
R. B. Crawford, Unified Program	60.00
James Evans, Prem. on policy	14.10
Mrs. Fannie Polston, W. N. A. C.	13.08
March 21, 1947—	
Rashie Kennedy, Prem. on policy	13.90
M. L. Johnson, N. C. St. Bd.	8.11
M. L. Johnson, Prem. on 3 policies	36.66
M. L. Johnson, Prem. on policy	12.53
R. B. Pyle, Ga. St. Bd.	100.62
James Evans, Balance on policy	3.53
April 17, 1947—	
P. A. Paxton, Tenn. St. Bd.	16.92
M. L. Johnson, N. C. St. Bd.	8.59
M. L. Johnson, Prem. on 2 policies	38.56

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Notes and Quotes



By J. C. Griffin

A tragedy ended in the death of a business man in North Carolina, after a drinking spree with a woman, who was a State employee. According to the woman's testimony, they had drunk several bottles of beer in her room, and then gone to his room and obtained a bottle of whiskey. This was a shame on humanity. Just to think of a woman holding such a high position as being a State employee, intrusted with the employment of the unemployed, and being a party to such a tragedy. Just look to the sidewalk where the man's "half-clad body fell with a thud that aroused the officers of the law. The woman got caught, and perhaps, there are millions in high circles who are just as guilty, but have not been caught. "Be sure your sins will find you out," saith the Scriptures.

"Jesus, But Not Christ"

Recently, I read in one of our State papers where a wise crack said, "I believe in Jesus — no Christ, if you please." This is just as silly as if it had come from the jungles and as low as the devil in hell could spue out through ignorance.

If Jesus was not Christ—God manifest in the flesh—then he was an impostor. Of course, all intelligent Christians believe that He was the Son of God. To say that "Jesus was not Christ" is to say that "He was an illegitimate child, born out of wedlock. Then to say that "Jesus is not the Christ" is to throw the lie into the face of God and the Bible. Only an infidel would make such an assertion. Here is what St. John says about the matter, and every true Christian believes what John said: "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." (I

John 5:10). It makes no difference whether it is by a modernist in the pulpit of a high type, or a Christ rejecting skeptic, I say without fear that the person thus denying Christ is an INFIDEL bound for eternal HELL.

"Hollywood Hell Hole of Sin"

The above caption appears in the "Western Voice," edited and published by Rev. Harvey H. Springer of Englewood, Colorado, in which a report is given by L. T. Binford, director of moving picture censorship, of Memphis, Tenn. The record shows, according to Rev. Mr. Springer, that the film "Is a sexy, salacious story of illicit love, cold-blooded murder, adultery and outlawry, the witnessing of which would have the effect of degradation even on the mind of a caloused adult." This production contains all the impurities of the foulest human dross. It is sadism at its deepest level. It is a tale of two lust-driven delinquents then the record goes on and says, to add flavor to this film of filth, an unordained minister of the gospel, known as "The sin Killer," offers prayers to God that are worse than blasphemy." "The above described film, which has an actual scene of rape, is now being shown in theaters all over the country."

This seems to be the kind of picture that this old LUST-MAD age desires. A theater owner or operator said to me, "Preacher, if we were to show good religious pictures we would go broke." Then he went on to say, "We have to show what the people want." This is a sad indictment. But it shows the trend of the United States of America. It is Lust, Sex, Adultery, Rape and everything that Satan can spue out of hell, along with Communism, that is damning souls today.

Under the Shadow

Right under the shadow of a religious institution (I do not say Christian) I saw recently the greatest example of poverty and misery that I have ever seen in all my life. An institution, called religious, that will ignore suffering children, unless they can make them their disciples is an

institution adverse to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

Our Religion

I often ask the question, "Are you a Christian?" or "Are you a child of God?" And sometimes "Are you saved?" The answers vary, for some times one will say, "I hope so." Others will say, "I'm doing the best I know," while others will say, "I am a member of the church." Well there are many answers, some times I get the answer in short, "Yes." Then we can advance, "Well, how do you know that you are saved?" and then an answer, which is sufficient to satisfy, comes, "Because I accepted and still believe in Jesus Christ as my Saviour." Then some will say, "I am trusting Him for everything." The devil is pleased with church members who doubt and who cannot say emphatically, with Paul, "I know in whom I believe and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Praise God, the Bible teaches that when we accept, believe in, and confess Jesus Christ, as our Saviour, that we are saved from all sin, and become children of God.

Born of God

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (I John 5:1). To be born of God means a complete work of Grace and there can be no addition to completeness. "For in him" (that is in Christ) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality" (Col. 2:9, 10).

Then when we really accept Christ, we enter into Christ and Christ takes control of our life, which is hid with Christ in God. Then when we enter Christ by faith we are made pure, that very moment, in heart. The old heart is purified and made as holy as the perfect work of God. When a child is born by natural birth, it is as natural as it ever is. When we are born of the Spirit, we are as much a child of God as we will ever be. It does not take God several years or months, working by piece-meals to make us His child. It is done instantly, upon an unwavering faith in the

Lord Jesus Christ, by which faith we can say, "Abba FATHER."

LOOKING UNTO CHRIST

Part III—Continued from last week

Looking Into Our Own Hearts

Let us first look into the human heart before Christ enters it. What do we see?

We know that we have all sinned, therefore the unregenerate heart is sinful.

We are inclined to want to place our guilt upon others. Adam wanted to place his sin upon Eve, and Eve upon the serpent.

We know that the human heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. A king's wife when inquiring about her son who was sick, feigned herself to be another woman, but the Lord revealed to the prophet her identity, therefore he was not deceived.

Before Christ enters our hearts we love sin, enjoy participating in things that are wrong. Unregenerate man wants his own way, being rebellious against God; and very often people try to put on an outward show of being good. This is an abomination to God. Jesus told the Pharisees that they were like whited sepulchres, outwardly beautiful to behold, but inwardly full of dead men's bones.

The unregenerate human heart cannot understand spiritual things. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto Him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Man dotes on his own goodness and self righteousness, but God tells us that all our righteousness is as filthy rags. This is quite an unpleasant picture to behold, but it is true, nevertheless.

Let us take a look at the regenerated heart. When Christ is received into the heart, quite a change takes place. The Holy Spirit enters and regenerates the heart. It is given a new nature; past things are forgiven, and into the heart thus cleansed from sin the Holy Spirit enters,

and dwells there. Old things have passed away, all things have become new.

Then as the believer yields himself to Christ, surrendering all, and crowning Him King, Christ uses that person for his glory.

The believer thus becoming completely submissive to God's will, is willing for Christ to use him, and have complete control over every part of his being.

Each sin, when it is discovered by the light of the Holy Spirit, is confessed, surrendered, and utterly forsaken.

When the believer sins, ("There is no man that sinneth not"—part of I Kings 8:46) as soon as possible after it is revealed unto him, the sin is confessed, and the believer is pardoned. He receives from Christ power to overcome sin. He receives new strength. "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Corinthians 12:9.)

The heart is in constant communion with its Lord, and prayer and Bible study become not only a daily habit but a blessed privilege; for the heart is drawn closer in blessed fellowship with the Lord.

The believer dearly loves all other believers and all mankind. He seeks the lost and tells them of Christ.

The life of the believer is hid with Christ in God. Sweet peace always lives in the heart, and as the heart and life draws love and sustenance from the Saviour; we see the likeness of Christ reflected through the believer, thus the heart grows in grace and brings forth fruit. Even in grief, people see that the believer is submitting to God's will, that God is sustaining his child, lovingly comforting him.

When death comes at last, Christ is there. He never leaves the believer, and in peace and true happiness the redeemed soul takes its flight to be with its Saviour.

What a beautiful picture we have just described, and it is just as true as the picture we saw earlier of the unregenerate life. Do you wish to have a heart like the one just described?

The triumph of Christ, over the

old nature, brings about the picture just described. The yielded life cannot be obtained by just human effort. The choice is ours, and if we believe, obey, and trust; He works in us according to his own good pleasure, and the life becomes victorious. Which heart is ours, the stubborn, deceitful, disobedient one, or the regenerated one?

I hope that today, if your heart has not been regenerated, that you will come to Christ, and let Him give you a new heart. Why not now? If you will come the blood of Christ will cleanse you from all sin, and He will make you a new creature.

If you are a Christian, and have not fully yielded to God every part of your life, why not let Him have his way and his sweet will with your life? Just now yield all your being to Him.

Submitted by
Mrs. Sudie Dowty Brinson

SOMEBODY ELSE

Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the gifted young Negro who died in the early years of his life, proved himself to be a poet of unusual merit. He wrote a number of poems that are clothed with immortality. Here is one:

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do;

I said: "You git somebody else, or wait 'til I git through."

I don't know how the Lord came out, but he seemed to git along—

But I felt kind o' sneakin' like—knowed I'd done God wrong!

One day I needed the Lord myself—needed Him right away!

An' He never paid no heed at all—an' I could hear Him say

Down in my accusin' heart: "Niggah, I'se got too much to do;

You git somebody else," He said, "or wait 'til I git through."

Now, when the Lord has work for me, I never tries to shirk;

I drops what I'se on hand right now, an' does the good Lord's work,

An' my own things can run along, or wait 'til I gits free—

No one else can do the job the Lord's marked out for me!

JUST A PILGRIM PASSING

In this land of Sin and Sorrow
As we journey on our way,
We think of a place called Heaven
Beautiful "City" where the Angels
stay.

Tho I'm lonely and wayward
Just a stranger, in this land,
I have a hope in our Redeemer
And I'm trusting I may stand.

I found Him one day while a sinner
In disgrace and shame,
God's word spoke to me so "Gentle,"
Accept Christ for its all to gain.

I lifted my eyes toward Heaven
Oh Lord, Such a sinner am I,
Please have mercy and save me
A sinner "Pilgrim," just passing by.

And as I repented in sorrow
My heart and life to Him give,
He whispered "Peace" so gentle
Your sins I freely forgive.

I lifted my head rejoicing
My burdens had fled away,
I owe it all to my Saviour
And to Him I often pray.

I'm now just a Pilgrim soldier
In a war between right and wrong,
Lord help me through this journey
I know it can't be long.

To you oh God of Heaven
To you I owe you all,
You found me in a time of trouble
And answered a Pilgrim's call.

Some day I hope to meet you
And our loved ones who have passed
away,
In a mansion over yonder
Where Jesus and the angels stay.

Press on Christian soldier
Let's do our very best,
To make this life worth living
That others may be Blessed—

Quench not the Holy Spirit
Whereby Ye are sealed,
That your life may shine on others
Who are working in God's field.

Composed by W. V. Broome,
Star Route, Henderson, Texas

"GO YE"

C. J. Harvey

There has been much preaching,
teaching, writing and talking about
that which is termed as "The Great
Commission" (Mark 16:15).

It is true that we are not able to
reach personally all parts of the
world, neither are we able to preach
the gospel to every creature. How-
ever, we can be a link in that chain
of testimony between our God and a
lost world. Christ's mission was to
save the lost, and He was not physi-
cally able to contact everyone living
while He was on the earth. Neither
does He expect us to reach everyone
as we live and serve Him.

He does expect and commands us
that we tarry (in Jerusalem) until
we are endued with power from on
high (Luke 24:49), and then we shall
be witnesses unto Him, both in Jeru-
salem and in all Judea, and in Sama-
ria, and unto the uttermost parts of
the world. Some of us may not be
able to testify personally for our
Master beyond the bounds of our own
community, while some are able to
go on into other sections of the coun-
try, and still others will go into for-
eign lands to take the gospel to the
heathen people.

The Lord expects us to go as
long as He leads, and we are to cover
all the ground that we are capable of
covering. The words of the Great
Commission gives us that idea. The
parable of the pounds (Luke 19:12-
28) and also (Matt. 25:14, 15) bears
out this statement. We are always
to remember that we are just stew-
ards, not owners, and that we are ac-
countable unto no one except the
Lord (Romans 14:12).

Teacher: "Johnny, can you tell me
what a hypocrite is?"

Johnny: "Yes, ma'am. It's a boy
who comes to school with a smile on
his face."—The Christian Advocate.

It is our duty to perpetuate the
good deeds of those who have gone
before.

**It Is Later Than You Think
For Service**

I am solemnly convinced when I
view the Jew, the Gentile, and the
Church that it is later than we may
think.

Time hastens without consent and
leaves us empty handed. We think
we will always have time to do what
we need to do, but we are forgetting
that from the standpoint of duty, "it
is later than you think." We are told
that "the night cometh, when no man
can work."

If you have work to do—do it now.

If you have a witness to give—give it
now.

If you have a soul to win—win him
now.

If you have an obligation to dis-
charge—discharge it now.

If you have a debt to pay—pay it
now.

If you have a wrong to right—right
it now.

If you have a confession to make—
make it now.

If you have a preparation to make—
make it now.

If you have children to train—train
them now.

Time is passing and you are passing
out of time.—The Regular Baptist
Call.—Gospel Herald.

Special Representative

A special representative for the Or-
phanage, Rev. J. C. Griffin, of New
Bern, N. C., will be at the following
churches as scheduled:

Eastern Conference

Tuesday, September 2, Holly Springs,
Carteret County.

Wednesday, September 3, Morehead
City, Carteret County.

Thursday, September 4, Welcome
Home, Carteret County.

Tuesday, September 9, St. John's
Chapel, Carteret County.

Wednesday, September 10, Davis
Shore, Carteret County.

Thursday, September 11, Pilgrim's
Rest, Carteret County.

Friday, September 12, Free Union,
Carteret County.

All services to be held at 8:00 p. m.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Well may the church keep Children's
Day,

And thus draw near the Son,
Who gained His richest human realm
When children's hearts were won.

Well may the church keep Children's
Day,

And thus draw near the skies,
For in the children's sunny hearts
The light of heaven lies.

Well may the church keep Children's
Day,

She keeps her greatest then;
E'en now the Christ lifts up the child
Above all sinful men.

Oh, happy day! Oh, heavenly hour!
When thus the church shall stand,
Like Christ, with smile and touch of
grace,
Amid the children's band.

FLOWERS

Flowers, flowers, down by the brook,
Why do they have a happy look?
Why are they so free and gay?
While the rushing waters play.

Why are they so free from sin?
While I am dirty like all men;
Some day I want to be like you—
Just as free and sinless, too!

If I were you and you were me,
You would not be so pretty to see;
For all the wrong I have done
Can be seen in the flickering sun!
—Beatrice Coggins

OUR SILLY SYMPHONY

'Twas the night before pay day,
And all through my jeans,
I searched and I hunted for
The way and the means,
But nothing was stirring,
Not even a jit;

The silver had walked out,
And the greenbacks had quit.
Hasten! Oh, hasten! Oh, time,
In thy flight,
And make it tomorrow,
Just for tonight!

DEFINITION OF A GENTLEMAN

A gentleman is a man who is clean inside and outside; who neither looks up to the rich nor down on the poor; who can lose without squealing; who can win without bragging; considerate to women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat and too sensible to loaf; who takes his share of the world's goods and lets other people take theirs.

NOTICE

There will be services at Old St. Delight Church in Greene County on each Third Sunday at 11:00 A. M., by Rev. W. B. Nobles of Winterville, North Carolina.

A cordial invitation is extended to one and all to come and attend these services.

Willie Edwards,
Member of the church

HOME-COMING

August 14, 1947.

There will be a home-coming day at Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist church in Kannapolis, N. C., on the first Sunday of September. Rev. J. Albert Harris will be our visiting minister, and he will speak at the eleven o'clock hour. There will be lunch served on the church grounds and every one is invited.

Rev. Paul Jenkins, Pastor,
Route 1, Kannapolis, N. C.

I "won't" is a tramp
I "can't" is a quitter
I "don't know" is too lazy
I "wish I could" is a wisher
I "might" is waking up
I "will try" is on his feet
I "can" is on his way
I "will" is at work
I "did" is now the boss.—Anon.

Men are of two classes—those who do their best work today and forget it and those who promise to do their best work tomorrow and forget about it.

OLD RASCALS OR YOUNG TREES

Martin Luther often admonished young people and their parents to give attention to schooling. In "A Sermon on Keeping Children in School," he says a good word for teachers and encourages others to take up that worthy profession. We quote:

"I myself, if I could leave the preaching office and other things, or had to do so, would not be so glad to have any other work as that of the schoolmaster, or teacher of boys, for I know that this is the most useful, the greatest, and the best, next to the work of preaching. Indeed, I scarcely know which of the two is better; for it is hard to make old dogs obedient and old rascals pious; and that is the work at which the preacher must labor, often in vain. But young trees can be better bent and trained, though some of them break in the process. Let it be one of the greatest virtues on earth faithfully to train other people's children; very few people, almost none in fact, do this for their own."

Perchance that word will help some teacher who was ready to give it all up at the close of school in June to go back to do a finer and more earnest job this September. And perhaps some fine young man or woman will say, I too shall give my life to the noble work of teaching boys and girls. We need more Christian teachers everywhere.—H. L. L. I

THE MISSION OF SHINING

"To give light upon the earth" is the work of the solar system and of Christians. But the regularity of the heavenly bodies ought to be a rebuke to many witnesses of the Lord Jesus. Time is measured by comparing meridians and the sun or certain stars. If the sun should rise one day at an unexpected hour, mankind would be thrown into confusion. The results would be disastrous—but not so tragic or far-reaching as the consequences of the failures of God's people. A Christian walking in the flesh leaves a sad trail behind him; what seem to him thoughtless acts and words may keep an unsaved person away from God for years, if not for eternity. But the path of a Christian walking in the Spirit "is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." He turns "many to righteousness," and he shall shine "as the stars for ever and ever." —The S. S. Times.

Measured reasoning may result in a worthy or unworthy action; the aim determines.

Forethought and foresight avoid pitfalls.



THE USE AND ABUSE OF WEALTH

(Lesson for September 7)

Lesson: Proverbs 11:24-27; 16:8; Ecclesiastes 5:10, 11; James 5:1-6.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right" (Prov. 16:8).

A man named Hitler rose to heights of power that gave him control of the wealth of a great nation. With this as a means he looted other nations, until at the crest of the wave of his reign he commanded more wealth and resources than any man who lived at that same time. The treasures of nearly a dozen nations were his to command. But it was wealth without righteousness: he paid heavily in the bitter coin of defeat and hatred for his ruthless accumulations.

The world's most ruthless dictatorship in our century is Soviet Russia. The present dictator, Joseph Stalin, is lord of life and death over every human in his vast realm, and the treasures of that vast nation are his to use exactly as he pleases. I would not exchange my happy lot with him if he had a thousand times more than he has! No armed guards patrol my bed as I sleep in peace and comfort: I need no secret police to protect my life from the dagger, bomb, or gun of a thousand assassins who lust for my death! His empire is built upon blood, murder, outrage and ruthless theft; his riches are without righteousness. Deep in his heart he must envy you who read these lines.

Perhaps you and I do not have much of this world's goods, but we are cheered by the certainty that there is another world than ours, which, in a remarkably short time, will be ours. What we have right-

eously now and use rightly for God will be multiplied in the coinage and values of that other world, and those who beggar themselves for Christ here will appear as millionaires over there. This is a good text only if we make it so; in the use of his means every man is sovereign. Are yours being used for God?—Selected.

II. Heart of the Lesson

25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

Here again is a truth directly applicable to human life today, as it was in Solomon's time. How true it is, blessings most often come to those giving kindness in words and deeds unto others (Gen. 33:11; II Kgs. 5:15). Yes, the soul that blesses others "shall be made fat"; that is, God will greatly bless liberal givers of their time and substance. Solomon says they shall be "watered also" because the liberal and cheerful givers are benefitted and refreshed with God's wonderful blessings. A sense of peculiar joy comes to the hearts of true givers of their time, talents and means for the cause of Christ's kingdom work in the world. God rewards them in many ways for their Christian acts performed for the good of others.

But those who are stingy, over selfish and miserly with their bounty will reap a curse, a heavy censure, from the people who stand in dire need of help. That is to say, he who refuses to sell his grain in a time of scarcity in order to obtain an increase in price will sooner or later reap God's judgment when he pronounces it against him. Solomon emphasizes the fact that a person of means and opportunity has a duty to perform unto his fellow men. God's holy law does set forth the truth that individuals are to be charitable and considerate of their needs, thus manifesting at all times the spirit of brotherly kindness. Solomon says, "He

that diligently seeketh good procureth favor: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him" (v. 27). "Good begets good, and evil begets evil." "Good deeds done unto others beget favor and thanksgiving, but miserliness and selfishness most often stir up resentment and distrust in the hearts of honest and liberal-hearted people, because they see very little good accomplished by such carnal thinkers: "Better is littel with righteousness than great revenues without right" (Prov. 16:8). He who is honest in his living, though he be poor, is better than he who is dishonest, though he be rich in material goods. The emphasis is placed on clean Christian living before God and man. Most assuredly, God does require that wealth be used wisely at all times.—Selected.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

What Will It Matter five hundred years from now whether you

1. Lived in a \$500,000 mansion or a rented room?
2. Wore \$100 suits or \$5 clothes?
3. Covered your feet with silk or cotton sox?
4. Ate turkey and its trimmings or plain stew?
5. Slept on a \$50 mattress or on the floor?
6. Traveled in a \$5,000 auto or had to walk?
7. Spent nights in a road house or were a moral stay-at-home?
8. Walked on \$8,000 rugs or on the bare floor?
9. Used solid silver or ten-cent store "artillery"?
10. Paid \$5 for meals or 15 cents?
11. Had a billion dollars in the bank or not a cent to your name?

But it will make a mighty big and eternal difference whether you have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. The great unanswered question of the Bible is, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Man has no right to complain if he feels prematurely old, when evil doing has brought about such a condition.

THIRD UNION REPORT

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina met with Sandy Plain Church on June 28, 1947. The devotions were conducted by Rev. W. K. Jordan, after which the business of the union was entered into with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and approved. The list of ministers was called with eleven ministers present for this meeting.

The list of churches was called and all but three were represented. The union sermon was preached by Rev. S. A. Smith who used for his text, "Bring a Friend to Jesus." After the sermon we were dismissed for lunch.

After enjoying a fine dinner on the church grounds, we reassembled for the afternoon session. The reports of the various boards were called for and they were read and accepted. There was an offering taken for Brother H. Pipkin, to the amount of \$63.00. The treasurer reported on hand from the last union \$7.31, and received at this union \$227.

There were two petitions for the next union meeting, and it was decided to meet with Lanier's Chapel on August 30, 1947. By a vote the union closed with song and prayer.

Rev. D. W. Hansley, Moderator,
Lemmie Taylor, Clerk

UNION MEETING REPORT

The Union of the Second district of the Central Conference of North Carolina convened with Rocky Mount Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1947. The devotions were conducted by Rev. C. L. Patrick. Rev. D. W. Alexander, the moderator, presided over the meeting. The minutes of the last union were read and approved. The following ministers were present: C. L. Patrick, W. B. Nobles, D. W. Alexander, M. A. Woodard, R. B. Spencer, C. J. Harris, L. W. Humbles, D. A. Windham, Dr. L. E. Harris, and Alonzo Reynolds, the pastor of the local church.

It was moved and carried to accept the resignation of Elder W. A. Dail and M. A. Woodard from the Board

of the Needy Ministers' Fund, and Elders J. E. Wooten and C. J. Harris were elected in their place. Due to the illness of Rev. J. P. Woodard, Rev. C. J. Harris preached the union sermon. Dr. E. L. Harris rendered some special music, after which an offering was taken for the orphanage to the amount of \$31.37. Then the union was dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with the devotions being conducted by Brother Kirby Wooten. Rev. D. A. Windham made an interesting talk on the subject: "The How, When, and What Purpose for the Laying on of Hands." Brother Leroy Forlines discussed the subject: "Winning the Youth for Christ." There was a rising vote of thanks given to the church and others for one of the finest dinners possible, and the church people were praised for their splendid hospitality shown this union meeting. All churches were represented except Ayden.

The treasurer made his report, stating that from all sources there were \$231.77 raised for the union. Paid out \$195.38, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$35.39. Elders C. L. Patrick, W. B. Nobles, and R. B. Spencer were appointed as a committee to make recommendations to the Board of the Needy Ministers' Fund relative to Elders W. A. Dail and M. A. Woodard.

The next union meeting will meet with Saint's Delight Church in Greene County on Saturday, August 30, 1947. The union was dismissed with song and prayer by Brother Kirby Wooten.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, Mod.,
E. C. Hines, Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I will be available for pastoral work in the vicinity of Greenville, South Carolina, beginning with October the first. I am a student of Bob Jones University. Anyone knowing of an opportunity for service in that area, please notify Rev. John O'Donnell, Ashville, Alabama, Route 1.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Rev. John O'Donnell

PROGRAM FOR FIRST WESTERN UNION

The First Western Union meeting of the Western Conference will convene with Stancil's Chapel in Johnston County on August 30, 1947.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. W. R. Williams
- Welcome address by the pastor
- Response by Rev. E. G. Holland
- Moderator's message
- Orphanage report by the committee
- Business session
- 11:15—Union sermon by Rev. M. L. Johnson
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
- 1:15—Reports from the churches
- Petitions for the next union
- Business period
- Reports of treasurer and the Finance Committee
- 3:00—Adjournment

Sunday Morning

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Morning worship by Rev. Milton Davis
- Hugh Boyette, Committee

PROGRAM FOR FOURTH UNION AUGUST 30, 1947

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions by Rev. C. D. Hamilton
- 10:15—Moderator's Message
- 10:30—Appointment of committees
- 10:45—Welcome address by Vernon Sullivan
- Response by R. C. Proctor
- 10:50—Business period
- 11:20—Special music to be arranged by local church
- 11:30—Sermon by Rev. L. B. Manning
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions by Rev. Heber Joyner
- 1:15—Report by committees
- 1:30—Business period
- 2:00—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Wiggs, (Subject: "Christ Prefigured in the Pentateuch")
- 2:30—Final business period
- Adjournment

John E. Edmundson

THE UNKNOWN GOD

No one could tell me where my soul
might be;
I searched for God, and God eluded
me;
I sought my brother out, and found
all three,
My soul, my God and all humanity.
—From The Persian.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE PANTRY SHELF

The following conversation took place on the shelves of a pantry in an old farm house:

A Spoon, turning to a Pot of Tea, said, "Let's stir up something, I'm getting rusty."

The Pot of Tea replied: "You stir up something, and this is where the Tea Leaves, because I'm altogether too weak, but you might get a rise out of the Old Yeast Cake."

The Yeast Cake, who was very much in love with the Barrel of Flour, replied, "My friend Flour and I mix very well, and I'm sure we will rise together in the oven."

A Lamp, who up to this point had been overlooked, wanted to appear bright, so straightway he threw some light on the subject, and after a few bright remarks went out, which gave the Coffee Grinder a chance to take a turn.

In one corner the can of Mustard was making a few blistering remarks about the Flour Sifter, who had been sifting the flour question down in fine shape.

Just then, the Butcher Knife heard a Ginger Snap, and after a few cutting remarks, sat down in the Knife Box, looking angry but keen.

The Old Coffee Pot stood this argument very well, but he was getting boiling mad, and claimed he had good grounds to complain, and if he was black, he was strong enough to kick the Vinegar Bottle, who was looking sour, not having seen its Mother in some time.

All was quiet for a while, then the Fruit Jar Ring, who had been rubbing around, cried, "If I am not mistaken, I heard the Tea Ball."

"No wonder," spoke up Mason Jar, "I saw Soda Cracker." Conditions became so bad in the pantry the Cream, who had turned against the Pitcher, joined the Butter, who was running away.

The Pepper gave them such a sting-

ing lecture that tears dropped from the eyes of an old but Sweet Potato.

The climax came when the Potato Masher, who had been flirting with Peanut Butter, claimed he saw Lemon Squeezer, and in a fit of rage Egg Beater, which caused such a racket the cook came into the pantry, and seeing the shelves so confused decided to give them a thorough scrubbing.

The Old Grandfather Clock standing in the hall looked in and hid his face with his hands in shame.—A. C. Krimbill in Religious Telescope.

NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to express my gratefulness to my many Christian friends for their kind consideration of me during my recent serious illness. The many cards, flowers and personal calls were enjoyed. Also the special favors from Sandy Plain Sunday School and Auxiliary were deeply appreciated.

Particularly do I wish to express my thanks for the prayers offered in my behalf. I feel that God's mercy was extended to me because of the prayers of my Christian friends. Please continue to pray for me.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mrs. J. H. Outlaw,
Beulaville, N. C.

COMMUNITY SONG SERVICE

There will be a community song service at the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday night, August 31. In addition to the Greenville choir, we are expecting musical talent from several other churches.

On Monday night, September 1, Brother Fred Rivenbark will begin a week of revival services here. We cordially invite you to attend both the song service and the revival the remainder of the week.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Pastor

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

BURKETTE RAPER'S REPORT

August 4 through 10

St. Paul	\$ 11.00
West Clinton	17.20
Shady Grove	25.00
Robert's Grove	28.00
Corinth	53.00
Bethel	To follow
Pine Level	84.01
Union Grove	26.00

Total Received -----\$244.21

MISS HAZEL DAWKINS' REPORT

August 4 through 10

Low Gap	\$ 16.05
Burmmitts Creek	22.50
Cane Creek	30.00
Odoms Chapel	8.00
Buladean Revival	30.43
St. Paul	36.23
McCoury's Rock	35.26

Total Received -----\$178.47

REV. J. C. GRIFFIN'S REPORT

9 August 1947

Arapahoe ----- \$24.50

Donated Commodities

Food through Federal Sources	\$36.00
O. W. Sasser (Food)	2.30
Mrs. Alton Tripp, Winterville, N. C., clothing	12.00

Total ----- \$50.30

JAMES A. EVANS, Supt.

REVIVAL AT ELM GROVE

The revival meeting will begin at Elm Grove Church on Wednesday night, September 3, and continue on through the 14th. It will be conducted by Brother W. B. Everett, New Bern, N. C. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

By a member of the church

Fear never won a battle.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

SMITH. On the morning of August 26, 1946, Brother Lester Smith was called to his heavenly reward. He was a very faithful member of Micro F. W. B. Church and served as an officer for many years.

He has been greatly missed by his family, his church and his community. The needy and the friendless found a friend in him at all times. It can be said of him that he sought to imitate his Master as he went about doing good.

He had a cheerful word for his friends wherever he met them, and those who came in contact with him went on their way with a lighter heart. We desire to use these words of an old poem to express our feelings about his departure.

"Call not back the dear departed,
Anchored safe where storms are o'er;
On the border land we left him,
Soon to meet to part no more.

When we leave this world of changes,
When we leave this world of care;
We shall find our missing loved one
In our Father's mansion fair."

By the Committee:

Mrs. C. E. Gaddy,
Mrs. H. I. Corbett,
Mrs. Hubert Smith

TREASURER'S REPORT TO NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

(Continued from page 6)

Mrs. Fannie Polston, W. N. A. C. -- 7.89

May 7, 1947—

M. L. Johnson, Prem. on policy ---- 13.53
W. G. Prude, E. Tupelo, Miss. ---- 2.25
Winford Davis, Prem. on policy ---- 16.86
Mrs. Fannie Polston, W. N. A. C. -- 14.54
Damon Dodd, Prem. on policy ---- 10.87

June 10, 1947—

M. L. Johnson, N. C. St. Bd. ---- 43.33
Ralph Lightsey, Prem. on policy -- 9.87
R. B. Crawford, Prem. on policy ---- 12.07
H. L. Catrett, Prem. on policy ---- 27.32
Kenneth Turner, Prem. on policy -- 14.67
R. B. Crawford, Unified Program -- 60.00
Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Ala. St. Bd. ---- 26.83

Total Receipts ----- 676.56

Total Credit ----- \$5,035.03

Disbursements

Feb. 10—Secretarial Service ----- \$ 10.00
Feb. 13—M. L. C. U., Prem. on 2 policies -- 54.30
Mar. 7—M. L. C. U., Prem. on 3 policies -- 73.32
Mar. 7—Secretarial service ----- 10.00
Mar. 7—Office expense ----- 5.00
Mar. 17—M. L. C. U., Prem. on 1 policy ---- 28.58
Mar. 26—M. L. C. U., Prem. on 2 policies ---- 77.09

Apr. 16—Secretarial service ----- 10.00
Apr. 16—M. L. C. U., Prem. on 2 policies -- 55.45
May 1—Secretarial service ----- 10.00
May 8—M. L. C. U., Prem. on policy ---- 27.06
May 26—M. L. C. U., Prem. on 1 policy ---- 29.34
June 2—M. L. C. U., Prem. on 4 policies -- 125.58
June 2—Secretarial service ----- 10.00
June 2—Office expense ----- 5.00
June 2—Refund to Rashie Kennedy ----- 13.90

Total Disbursements ----- \$544.62

Balance brought forward plus receipts ---- \$5,035.03
Less total disbursements ----- 544.62

Balance on hand June 30, 1947 ---- \$4,490.41

Total number of policies in force ----- 23
Total number of policies lapsed ----- 2
Total applications pending ----- 1

Signed:

J. O. FORT, Treasurer,
Bryan, Texas

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists for July, 1947.

Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1947 ---- \$1,711.73
Regular receipts for July ----- 213.09
Interest from Best Memorial Fund 194.09

Total to account for ----- \$2,118.91

Disbursements

Superannuated Ministers --\$207.50
Operating expense ----- 24.75
National Board ----- 47.08

Total disbursements ----- 279.33

Balance on hand August 1, 1947 \$1,839.58

Receipts Itemized

Friendship (Johnston County) ---- \$ 1.00
Second Pee Dee Union ----- \$ 2.72
King's X Roads S. S. ----- \$ 3.50
Rose Hill L. A. S. ----- \$ 2.00
Second Central Union ----- \$ 8.75
Carteret County Union ----- \$15.00
Fifth Eastern Union ----- \$52.00
Goldsboro S. S. and Leagues ---- \$11.00
LaGrange S. S. ----- \$ 2.02
St. Delight S. S. ----- \$ 5.00
Second Central S. S. Convention -- \$17.57
Bethany S. S. ----- \$ 2.00
Shady Grove S. S. (Sampson Co.) -- \$ 2.53
Hugo S. S. ----- \$ 3.00
Fourth Central Aux. Convention -- \$ 5.00
First Western Union ----- \$25.00
New Sandy Hill Auxiliary ----- \$ 2.00
Cape Fear Union ----- \$48.00
Core Creek S. S. ----- \$ 5.00

Special Receipts

July 28—Interest from Best Memorial Fund ----- \$194.09

M. L. JOHNSON,
Chairman-Treasurer.

PROGRAM

The Third Union Meeting of the Western Conference of North Carolina will convene with Tippet's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wake County, N. C., on Saturday, August 30, 1947.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by Charlie Edwards
10:15—Welcome address by the pastor
10:20—Response by Rev. L. S. Joyner
10:25—Message by Moderator
10:30—Business period
—Roll call of ministers
—Appointment of committees
11:00—Sermon by Rev. D. W. Roach
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotional service by Mrs. T. W. Choplin
1:15—Roll call of churches
1:30—"Some things we need to know about our Auxiliary Society," by Mrs. D. W. Roach
1:45—Report of committees
2:00—Miscellaneous business
2:15—Adjournment

Q. Hansley

WORKING FOR JESUS

All Christians like to work for Jesus,
They work for him both night and day,
They are never tired by working,
Whether it be work or play.

Some people don't even know of Jesus,

While others trust on him and love,
But when the trial day really comes;
Christians will rest happily up above.

Sinners don't like to work for Jesus
They don't like to hear a Christian talk.

They don't even stop to listen,
They almost run instead of walk.

All people should work for Jesus,
And trust and believe each day.
We should work and live for Jesus,
Then we would be happy in all we do and say.

Sallie Griffin,
Blounts, Creek, N. C.

Many noble characters have graduated from the school of Hard Knocks.

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Opportunity

Master of human destinies am I.
Fame, love, and fortune on my footsteps wait,
Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate
Deserts and seas remote, and, passing by
Hovel, and mart, and palace, soon or late
I knock unbidden, once at every gate!
If sleeping, wake—if feasting, rise before
I turn away. It is the hour of fate,
And they who follow me reach every state
Mortals desire, and conquer every foe
Save death; but those who doubt or hesitate,
Condemned to failure, penury and woe,
Seek me in vain and uselessly implore—
I answer not, and I return no more.

—John James Ingalls

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THIS BOOK—the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed.

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—Selected by Mrs. Lila Hughes

Try reading the Bible as regularly as you read the newspaper.

Consistent Christians always command respect,

Editorial

STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

The Stockholders and Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press will hold their Annual Stockholders' meeting on Monday, September 15, in the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at ten o'clock in the morning. All Board members and those who hold stock in the Press are requested to attend this meeting. The members are requested to come on time so that the meeting can begin at 10:00 A. M.

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STATE ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE

The North Carolina State Association will convene on Wednesday and Thursday, September 17 and 18, at Shady Grove Church in Sampson County. This will be the Thirty-Fifth annual session of the association, and it is expected to be a great occasion. The churches of the State are to represent with delegates in this session of the association.

Shady Grove has entertained the association several times before, and they were great occasions with large attendance of ministers, delegates, and visitors who took part in those meetings. It is expected that a large number of ministers, visitors and delegates will attend this session of the association. All churches of the state are urged to send representatives to this body.

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AUXILIARIES TO MEET

The Women's District Auxiliaries are to meet soon in the State. These district bodies are usually well represented with delegates, visitors and ministers of the churches of those districts. In these meetings the women will lay plans for renewed emphasis in the work of missions, Christian education, orphanage work, superannuation, etc., and will seek to achieve during the fall and winter months great success in all phases of the work of the denomination.

It is gratifying indeed to know that the women of the church are doing a noble work in all phases of the denominational enterprises. Progress is being made and a greater joy is being felt because of the splendid work which they are doing.

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A SPLENDID IDEA

The National Mission Board has, we think, set up a splendid plan to raise money for the cause of missions. The plan provides for Mission Directors in each state where the Free Will Baptists are operating in sufficient numbers to justify the use of directors. This plan calls for itinerate workers to be secured by the directors to

visit the churches and church organizations of their respective states in the interest of better acquainting the church people with the facts concerning the great need of the mission fields, and also to raise as much money as possible for the support and expansion of the mission work wherever our work is established.

We have, for sometime, had in mind a plan similar to this, and have thought that it would be of great advantage to the missions cause, both in the home land and in foreign fields. We are confident that this plan which the National Board has set up will achieve wonderful results with the proper directors named and placed over the work in their respective states. We shall look forward with great interest to seeing good results achieved by all of these directors and itinerate workers within the next several weeks. At least by the coming of the next annual National Association, the church people of the denomination will look with pride, we believe, to the noble work which these workers have achieved for the cause of missions.

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STATE EVANGELISTS

There is another sign of progress among Free Will Baptists, and that is: several of the different states are electing State Evangelists to give their time to the State work in evangelism. This is certainly commendable, and with the right men in the field, evangelism among our churches will be greatly felt in raising the standard of spirituality among the churches, Sunday Schools, Young People's Leagues, and the Women's Auxiliaries in those states where these evangelists labor zealously for the expansion of the kingdom of God.

These evangelists can and will, we believe, be the means of arousing the people to see the great need for evangelizing whole communities in which the local churches are located and also they will give the church people a greater vision for religious work, home and abroad. Let us hope that other states will seek to elect State Evangelists for their church people, and send them out in the name of righteousness to do a work most needed among Free Will Baptist churches wherever they are located. Church people do need to be aroused to the sense of their duty as Christians.

To look around is to be distressed; to look within is to be depressed; to look to Christ is to be blessed.

When our hatred is violent, it sinks us beneath those we hate.—Rochefoucauld.

Happy is the man who lives, and toils and rests in Jesus!

News from the Piedmont Association

The Piedmont Singing Convention convened on Sunday, June 27, in Rockingham, North Carolina, in the Entwhistle F. W. B. Church, where the Reverend Walter Carter is pastor. It was an all-day singing convention. It was well attended with hundreds of people on the outside of the church, not being able to be seated in the church, the crowd was so large. There were seven choirs that represented in this convention, twelve quartettes, five trios, and other groups, being twenty-nine in all. Among the visitors was Professor W. B. Walbert, song writer and teacher from the Vaughn Music Publishing Company of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Also Professor and Mrs. Dewey Yeager, voice teacher and piano teacher. The Stamps Royal Ambassador quartette and the Shelby trio were present for this grand occasion.

At the noon hour the church people spread dinner on the large table, and what a fine dinner it was for the people to enjoy the good things to eat which were spread thereon. Those people did really prepare a wonderful dinner for the people to enjoy.

From 2:30 to 3:30 P. M., the singing was broadcast over the Rockingham station. The next convention will convene at Belmont, Goshen F. W. B. Church, in October, 1947. It will convene on Saturday afternoon and night before.

On Sunday, August 17, the Cramerton F. W. B. Church, with the pastor, Rev. Roy Rickard and other ministers, organized a Free Will Baptist Church in Lowell, North Carolina, with 15 members to begin with. The church called a young licensed minister as pastor to work under the Rev. Rickard. His name is Rev. Nathan Holt, of Cramerton.

On Thursday night, August 14, the Vaughn School of Music came to a close with a big singing festival at the Goshen F. W. B. Church, North Belmont, North Carolina. The school had been conducted for three weeks, with everything in the gospel song line being taught. Professor W. B. Walbert had charge of the school. He taught theory, sight singing, ear

training, directing and harmony. Professor Yeager taught voice and quartette training. Mrs. Yeager taught piano. These are fine Christian people.

The Mount Holly F. W. B. Church started a revival on Sunday, August 17, with the Reverend J. J. Brooks, pastor, doing the preaching. The Washington Street Church in West Gastonia is progressing fine with their building program now. They will have a fine cement block church when it is finished. They have raised their pastor's salary to \$75 per week, and that is fine. The Reverend Sherman H. Oakes is their pastor.

The Piedmont Association was held in Marion, North Carolina, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, on July 31, and August 1 and 2. They reported several visitors attending, and it was one of the best meetings ever held since the association was organized. Rev. J. E. Floyd is the pastor of this church.

On September 1, Professor J. C. Cooper, song writer and music teacher from Fitzgerald, Georgia, will begin a singing school at the Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina. Rev. L. H. Clayton is pastor of this church. Later on Mr. Cooper will teach a school in the Cramerton F. W. B. Church. This will be his second school at each place.

We would like to see more news in the Baptist paper from other sections of the country. Come on folks and let us know what you are doing that we may rejoice in the Lord.

Edgar W. O'Dell

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I shall be available for evangelistic services or pastoral work for the coming year.

Yours for Christian service,

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Leisure is best enjoyed by the man who labors hard and long.

LOOKING UNTO CHRIST

Part IV.—Conclusion

The Onward Look to the Glorious Coming of Christ

We have considered the atoning work of Christ; the "upward look" to the "reigning Christ," the "Inward Look" at our own hearts; and now let us consider the "Onward Look" to the glorious coming of Christ.

When Christ ascended into heaven, as the disciples were gazing upward, two men in white apparel stood beside them, "which also said, Ye men of Galilee, Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." These men were heavenly angels foretelling Christ's second coming.

In the "Upper Room" discourse, Jesus told the disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them, and that He would come again and receive them unto Himself.

We eagerly look forward to His second coming. No one knows when He is coming again, yet He has given us some signs by which we may know that it is approaching.

He warns the disciples and all of his followers to be not deceived, that many will come in His name, saying "I am Christ," and shall deceive many. He tells us that nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. In Matthew 24: He tells us that there will be famine, pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places; also that because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

The gospel of the Kingdom of Christ shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all the nations, and then shall the end come. Today the gospel is being preached by means of the radio, the printed page, and by missionaries who traverse lands that have not been reached before.

Paul, in writing to Timothy, speaks of perilous times in the last days. He says that men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, etc. (Please

read II Timothy 3:1-13.)

It will be as it was in the days of Noah.

The Bible tells us about events that will occur at the second coming of Christ. "For the Lord Himself shall descend with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: And so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thessalonians 4:16, 17). What a happy meeting, when we shall see Him who loved us, and be called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Where are the rest of the dead? Let us read Rev. 20:5, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection."

According to the scriptures, there are two phases of the second coming of Christ: the coming of Christ for His saints, and the coming of Christ with His saints. I like to think how sweet it will be for the redeemed ones to be with him.

When Jesus shall come with His saints to judge the world, the wicked ones shall cry for the rocks and mountains to fall upon them and hide them from the King. Christ will overcome Satan and the wicked ones, and they will be cast into a lake of fire and brimstone, to be tormented for ever and ever.

The righteous shall shine forth in the Kingdom of Christ. John describes the beautiful city (the Holy City), the New Jerusalem, as he saw it descending from heaven. Its beauty surpasses anything that can be thought of. No one can fully describe its beauty, because the human mind can not conceive of the wonderful things that are being prepared for Christ's own. Read John's account of it in Rev. 21.

We hear a lot of talk about world peace: When Jesus comes and reigns as King, we will have world peace, and never before. This talk of world peace is only another sign that we are living in the last days. Oh let us lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh. He is coming! It may be any day, any hour!

Are you ready? Christ says, "And behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." If you are not ready, why not get ready now? Accept Christ as your personal Saviour, right now, wherever you are.—Anonymous.

Note: I acknowledge, with thanks, the help and inspiration I gained from reading and studying **The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life** by Hannah Whitall Smith, and from the book, **Biography of the New Testament**.

Submitted by
Mrs. Sudie Dowty Brinson

My Experience About Prayer

The Lord is near and dear to us if we live the right kind of life. We can rest assured that he will hear us when we call him.

Now listen, I don't mean a person that pays tithes but goes fishing on Sunday. I don't mean a person that goes to church on Sunday and then to a ball game that afternoon. I don't mean a person that goes to church on Sunday and to the movie that night. I don't mean the person that uses bad language. I mean a person that has changed from death unto life and keeps his body a fit temple for the Holy Spirit to dwell in. He says that if we love the things of this world, the love of the Father is not in us. So, if you want to have confidence in Him, as much so as you would a good mother, live the life before Him and He will love you and you will love Him with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength.

But don't do like a preacher I saw one time, if your child gets sick. Don't just ask God to heal it but ask Him to direct you what to do and I feel sure He will help you as He wants you to do something. James says, "Faith without works is dead." When Christ turned the water into wine, He asked the servants to fill the water pots. When He raised Lazarus from the dead, he told some of them to roll the stone away. Then when Lazarus came forth, He asked them to loose him and let him go. He also

says if there are any sick among you to send for the elders of the church, and let them pray over them and to anoint them with oil. I don't think this scripture means to pour oil on them. My opinion is to doctor them the best way we know. I knew a good man one time that put in to swim across a river, and when he got about half way he took the cramp so he asked the Lord to help him. He said the thought came to him to change his way of swimming, so he swam out. If he had only asked the Lord to help him and not have tried to have done anything himself, I don't believe he would have made it.

Once I had a little sick child and the doctor had failed to do it any good, so I called on the Lord to help me do something for it. The thought came to me to give it a certain kind of medicine, and the next morning it was better. I didn't need the doctor any more. It is my plan to ask God to help and direct me what to do. You can believe as you please, but my plan is to trust God as guide and helper, and I have that confidence in Him to think he will.

Your Brother in the Lord,
B. E. Coxwell,
Woodville, Florida

WHAT'S THE USE?

Man's life is full of crosses and temptations. He comes into this world without his consent, and goes out against his will, and the trip between is very rocky. When he is little the big girls kiss him; when he is big the little girls kiss him.

If he is poor, he is a bad manager; if he is rich, he is dishonest; if he is prosperous, everyone wants to do him a favor; if he runs after money, he's money-mad; if he spends it freely, he's a play-boy; if he doesn't get it, he's a ne'er-do-well; if he doesn't try to get it, he lacks ambition; if he is actively religious, he's a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion, he's a hardened sinner; if he is affectionate, he's a soft specimen; if he cares for no one, he's cold-blooded; if he dies young, there was a great future for him; if he lives to a ripe old age, he missed his calling.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

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National Sunday School Association

The second annual National Sunday School Convention is to be held this year in Cincinnati, October 8th to 10th. Headquarters and principal activities of the Convention will be centered in Cincinnati's big Hotel Gibson. It's famous Roof Garden Auditorium, overlooking the historic river city, will accommodate most of the Convention gatherings.

Unique variety in program features, supplemented by musical treats, visual demonstrations, and exhibits of the latest Sunday School helps will pack the three day convention schedule opening with the Wednesday evening session.

Speakers at each general assembly session during the Convention will be top-ranking evangelical Christian

educators and laymen. Harry R. Smith, Vice-President of America's largest bank and a fiery Sunday School layman, will present the challenge of Sunday School revival to the layworkers. The responsibility of the Sunday School, and its effectiveness, in combating the rising tide of juvenile delinquency will be the theme of the climactic message closing the Convention Friday evening.

Among the outstanding evangelical Sunday School leaders already committed to the Convention program are Miss Henrietta C. Mears of Hollywood, Dr. Clarence H. Benson of Maitland, Fla., Prof. A. S. London of Kansas City, Dr. Archer E. Anderson of Duluth, and Dr. Rebecca Price of Wheaton College.

Purpose of the Convention is to inspire united action by evangelicals eager to revive the old-time power and position of the Sunday School in

the community. The very first "Sunday School," so-called, was started in Gloucester, England, by one Robert Raikes, a newspaper man, to combat juvenile delinquency with the Bible. The rejection of Bible evangelism, by liberal leaders seeking to bring all religions together into one universal world church, marked the beginning of a long decline in the modern Sunday School. The restoration of the Bible to its proper place in the Sunday School is the goal of the evangelicals.

The National Sunday School Association, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 4, is handling all Convention arrangements and inquiries for registrations.

MY DESIRE

Oh, that mine eye might closed be
To what concerns not me to see;
That deafness might possess my ear
To what concerns not me to hear;
That truth my tongue might ever tie
From speaking words of vanity;
That no vain thought might ever rest
Or be conceived within my breast;
So that in deed, in word, in thought,
Glory may unto God be wrought.

—Thomas Ellwood

PROGRAM

OF THE

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OF THE

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St. John's Free Will Baptist Church

HYMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA

Saturday Before First Sunday in Oct., 1947

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REV. BROWNES HUCKS, Host Pastor

MRS. H. C. SIMMONS, Secretary

— SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION —

PROCEDURE

9:30—Opening song - - - - - Congregation
—Scripture Lesson - - - - - Rev. G. W. Howell, Supt.
—Prayer
—Welcome Address - - - - - Bro. Dewey Powell

—Response - - - - - Bro. Jesse Richardson

10:00—Appointment of Temporary Committees

—Minutes of last session read by the secretary

—Field Worker's report

10:20—Program - - - - - Local Sunday School

11:00—Sermon on Orphanage Work - - - Rev. J. A. Williams

12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Re-assemble

—Song - - - - - Choir

—Recitation and song from a boy or girl from each Sunday School represented

1:50—Reports of various Sunday School Superintendents, Orphanage funds turned in, etc.

3:15—Talk - - - - - Bro. Hoyt Powell

3:30—Final Business Session

—Reports of Temporary Committees

—Unfinished Business

—New Business

—Petition for next convention

—Return of thanks to Host Church

—Song and adjournment

MRS. LEE POSTON,
MRS. CLAUDIE MAE MARTIN,
REV. T. A. WILLIAMS,
Program Committee

Revival at Dunbar's Chapel

The Reverend Henry Oliver, Pastor, closed a one week-revival meeting on Sunday, August 17. There were 15 souls saved, and 11 additions to the church. Eleven were baptized and more are still to be baptized later on.

The assistant preacher, Rev. Bob Abbott, of Nashville, Tennessee, brought us some wonderful messages. He did most of the preaching during the meeting. May the Lord bless him for his untiring efforts to save the lost.

Mrs. F. L. Oliver

Revival and Home-Coming At Pineview

Pineview F. W. B. Church held its annual home-coming celebration, under the pastorate of Rev. C. J. Harvey, on the second Sunday in July. The morning session was opened by Mrs. Joe Johnson, with the assistance of Mrs. Jim Bush, Mrs. Stephens and the group of children who took part in the event. Everyone enjoyed the program as it was an inspiration to each person present. The program was based around the playlet, "From a Far Country." It was a story of the Prodigal Son.

Following the program, Rev. J. B. Lovering gave the morning message which everyone enjoyed very much. We were very happy to have had Brother Lovering to be back in our service. He has been gone several years from us carrying the gospel into other places. We are glad to have him in our homes again.

At the noon hour a beautiful dinner was spread on the church grounds which everyone enjoyed very much. The afternoon session was opened with good singing which was followed with the good old-time gospel by Rev. Howard. The day ended with a talk by Rev. J. C. Harvey, and with several special selections of good songs which were given by the Lupton children.

We were happy to have had Rev. Evans Williams with us on this occasion and for a few days in the beginning of our revival. We have

been praying for a great revival. Brother Harvey has done a wonderful job here during the week trying to revive the church, and to save lost souls. And we do feel that we have had a splendid revival here at Pineview, for we have enjoyed this good old God-sent revival meeting. We do feel that much good has been accomplished in the meeting.

Mrs. Joe Johnston, Reporter

SEPTEMBER IS CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION MONTH

To All Loyal Free Will Baptists of
North Carolina:

Let us remember that September is the month designated by the SIX-POINT Program of our state as Church Finance Association, Inc., month. It is hoped that every one of our churches as well as many of the other organizations and individuals will respond to this worthy cause during this month.

This part of our work has already served many of our churches and in so doing has helped to save, for the denomination, quite a bit of interest that would have been paid to other sources, if it had not been for the Association. There are several other churches now waiting to receive a loan for the improvement of their buildings. You can help make the money available to them by responding to this drive during this month.

Remember, if you have ever sent in any thing to the Association, and have not ordered it changed, you still have that credit. Any amount you send in during this month will be added to what you have sent in the past. For each \$25.00 you will receive a \$25.00 Membership Certificate. If you have credit for part of a Certificate, why not complete it this month? If you already hold one or more Certificates, why not buy another? If you have never joined the Association, why not do so now? This is a part of our State Work, and it needs your support now.

Address all funds or other mail to:
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M. L. Johnson,
Secretary-Treasurer

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One Big Dwelling-Place

Py Mrs. Commissioner Wm. C.
Arnold

The world is one big dwelling-place,
The people one big family,
One Father, God, Who comes to all
With love, and life, and liberty.

And love the greatest of them all
Can solve the world's distressing
ills,
And change unrest and strife to
peace,

And this is what our Father wills,
Yet men destroy their peace of heart
By lack of love for friend and foe;
Love reaches out to all mankind,
Forgiveness, kindness, help to
show.

Cod gave us life, abundant life,
That we may glorify His name
By doing good as He would do,
And to the world His love proclaim.
The power of one single life
No human tongue can e'er express,
Ten thousand thousand other lives
One life may either curse or bless.

God's liberty is born of love,
And those who would this freedom
know

Must govern all their lives by love,
And love on others must bestow.
The world cries out for liberty,
While liberty is near at hand,
If men would cast off doubt and fear,
And yield to liberty's demand.

One dwelling-place, one God of love;
Men were not made to quarrel and
fight,
But practice love and lift this world
To God's true liberty and light.
—The War Cry

Notes and Quotes



By J. C. Grffn

Where Our Hear Is

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6: 21).

We have thought a great deal lately as we listen to the conversation of men and women in every walk of life, as we see and mingle with the public. You seldom ever hear people talking about the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation of lost men and women. Not even do preachers talk much about the matter except when they go in the pulpit. This is a serious, yea a damning condition, that we as a people have drifted into in "The last days"—"neither cold nor hot" but luke-warm representatives of Christ. I find many preachers, and deacons, and teachers, who had rather talk about the series of baseball being played. They know every player (those of great baseball fame) name and home, almost in the United States, but many of them cannot tell you the names of the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ. They can tell you how many runs these great players have made during the season; but they cannot tell you where the "Beatitudes" are found in the Bible. They do not know what the Sunday School lesson was about last Sunday. But they know where baseball was played and who won. Go down the street Monday morning and see how many people you find talking about the worship at their church Sunday and compare them with the number that you hear talking about baseball, and golf and their fishing trip on Sunday. After you have done this, study and see if you can say of a truth, "That America is a Christian Nation," a nation interested in the salvation of the lost, or a nation whose heart is given wholly to the "Pleasure" god of this world.

Oh, if we were as interested in the

salvation of lost souls as we are in baseball and other amusements. We might do well to listen to Jesus and hear Him say, "Lovest thou me more than these?" (John 21:15).

Do We Love Him?

The Lord Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words . . ." (John 14:23).

Do we love Him when we foolishly spend money for selfish comforts and sinful pleasures and refuse to support the cause of Christ in the work of the ministry and the great program as given to us, by the Lord, Himself? Yes, notice just a little, for instance, "I get in my car and drive ten or twenty-five miles Saturday night to a ball game, pay a dollar as an entrance fee; very likely then by being up late go to a cafe and get a \$1.00 meal, get home about midnight or one o'clock in the morning, sleep late Sunday morning, get up in time for the noon meal and "hit out again" for a ball game perhaps fifty miles away, and then back home, and the day is gone and I have not entered the house of prayer, nor uttered a praise to Almighty God for the blessings of life, nor given a dime to carry the Gospel to those who are lost in sin. Would you judge that I loved the Lord Jesus Christ? If I were to say I did, I would only be telling a lie, and every sane man would say that I was not telling the truth. Well, a great many church members, those who at one time have confessed Christ and united with some organization, do that bad and some worse.

It is a fact that "A tree is known by the fruit it bears."

Robbing God

Men are, Christian men, and when I say men, I mean men and women, not only commanded to give "One dollar out of every ten" to the Lord's work, but we are commanded to give one seventh of our time to the Lord. One day out of every seven justly belongs to us, and to God, as a day of worship and a Christ-like service to our fellowman. If we throw away the day of worship (the Lord's Day) we have robbed God and ourselves.

No physically fit believer in the Lord Jesus Christ can rob God of worship on the Lord's day without suffering thereby. For God has placed a premium on true service and also God has promised to reward us according to our works. So we are double losers when we "rob God of time and tithe." Don't think that you can get by; God is a good collector.

God told the Hebrew children to let the land which he had given to them "rest every seventh year." He promised to give them enough on the sixth year to carry them over the year of rest. But the children of Israel disobeyed God and for 490 years they went on tilling the land every year, but God allowed them to be carried into captivity and they were kept away from their land for 70 years. 7 times 70 is 490; so God's land got its rest. We always lose when we disobey God. We can stay away from church, let the perishable things of life come in between us and our duty, God will let us "rob" Him, in time and tithe, and also in talent, but there will come a day of settlement. There is a judgment facing every one of us, and I am sure that we will get a part of our rewards here, but the final settlement will come after this life. "For it is appointed unto man to die, afterwards to judgment."

Happy Memories

Often we come up with some one who remembers the time of their conversion and it was a time when we were preaching or doing personal work, and they refer us to a certain day or night, and tell about how the Lord blessed them, and as we look back, there is rejoicing together for salvation and the more we think and talk about the event the happier we get as we converse together. Praise God for the privilege of winning souls, which always brings happy returns.

The State Association of N. C.

Officially, it is none of my business as to the representation but as a child of God who has been chosen by His holy act to the Gospel Ministry, I am deeply interested in the

ongoing of my denomination and the program of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. This being true I would be happy if every church in the State could and would have a duly qualified delegate to represent. Also that every minister in the State who is in good standing with his respective association be present with a heart full of interest in the 1947 session of the State Association of North Carolina, which convenes this year at Shady Grove, Sampson County, between Fayetteville and Goldsboro.

Some Accomplishments of the State Association

Perhaps there are those, and I know that such is true, that there be some who say that the State Association has not accomplished much. But let us look back a little. It was the State Convention (as called then) that started the movement that has resulted in the making of the Orphanage at Middlesex. Certainly this is a great accomplishment.

It was the State Association that has formulated a plan whereby, every retired minister in the State is drawing a monthly check to help along in the old age problem. This check is not large in some instances, but it helps. It is the work, let me repeat, of the State Association. We have a lot to praise the Lord for in this movement.

Then we have a Mission Board, an Educational board and various committees that have been doing great things for the Lord. To our mind the most important organization among Free Will Baptists in North Carolina is our State Association. Let us give it our best. Send up prayers, and put our time and talent to its back—Our money too.

The look in the parent's eye often proves an excellent substitute for the spoken word to the disobedient child.

Misfortune is often the instrument necessary to reform an ungodly man.

Prevent recurring acts of disobedience by proper punishment.

Are the Days of Revivals Past?

Rev. Rufus Hyman
Slocumb, Alabama

We often hear it said, "The days of revivals are past," or if a church has a revival it is almost a miracle. For a period of almost two years the writer was unable to conduct any revivals, due to a failure in health, but, thank God, I am almost well of the goiter now. I asked for prayer two years ago, and now for over four weeks I have been in some good revival meetings. I was cautioned, "Do not put too much vim in your preaching," but I found that I could not obey my doctors, as the Spirit gave the anointing to preach with force.

After doing some of the hardest preaching in years, I would feel refreshed more than I had felt 18 to 20 years ago when I had some five revivals in Georgia and Florida. My first revival was with Rev. Hutts at New Harmony Church near Cottonwood, Alabama. We had large congregations, and the people came for several days. This was a church revival in which the members were revived and brought closer to the Lord. Some were stirred up, and a large Sunday School was organized on Sunday after the revival. Their Sunday School is going strong I have been informed.

My next meeting was with Rev. Lee Mixon, near Geneva, Alabama, which was a fine revival. The congregation was large. The next meeting was at Evergreen Church, near Aritou, Alabama. I am now pastor of this church. Rev. H. L. Knighton did the preaching in this revival. My last meeting was with Mount Zion Church, near Abbeville, Alabama. This was the best revival that I have conducted in 18 years. It was an old-time revival in which sinners were moved and converted. We had 20 additions to the church, and 16 were baptized. Among this number was a mother and her son. There was a mother and her three children, two boys and a young married woman. This splendid meeting was in answer to prayer offered by both this writer and the members of the

church. I will mention a young mother who is a gifted worker with children and young people. She has a musical family, and she played her part in this revival meeting. A ninety-year old Mother, "Grandma Stanley," attended most of this meeting, and some said that it was the finest meeting that they had ever witnessed. God gave this revival to us, I did not produce it. It came as a result of prayer.

It makes me to rejoice that God can bless now in revivals as He did years ago. We can have revivals if our churches and preachers will lay themselves on the altar for God. Pray for me and this coming church.

My Daddy's Old Bible

By Mrs. Onie Cook

My daddy loved his Bible,
The word of God meant so much to him;
He believed and tried to live
A life that was truly free from sin.

There are places he has marked
All through the pages here and there;
Favorite passages he loved,
Or some verse of sweet promise fair.

I look through his old Bible,
And my eyes are filled with tears
As I turn the loved old pages
My thoughts go back to childhood years.

In our humble little home
We sat and listened as he read the word;
'Twas then I learned to love that
Sweetest story a child ever heard.

Now he has laid his Bible down
And gone to receive of which he read;
He beholds the beautiful things;
All that the word of God hath said.

His sufferings all are over,
He has gone to that City of Gold,
And has joined our mother up there
Where none shall ever grow weary and old.

There can not be a quarrel where
there is only one participant.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department



MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON
Editor
312 New Street
New Bern, N. C.

Program OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION of the Second District of the WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Place: WHITE OAK HILL

Time: SEPT. 10, 1947

Theme: "FAITH IS THE VICTORY"

10:15—Registration

10:30—Song

—Song

—Devotional

"Faith Is the Victory in the Individual"

Mrs. Alvin Matthews

—Welcome

Mrs. Vida Nixon

—Response

Mrs. J. H. Tedder

—Remarks by the president

—Roll call of auxiliaries

—Reports of vice-presidents

—Song

11:30—Convention message

"Faith Is the Victory in the Nation"

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Congregational singing

—Devotional

"Faith Is the Victory in the Home"

Mrs. Rom Beaman

—Local church program

—Orphanage report

Rev. James A. Evans

—Business

—Report of Finance and Apportionment committee

—Memorial service

Mrs. S. B. Strickland

3:00—Adjournment

MRS. D. O. WILDER, President,

MRS. WORTH DAVIS, Secretary

NOTES OF INTEREST

Alice E. Lupton, Editor
612 New St., New Bern, N. C.

Emotions are not easily controlled when God sees fit to separate us from a loved one.

Disappointment will be our portion if we expect success without effort.

I wonder if all of our auxiliary women have noticed the new "heading"

to our Auxiliary Department, and are as well pleased with it as I am? It only goes to show that, those who are at the head of our Baptist family at the Printing Press in Ayden, are always on the alert for progress and improvements—progress in all lines that tends to promote the kingdom of Christ, and improvements that show that His cause is uppermost and that it is worthy, above all others, to be "exalted among the nations." We deeply appreciate the new "heading" to our department, and hope we can all say with all sincerity, we thank those who made it so attractive.

May we strive to improve our lives to the extent that they may be attractive to those who are lost in sin, that through the power of the Holy Spirit shining forth from our hearts, they may seek to emulate our example in all things pertaining to the Christ of Calvary.

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Our District Auxiliary Conventions will soon be assembling in their fall sessions. The Eastern Convention will meet with Sarecta Church on Thursday, September 25th, for a one day session.

The program is appearing in this issue of the Baptist paper, and we should concern ourselves with being much in prayer for the success of the convention, and for those who are to take a part on the program, that the name of the Lord may be exalted, and that the gospel of the "Go Ye," may become a more vital interest in our lives.

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We appreciated the letter in our last week's Baptist, from the new president of the National Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Myron Hyatt, of Centerview, Mo. We would do well to clip the names of the National Officers and paste them in the Secretaries' books for future need, or reference.

PROGRAM

of the

Eastern Auxiliary
Convention

to be held with

Sarecta Church

on

Thursday, Sept. 25, 1947

Theme: "The Gospel of the 'Go Ye'."

Thursday Morning

- 10:00—Devotions: "Go ye into the highways and hedges," Mrs. Walter Rhodes
- 10:15—Enrollment
- Address of welcome by Mrs. W. E. Lewis, of the local church
- Response by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby
- 10:30—President's message, "The 'Go Ye' in our Standard of Achievement"
- Appointing Committees: Resolution, Petition, Finance and Nominating
- 11:00—Congregational Singing
- The "GO YE" through Christian Literature in the home and Church libraries; Mrs. J. J. Blizzard
- The "GO YE" Among the Youth of our Church, Mrs. J. R. Bennett
- 11:20—News of the National Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- Special music
- 11:30—Convention message: The "GO YE" in organization and enlistment, Mrs. Maurice Roach, State Field Worker
- 12:00—Noon—Recess

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotions: The "GO YE" in our Prayer life, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
- 1:45—The "GO YE" into all the world, Mrs. Marie Gaskins
- The "GO YE" in faithful Stewardship, Mrs. Louise Bedsworth
- 2:00—Special music
- The "GO YE" in behalf of our Orphanage and under-privileged children, Mrs. S. A. Smith
- News from the Orphanage, Rev. J. A. Evans
- The "GO YE" among our aged and retired Ministers of the Gospel of Christ, Mrs. Dorothy Thigpen
- 2:30—Open Forum, for questions, answers and general discussions
- 2:45—Business session
- Reports of Committees
- Election of officers
- New business
- Installation of officers
- Closing hymn. Benediction
- Adjournment

Mrs. D. W. Hancock, President,
Alice E. Lupton, Rec. Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Co-Workers:

This is to announce that the season for Cragmont Assembly will close September 6, 1947. There will be no way of accommodating guests after then, because of re-

leasing workers and the close of books and management.

REV. J. ALBERT HARRIS,
Business Manager-Treasurer

Life is like the ocean, never changing.

Program

of the

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION

for the

NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE
ASSOCIATION

to be held at

Shady Grove Church, Sampson County

September 17, 18, 1947

Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Devotions - - - - - Rev. R. P. Harris
- 9:45—Welcome Address - - - - - Rev. Bob Woolley
- Response - - - - - Rev. J. C. Griffin
- 10:00—Appointment of Committees
- 10:15—Report of Executive Committee
- 10:30—President's Message
- 10:50—Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention - - - - - By President
- 11:00—Report of Historian - - - - - Rev. T. E. Beaman
- 11:15—Congregational Singing and Special Music
- 11:30—Introductory Sermon - - - - - Rev. D. W. Alexander
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:00—Song Service and Devotion
- 1:10—Report of Promotional Service
- 1:25—Report of Special and Standing Committees
- 1:50—Report of Mission Board - - - - - Rev. J. W. Alford
- 2:00—Report of Board of Superannuation - - - - - Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
- 2:10—Report of State Sunday School Convention - - - - - By President
- 2:20—Report of State League Convention - - - - - By President
- 2:30—Report of Cragmont - - - - - Rev. J. Albert Harris
- 2:40—Report of Church Finance Association - - - - - Rev. D. W. Alexander
- 2:50—Report of Board of Education - - - - - Rev. Rashie Kennedy
- 3:00—Report of Free Will Baptist Press - - - - - C. K. Dunn, Sr.
- 3:15—Business Session
- 3:30—Adjournment
- 8:00—Evening Services - - - - - To Be Supplied

Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Devotion - - - - - Rev. Burkette Raper
- 9:45—Report of National Association - - - - - Rev. R. B. Crawford
- 10:00—General Business Session
- 11:00—Orphanage Report - - - - - W. A. Jackson
- 11:30—Association Sermon - - - - - Rev. J. A. Evans
- 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:00—Song Service
- 1:10—Report of Appointed Committees:
- (1) Credential, (2) Resolutions, (3) Temperance, (4) Nominating
- 1:45—Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee
- 2:00—Business Session
- 3:00—Adjournment

M. L. JOHNSON,
R. N. HINNANT,
J. A. EVANS.



THE WISDOM OF HARMONIOUS LIVING

(Lesson for September 14)

Lesson: Prov. 3:30, 31; 15:1, 18; 22:24, 25; 25:18, 21, 22; 26:20, 21; Matt. 5:9; James 3:17.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9).

Two men, living in the Southern part of Africa, had a quarrel, and became bitter enemies to each other. After a while, one of them found a little girl, belonging to his enemy, in the woods at some distance from her father's house. He seized her and cut off both her hands; and as he sent her home screaming with her bleeding wrists, he said to her, "I have had my revenge." Years passed away. The little girl had grown up to be almost a young woman. One day there came to her father's door a poor, worn-out, grey-headed old man, who asked for something to eat. She knew him at once as the cruel man who had cut off her hands. She went into the hut, and ordered the servant to take him bread and milk, as much as he could eat, and sat down and watched him eat. When he had finished, she dropped the covering that hid her handless wrists from view, and holding them up before him, she exclaimed, "I have had my revenge!" repeating the very sentence he had uttered when he so cruelly maimed her. The man was overwhelmed with surprise and humiliation. The secret of it was, that in the meantime the girl had become a Christian, and had learned the meaning of the verse, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." How beautiful the conduct of this injured Christian girl appears in con-

trast with that of her heathen enemy.

Also in world affairs there can be no lasting peace so long as world leaders, ignore the Prince of Peace and the Cross.

II. A Timely Truth

Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul, verses 24, 25. Persons who are given to anger make bad company, because they will have a bad influence over those who keep company with them. Good people need to be careful as to the way they keep company with such ill tempered persons. That is to say, good people should not establish special friendships with an angry person, unless it is to win that soul to the cause of peace, justice, honesty, and to the Christian way of life.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

D. L. Moody used to tell this story: "A friend of mine said he had a beautiful canary bird; he thought it was the sweetest singer they had ever had. Spring came on, and he felt it was a pity to keep the poor bird in the house, so he put it under a tree right in front of his house. He said before he knew it a lot of these little English sparrows got under that tree (and you know they cannot sing any more than I can, and I don't know one note from another), and went, 'Chirp, chirp, chirp.' Before he knew it, that little canary had lost all its sweet notes. It had got into bad company.

"After he found out that he had made a mistake, he took the bird into the house, but it kept up that 'Chirp, chirp, chirp.' He bought another bird, but the canary nearly ruined it. He said that bird never got back its sweet notes."—Selected.

Try the above plan on all the verses of this lesson. First see what our quarterlies have to say on each verse, or associated verses. Then find a practical illustration to go with each Scripture portion.

III. The Lesson in a Nutshell

What is a Saint?

What is a saint? A saint is a sin-

ner saved by grace! The miraculous element is always present in the making of a saint. God works a miracle every time a hell-bound son of Adam becomes a heaven-bound saint. There is no greater miracle than a life transformed by God.

It is not what a person can do that makes him a saint, but what has been done for him. Saints are not some upper class of church members, not the upper crust. The hymn correctly states the testimony of every saint:

"Boasting excluded, pride I abase,
I'm only a sinner saved by grace."

Behavior of Saints

"Created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Eph. 2:10).

Good works do not make saints, but they manifest sainthood. Is the sinner saved by grace to live a beautiful, outstandingly Christian life in order that at some later date he may be elevated to the exalted position of saint? There is not a hint of it in Scripture.

The word "saint" occurs more times per chapter in Ephesians than in any other book in the Bible except Jude. Hence, it is well to study the book carefully and observe what is pointed out as the "good works" required of saints.

God expects saintly living of every sinner saved by grace. No longer is the saint to walk in the old ways of sin. Read carefully Ephesians 4:30-32. What an exhortation to holy living is presented by the Holy Spirit.—Moody Monthly.

If you are not a saint as defined above, you cannot expect to make a success in keeping the wise instructions found in the Book of Proverbs.

HE HAS NO ENEMIES

He has no enemies, you say?
My friend, your boast is poor;
He who hath mingled in the fray
Of duty, that the brave endure,
Must have made foes. If he has none,
Small is the work that he has done.

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ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

**REPORT FOR REV. J. C.
GRIFFIN'S ITINERARY**

August 8 through 15

Rock of Zion	\$ 15.35
Mt. Zion	39.00
Oriental	41.00
Warden's Grove	30.00
Bethel	75.30
Rock of Zion	16.00
Total	\$216.65

**REPORT FOR BURKETTE
RAPER'S ITINERARY**

August 11 through 24

Kenly	\$ 56.72
Micro	70.00
Pleasant Plains	28.50
Holly Springs	35.70
Branch Chapel	10.50
Stancil's Chapel	30.00
Rains Cross Roads	34.01
Added to Piney Grove's off.	2.00
Piney Grove	14.00
Holly Springs L. A. S. cloth.	30.00
Pleasant Hill	34.20
Spring Hill	10.53
Stoney Creek	90.00
Pleasant Grove	50.00
Antioch	61.00
Daniel's Chapel	62.30
Stoney Hill	20.00
Follow-up from Bethel (Johnston County)	36.00
Total	\$675.16

**REPORT FOR HAZEL DAWKINS'
ITINERARY**

August 13 through 24

Arrington Heights	\$ 13.00
Calvary	15.00
King's Chapel	55.41
Union Grove	25.00
Sherron Acres	13.80
Shady Grove	65.00
Oak Grove	26.06
Tippett's Chapel	38.00
Burleson's Chapel	25.00
Rev. W. M. James	1.00

Lewis Chapel	8.75
Toe River Association	10.00
Elk Mountain	6.95
Vale	5.00
E. J. Cornett	1.00

Total \$351.28

James A. Evans, Supt.

**Home-Coming Day at First
Free Will Baptist Church
Detroit, Michigan**

We invite the many friends, former members, and former pastors to be with us the first Sunday in September for a great Home Coming service. This is the oldest church in this State (as we now have Free Will Baptists) and has proved a great blessing to many over the past few years.

The pastor will bring the eleven o'clock message after which lunch will be spread on the church lawn. The afternoon will be spent in gospel singing, with The Rev. E. L. Hall, pastor of the First Church in Owensboro, Kentucky, bringing the evening message. After the evening service communion and feet washing will be observed. We are expecting a great day in the Lord. Come and be with us! The Happy Four Quartette of Nashville, Tennessee (Trinity Church) will be featured throughout the day.

Our Sunday School attendance last Sunday was 217 and we are expecting many more when more room is made available. Also the church has purchased a new Dodge bus for the Sunday School. We would be especially grateful if the many members of our church, who have moved back to their native south, would pay a visit on this day, or drop a letter. Pastors who have served this church, since its beginning, will be given an opportunity to speak sometime during the day.

Again may we extend to each of you a welcome to our church on this day, or any day when you visit Detroit. The church is located at 921 East Granet at Stephenson Highway, in Hazel Park. If you have friends or relatives in Detroit, we would ap-

preciate you sending us their names and addresses, and we will make a special effort to get them in the services.

In His great service,
First F. W. B. Church,
Hazel Park, Michigan,
Rev. Homer E. Willis,
Pastor

Who Is to Blame?

Not the time, we are to blame,
For the dishonor and shame,
Time was given for our good,
If we use it as we should.

Now we people weak and strong,
Together make the careless throng,
Stand idle by and watch the tide
Take our modesty and pride.

We wonder how it came about,
And yet it isn't hard to see,
For while asleep the thief came in,
And stole away our modesty.

We used to wear the dress a-whole,
And suits to cover all,
But now we wear the parts of each,
The amount, it is but small.

When women left their sleeves out,
The first to appear bore shame,
But now to wear them in the dress
You have to bare the same.

The boys came along and rolled the
socks,
Dad thought it was a shame,
But now both young and old dress
alike,
And no one bears the blame.

We didn't wake up just on time,
But continue to sleep and falter,
Now it seems to be alright,
To wear just shorts and halter.

We say at once it is a shame
The women can't wear skirts,
But men without respect themselves,
Come out without their shirts.

So one and one make two,
And both are but to blame,
We've lost respect for self and God.
We ought to be ashamed.

—A. L. Reynolds

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

A DUTCH BOY

Have you ever read the tale of a Dutch boy named Hans Brinker? It was in one of my earliest birthday-present books. I conceived quite a fondness for Hans, which has lasted, "lo, these many years"!

You know in Holland the streets are made of water. Dikes are built to keep out the sea. Long ago, Hans was playing on the dike, when his keen Dutch blue eyes noticed a tiny leak in the mud wall (we call them levees), through which the sea water was seeping. As he watched, the tiny leak became a little bigger, and soon there was a hole as large as his little finger in the dike. This was very serious! The town was in danger, for as the hole grew bigger, the water would pour into their village and flood their houses.

Hans did not know what to do. He thought of calling for help, but there, on the lonely dike, no one would hear. If only he had some way to stop up the hole until someone came along to sound the alarm! But there was nothing about. So, as he saw the icy water trickling through, Hans knew he had no time to lose. He must stop the gap somehow, until help came along, so that it would get no bigger. By this time the hole was the size of his thumb. He thrust his hand into the dike, and his thumb and fist made a stop-gap and the water did not come through anymore. But this could not go on forever. It was chilly, and as evening came on, his hand and arm grew tired and began to ache. If only someone would come to help him!

Finally, as he was giving up hope, and his arm was numb with cold, along came his mother. She had been looking for him, when he was late getting home to his bread-and-milk supper. She hurried back to the village to get help while Hans stayed where he was, with his hand in the break, holding out the danger. His hand was quite feelingless by this

time. It did not ache anymore, as it was past all feeling. Hans grew faint with fear, and fatigue, and cold. But he held on! I can imagine how earnestly he prayed to God to keep him strong enough to go on until he was released from his duty. At last the men came and released him, and mended the leak.

What a hero Hans was! How grateful the townspeople all were to him for saving them!

Our Lord Jesus stepped into the breach for us, when He gave up His life upon the Tree. He saved us from the danger of sin's consequences. He bridged the gap between sinful people and a just and righteous God. What a wonderful Saviour! How grateful we all should be to Him! How can anyone reject the blessed Son of God, who did so much in love for us? Accept Him now, trust and believe in Him, before the dread dark waters of judgment pour over your soul and it is too late.

That is not much time, is it? Yet used wisely, it can be important. We have been hearing a great deal about time in the battle of production. One firm tells us a battle was "saved by tools." Time saved in the battle of production shortens the time of eventual victory.

A minute here and a half minute there, used in the service of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, seem unimportant in themselves. But we never know when a word or just a minute-and-a-half of words spoken to an unsaved friend, will win that one for Christ. It may be your particular job to speak of Jesus right at this minute-and-a-half to someone near to you, and the next minute-and-a-half after that, some soul may be won for Him!

Do not despise the minute-and-a-half, dear reader. Use them to spread the Gospel. Tell other children in your neighborhood and in your school of Jesus, and ask them to come to Sunday School with you next Lord's Day, so that they, too,

may become acquainted with this precious Saviour. The precious, purchasing Blood of Jesus is their only hope of salvation. They must be cleansed by that atoning Blood, that redeeming Blood, before they are saved. By His Blood, moreover, we have access to God (Heb. 10:19), also liberty, and victory. Tell your friends, all about you, how to have this precious peace through the Blood of Jesus.

Someone may be saved to-day, this very hour, just by your taking that "minute-and-a-half" right now. Be alert! Keep on the lookout. Be watchful and armed with the Gospel of Jesus. Be always ready to tell someone who does not know about Jesus.—Aunt Bess in, My Chum.

Whatsoever things are true,
Think, think, think.
Honest, just, and lovely, too,
Think, think, think!
Purity in word and thought,
Things that are of good report,
On these things we always ought
To think, think, think!

—Unknown

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the Sunday School Convention to convene with Belview Church, September 21, 1947, for the Martin Association.

Devotional—Mrs. Effie Kimbrel
Welcome Address—Miss Gwendolyn Clenney
The Morning Message—Rev. C. R. Houston
Noon Hour—
Afternoon Devotional—Mrs. W. E. Lane
A talk—"The Good of the Sunday School," by Rev. B. W. Clenney
Programs from the various Sunday Schools
Round Table Discussions—led by Rev. H. L. Catrett
Adjournment—

Mrs. Effie Kimbrel,
Mrs. J. W. Daniels,
Mrs. W. L. Cleveland,
Program Committee

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HARRIS. The death angel visited our home and took our father, D. H. Harris, out of this world of pain and sorrow, into a wonderful home of peace and happiness on August 11, 1947.

He was a member of the Gum Swamp church. He suffered much pain and bore it with patience. I really believe he has gone to a wonderful resting place. He has left behind a wonderful wife and eight children who stood by and cared for him as long as possible. He had great trials and temptations, but God always worked out some way. I pray that the Lord will care for the dear ones left behind.

He is gone but not forgotten.

—Written by his daughter,
Mrs. J. F. Hathaway

Greetings from Michigan

The Highland Park Church and the entire Wolverine Association, count it a great privilege to have had the opportunity of entertaining the National Association Convention of Free Will Baptists. We wish to extend to each and everyone our sincere thanks of appreciation for their co-operation.

Words cannot express the joys and blessings received throughout the session. We feel that our people have been uplifted and encouraged through the fellowship and the knowledge of the great work that our denomination is doing.

Through the efforts of Sister Yealey and Bro. Willey, seemingly, the vision of Missions has been broadened in the minds of our people. The Leaguers of the Highland Park Church are sending \$100.00 to Cuba for the building program. The **Prayer Band** has adopted one of the Native Students. May we put forth greater efforts and do more for our missionaries in the future than ever before.

Rev. Edgil Howard, former assistant pastor of the Highland Park Church, has very recently begun a new Free Will Baptist work on the East side of Detroit. This little

group of people have named their church "The Philadelphia F. W. B. Church." The Sunday School enrollment is about sixty. They have organized a F. W. B. League and report to us that the interest in the church, Sunday School and League is growing.

We are glad to report that Rev. Homer Willis and family are back in Michigan. Rev. Homer Willis is now pastoring the Hazel Park F. W. B. Church. The church has bought a new bus and they are trusting in the Lord for a bigger and better church and Sunday School.

Rev. Damon Dodd has been called to the Highland Park F. W. B. Church, to conduct a revival, beginning September 21st. Pray with us that many souls may find their way to an altar of prayer and be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

The Wolverine Association of
F. W. Baptists of Michigan,
Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, Reporter

Announcement

This is to notify the people that I was granted license on August 9, 1947 to preach by the Bay Spring Free Will Baptist Church out from Eastman. I shall be available to supply for pastors, or to hold prayer meeting for the people, or to preach for anyone, or to help in any way that I can.

If you would like to find anything out about me or get a recommendation, you can write to either one of the following preachers: Rev. J. D. Payne, 240 Bailey Avenue, Macon, Georgia; Rev. Emmit MacDuffie, 240½ Bailey Avenue, Macon Georgia; Rev. J. F. Smith, Eastman, Georgia, Route 1. This is my pastor, and Rev. J. B. Langford, Hawkinsville, Georgia, Route 3. Either one of the above preachers can tell you anything that you would want to know.

If I can be of any service to you, drop me a card at my address, or call me, or come by to see me.

Rev. George W. Nobles,
469 Lynwood Drive,
Warner Robins, Georgia
Phone 1425XW

Home-Coming Held at Sts. Delight Church

The home-coming celebration at Saint's Delight Church in Craven County was a most delightful event in the history of the church.

The service was opened with congregational singing and then first prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Ringgold. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Wade Jernigan of Bladenboro, North Carolina. He also delivered the eleven o'clock sermon on the meaning of the great event of home-coming, when the saints of God shall be gathered Home to glory. Following the message, the service was closed by Rev. B. F. Ringgold.

Dinner was spread on the church grounds at the noon hour with Rev. J. R. Bennett offering thanks for the bountiful spread of good food on the tables.

The afternoon session was begun at 2:15 with a young people's quartette directed by Brother Alex Price of Grantsboro, North Carolina. Prayer was offered by Brother Walter Sanderling. Then special selections were rendered by Emer Sanderling. The Powell Quartette of the Tabernacle M. B. Church gave some special numbers. Mrs. L. E. Ballard rendered a special selection. She also brought us a splendid message.

Elder J. L. Hodges, M. B. Preacher, brought us a wonderful message, using as his text: "These men are turning things upside down." He laid a fine foundation for Brother Wade Jernigan to start his revival, in which we are now in our second week. We are having one of the grandest meetings that we have had in years. The church cannot hold the people that come to the meeting. There have been eight conversions up to this writing, and the church is not only praying for Brother Wade, but for his father who is in a revival meeting at Rockingham, North Carolina. May the Lord greatly bless these two servants.

B. F. Ringgold

You can bear the stings of evil tongues by keeping close to God.

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The Old Mother

So lonely she sits in her low easy-chair;
Her once busy hands idle lie;
The glint of the sun on her silvery hair
Forms a halo, which comes from the sky.
But life's thoughtless gaiety passes her up
As a number now out of the race.
Let no questioning gaze of the deaf interrupt
The haste of their mad, surging pace!

Yet once she was thrilled with the vigor of life;
Gave unstinted, 'til age called the score.
Not easy to sit idly, knowing the strife
And the joys bring her challenge no more!
And her dim, yearning eyes search the faces of
those
Eager-surging, impatient of pause;
Seeking, questioning, patient, yet lonely, she
knows
Hers to wait, with no thought of applause.

Yet her eyes have grown dim in the service of
those
Whom she mothered in years now gone by;
Her dull ears will be listening yet, I suppose,
For the voices of youth 'til she die.
Though her lips have grown wise with the toll of
her years,
And her ears have grown dulled by life's cares,
Few there are who will share with her gladness or
tears,
Glean the wisdom she willingly shares.

But we, who so carelessly hurry her by,
Shall we give her no thought and heed not her
soul's cry?

—Anon.

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D. A. Campen, High Point, N. C.5
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Mrs. Elmer Taylor, Kenly, N. C.5
J. E. Ingalls, Greenville, N. C.5
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A HAPPY FAMILY

What makes a happy family?

Listen, and I will tell.

It's not your house, it's not your clothes

Nor the car you like so well.

Nor trips you take, nor the radio,

Nor the money you have to spend.

It's something better than all of these,

Something that will not end.

It's love of dad who works so hard

To get the things you need.

It's mother, loving and helping you

By every kindly deed.

It's brother's love and sister's love,

And your love for each one

That makes the joy and happiness,

When every day is done.

—Susie Potter Hesse

PINEY GROVE
REVIVAL

This is to advise all who live near enough to attend, that Rev. L. B. Manning will begin a series of meetings at Piney Grove (Beaufort County) on Thursday night, September 18, 1947, and continuing until September 28th.

We have our new pews for the new part of the church, so we think we can furnish you all a seat. We solicit your prayers for the success of the meeting.

J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

Mark well your habits! They will either make or mar you.

Editorial

NEW HONOR ROLL

The New Subscription Honor Roll begins with the new fiscal year of the Press which begins the month of September each year. During the past year there were 154 persons who were placed on the honor roll, and there were 97 solicitors who turned in from 2 to 4 subscriptions during the year. Quite a number of complimentary subscriptions were given to worthy people by those solicitors who turned in ten or more subscriptions during the year.

Subscriptions turned in near the close of the month of August, but were not entered on the honor roll before September came in, will not be counted on the new year's list, but all that come in after the first of September will be credited to the individual solicitor on the honor roll whenever five or more are received. When a solicitor has five yearly, or equivalent to a year's subscription, a complimentary copy of the Baptist paper will be given for six months. For each ten yearly subscriptions, each solicitor has the right to give a complimentary copy for one year to a worthy person who desires the paper but is not able to pay for it. Or the solicitor can take credit himself or herself for the complimentary copy for one year when as many as ten yearly subscriptions are received.

We urge in the beginning of this fiscal year that each church and all of the pastors seek to get as many subscriptions to the Baptist paper as possible so that our circulation may be greatly increased over what it was last year. We believe that each local church should have a designated church member to take subscriptions for the paper, and that the members of the church urge the people to give their subscriptions either to their pastor or to the church solicitor. In this way the Baptist paper should be kept before the church people regularly, as well as before the Sunday School, Young People's League and the Women's Auxiliary of the church.

If the pastors, and the church people will do this, then we believe more people will subscribe to the paper, and become more interested in the work of the denomination. It is the fact, the more the church people become acquainted with what the churches, the Sunday Schools, the Young People's Leagues, and the Women's Auxiliaries are doing over the country, the more will they become concerned about Christ's cause. Practically every church home should be taking the Baptist paper for information, inspiration, and also for loyalty to the cause of the denomination in all of its work home and abroad.

KEEP US POSTED

The church people should keep us posted with the worthwhile facts about church news. The leadership of the denomination should present for publication new historical facts and vital statistics of the denominational

work so that the readers of the Baptist paper might acquaint themselves with the progress that is being made from time to time. Qualified writers should submit original spiritual messages for publication. We are receiving too few of such messages for publication in our church paper. The Baptist readers are hungering for religious truth fresh from the hearts of consecrated men and women. They are going to read something, and it behooves those church people who can write effectively and interestingly to take the time to present for publication commendable articles for the church paper.

What is wrong with Cuba? We have not had, for example, any communications from our mission field in Cuba for quite a while. Surely, the church people here in the homeland want the news from Cuba, and by rights they are due it, at least occasionally. Why not send to us a monthly message as to the work and the progress that is being made there? **If the church is to support the work in the mission fields, certainly they are to know what is being done in those fields.**

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A VISIT TO THE ALBEMARLE UNION

The editor was privileged to attend the Albemarle Union meeting of North Carolina on August 30 to represent the F. W. B. Press in the union. The people in attendance upon the union received the editor's report with interest, and quite a goodly number of the church people gave to him their subscriptions to the Baptist paper, as well as several of them bought copies of the Laura Belle Barnard book, "His Name Among All Nations."

The matters of the union were transacted in a splendid way, and good messages were delivered by speakers on the program. On Saturday night the League Union of the Albemarle district convened. This was interesting, for everything was conducted with precision, dynamic speeches and most sacred music which was appropriate for the occasion. This league union is moving forward in a fine way with splendid officials who know how to direct its spiritual and social activities.

The Albemarle Sunday School convention convened on Sunday following, and it was well represented with delegates, ministers and a large throng of church people from the twenty churches composing the convention. This organization is, in all appearances, alive and wide-awake for the cause of Christ. Keen interest seemed to have been manifested by everyone throughout the entire convention. Grand messages were delivered by the speakers who had been placed on the program. The business matters of the convention were handled in a splendid way, and progress is ahead for this convention.

The hospitality shown by the local church and community was simply great, and all seemed to have been happy because they attended all three occasions at Mt. Olive Church in Washington County, North Carolina.

Parents Selling Their Children =

Eld. A. J. Jenkins
McArthur, Ohio

This selling of children to sin began as early as in Esther's time, for she and other relatives cried out, "We are sold, I and my people" (Est. 7:4).

The greatest reason why people are no more interested in protesting the vice and sin of gambling with children is to be found in Paul's instruction, "I (or we) am carnal sold under sin." As long as sin is the master in the life and the home of parents, that long will children be sold by them to sin.

It is evidence against any profession, if the person is not against sin. "Know ye not that to whom ye yield your members servants to obey, his slave ye are to obey" (Rom. 6:16).

It is positive proof that one is a sinner himself if he is in favor of any class of sin having dominion, either in the life or the home, and the reason why parents do these things is given in (Eccles. 8:11).

1. Some things that are nothing without proof. Jesus Christ Himself did not attempt to show Himself to be Saviour, until He made the sacrifice that redeemed a lost world. I am sure all professions fall short of usefulness without Jesus Christ and salvation in life.

That religious profession cannot help the other fellow, until the Holy Spirit has become the leader and ruler of the life is evidenced from God's instructions; "Without me ye can do nothing" (Jno. 14:15).

That all religious services intended to rescue the sinner will fail of power to accomplish things unless the worker himself first be saved and the power be given him from God.

Satan and church members have gambled with the souls of children in all ages, ever since God said, "Evil desire hath sold them to the enemy" (Jud. 2:14).

2. Note a few things that are alarming.

First—In the hands of the enemy, which is Satan, they are all slaves to do sin.

Second—In doing service for Sa-

tan, they are all fighting God, and gambling with their children to sell them to sin.

Third—In going away from God, they all begin to follow Satan, and will sell their children and go to Hell.

The cry of millions who know they have been sold through parents' gambling with their souls, should move every ounce of power in the church to help save the children.

3. Ask yourself these questions:

First—Have I done anything that is truthful to keep myself from being condemned for selling my children in sin, and have I done something to prevent further gambling with my children?

Second—What do I consider the loss of the souls of my children who have been sold by me, and what sacrifice will I make to prevent further gambling with the souls of my children?

4. Great enemy at home.

One of the greatest of weaknesses these days is the neglect to guard the home and the children, to keep the Devil and sin out.

The greatest sin God charged parents with was, and still is that they are so indifferent about their children, and allow sin of all kinds into the home.

The most powerful warning God ever gave parents, and is giving today is: "Sin lieth at the door" (Gen. 4:7). All parents who are not dead to God's warning, to a keen sense of duty to God and children.

5. One of God's plans to help the home and save the children:

God knows that all souls are in danger, as long as sin is in the soul, and He continually stands at the door of the heart, knocking for admittance.

The best proof that Satan blinds the eyes of those who refuse to look upon the things of God is, they continue in sin, go farther toward danger, knowing the way leads to Hell.

In addition to blinding the eyes, Satan deafens the ears so as to keep indifferent parents from hearing the

Gospel truth. He also covers the understanding, and parents led by him will continue to gamble with the souls of their children.

The father or mother like Ahab and Jezebell, may be the devil that brings the sin into the home.

Sin at the door is alarming, but if parents do not heed its bad effects, the children will go with them, and all go to hell together.

6. Sin with its meaning.

Let us consider some very common practices among us that is sin, but hardly thought of as harmful.

Remember what Achan said, "I have sinned" (Josh. 7:20), and when you no longer can and do recognize sin in your life, if you have not been regenerated and born again, then remember the Devil has your soul and body.

If guilty feeling within is never recognized to the extent that it leads to confession, one will die lost. Note a few common practices not harmful with many:

That which weakens the reason leads to considering many sins as harmful pleasure. That which weakens right thinking, will lead to lusts that cause sinful thinking. That which impairs the tenderness of the heart always leads to hardening of the heart. Indifference to conscious duty to God and man leads to disregard, neglect, and sinful indulgences. Whatever removes the good desire to become a Child of God leads to Devil worship, sin and hell. Any practice which does not have the approval of the Bible weakens the best knowledge of all God promised His children.

REVIVAL AT OAK GROVE

The revival will start at Oak Grove Church on the third Sunday night in September, continuing until the fourth Sunday in September. Everyone is invited to come.

Mrs. G. E. Webb, Clerk

ATTENTION! NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUERS

The July 23 issue of the BAPTIST carried the report of the North Carolina State League Convention, which met at Micro on July 3 and 4. The report was by Miss Louise Doughtie, the recording secretary, and I trust that each of you read it. We had a very good convention, and you who did not attend missed a great opportunity to do service for Christ, and partake of the spiritual fellowship that prevailed throughout the convention meeting.

I wish to emphasize three things in Miss Doughtie's report:

1. The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina gave two loving cups to the League Convention to be used as prizes in a Declamation Contest, to be held in connection with the next convention, to stimulate interest in the convention. Rules, formulated by the Executive Board, for the contest will be published later.

2. Each League is asked to send in 10% of their offerings each month to the State Treasurer for the purpose of financing a Field Worker in this state. The state treasurer is Miss Alethia Etheridge, 713 Simmons Street, Goldsboro, N. C. General Directors, League Presidents, and Leaguers are asked to see that this is done regularly. On Monday after the last Sunday in each month see that the 10% is sent to Miss Etheridge. Every penny received will be used in financing the Field Worker. We feel that the major reason for the lag in F. W. B. L. work in this state is because we have not had a worker in the field. With the prayers and support of the Free Will Baptists of the state we can begin this work. If we do not do this we will fail in our duty to God and our young people. By God's grace we will not fail.

You will note that our League Manual and the League Quarterlies state that we are to send 10% of our offerings each quarter to the Secretary of the National F. W. B. L. Board. The ruling of your State Convention in regards to this leaves it up to the individual leagues of the state. I urge you to send this money

to the Secretary of the National F. W. B. L. Board, whose name appears in the front of the league quarterlies. (Rev. C. F. Bowen, 518 Woodland St., Nashville 6, Tenn., is the present Secretary - Treasurer - Editor.) The money is needed very badly in our National League work. I have the assurance of Rev. Clarence Bowen that every dime of this money will be used in such a way that it will find its way back to the various leagues in the nation. For instance: (1) the printing of programs for the first National F. W. B. L. Conference to meet with the East Nashville Church next June; (2) the printing of a supply of copies of the "Standard of Excellence" for all the leagues; (3) the printing of Certificates for use in connection with Study Courses, and other important things needed in the promotion of the work in general. So remember: 10% of your offerings each month should be sent to our state F. W. B. L. Secretary, and another 10% should be sent to the National F. W. B. L. Secretary-Treasurer. This makes only 20% and leaves 80% for local purposes, donations to conventions, etc.

A word regarding the banners and plaques that have been in former years awarded leaguers at the State Convention. We are in arrears in this matter. The nice plaques we had have been awarded permanently to leagues deserving them. Three leagues last year and one the year before did not receive the reward due them. We have been unable to secure plaques to replace those awarded permanently, and the one which, I believe, was lost. I want to assure those who have won these rewards that they are going to get them. We expect to be able to bring them up-to-date in the near future, and at the State League Convention next year the awards will be there, and they will be as fine as we can afford.

To those leagues who did not represent in the Convention at Micro, July 3 and 4, will you please send in the name of your church, the number of leagues you have, the average attendance, the name and address of your General Director or Corresponding Secretary? A penny postal will do. I need this information for my

report to the State Association. Please do this at once. Thank you.

I solicit the prayers and support of the ministers and laity of our denomination in this state in behalf of the State League Convention. Pray that we may make this the greatest year in F. W. B. L. history in the state. Please let me, or any officer of the State League Convention know of your needs. We stand ready to help you in any way we can. Feel free to call on us.

Remember our F. W. B. L. Motto: "The Kingdom of God first!"

Yours to serve,

Oscar Webster, President,
N. C. State F. W. B. L.
Convention,
Route 1, Pinetown, N. C.

I AM READY FOR THEE

Lord Jesus, I hear thy voice,
And today I make my choice;
I would from sin and sorrow be free,
So, I come with outstretched hand,
Ready, Lord, for thy command.
I'm ready, I'm ready for thee.

I've sinned throughout the years,
All my life was filled with tears,
Then I heard you say, "Come unto me,"
And I have found the haven of rest,
As I lean upon thy breast,
I am ready, dear Lord.

I'm ready, dear Lord,
And I know by thy word
That the beauties of heav'n I'll see.
For I know that you will hear,
All my burden, all my care,
I'm ready, I'm ready for thee.

Take me, Lord, for I'm thine,
Enter in this heart of mine.
Dear Lamb who died on Calvary,
As I kneel and pray, hear me, Master,
I say I'm ready now for thee.

As I gasp for fleeting breath,
While mine eyes close in death,
And I step out into eternity,
May I hear you sweetly say,
"Every laborer hath his pay."

—Mrs. Lucile H. Roberson

THE NEED OF REPENTANCE

If I were a minister and were going to preach on repentance, there are so very many good texts on the subject that I hardly know which one I would use first. But one thing I do know, I would say repent first, for all of the texts put it first.

The first Baptist preacher I know anything about said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." So, you see, he put repentance first. Let us go to Pentecost, when there came a sound as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire; and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Some people think that a sure sign that they are saved and sanctified if they can talk in tongues. But wait a minute, when the Apostle Peter preached Christ crucified, buried and resurrected, and ascended, they were pricked in their hearts, and said, "Men and brethren, what shall we do." When did Peter tell them to go and join a certain church down the road and be baptized? No, the first thing which he told them to do was repent and then be baptized. Being baptized without repentance is a sham and a mockery.

Dear reader, do not get the idea that I don't believe in church membership, but I say repent first, for there is more said about repentance than there is about joining the church or being baptized. When a person repents and is converted, then he will join the church. Surely, people need not think that they can join the church without repenting and being converted, just so as to be able to stay out of jail, and be on speaking terms with the preacher, or that they will come out all right in the end. They will be judged at the great Judgment. My feeble advice is repent first.

J. F. Fillingim,
Graceville, Florida

MONEY AS A BY-PRODUCT

Much of the usual tithe-talk revolves about money; the money we owe; the way it should be paid; and, most of all, how it will come rolling into the Church's coffers as the tithers increase in money and prosperity.

All of which is true enough. But money is not the first or the greatest result of accepting the tithe obligation. Money is only a by-product of tithing.

The average Christian, and, I think, the average minister, think about giving to religious work as a sort of piety-thermometer. Like reading the Bible, or taking time for prayer, the more of all this we do, the better.

But when we think of the tithe as being God's plan for taking us into partnership, we are not dealing with the vague idea of being a better Christian. It is something definite, like joining the Church. Either I am a Church member or I am not. Either I pay the tithe or I don't.

That is all as it should be. The trouble comes when the harrassed pastor or Church committee see, as they do in the first moment of looking at the tithe, that here is a door of escape from all their woes.

The tithe **does** produce revenue, but that is not its chief glory, nor even that it produces larger revenue than the old absence of method. The tithe's chief glory is that it is absolutely in accord with the program of our faith.

Now, money is personal, in a most intimate sense. It serves the possessor in a thousand ways.

Well, if as a disciple of Jesus I put his authority first, as a Golden Rule Christian, must I not Christianize my money?

The only way to do that is to admit God's first claim on it, as he has on me. In other words, **to pay him the tithe**. Not as a money-getter for the Church, but to make me a Christian all the way through.

The world has tried for centuries to run its affairs on the principle of "Looking out for Number One," and has made a poor job out of it.

Christ's program shifts the emphasis: "Seek ye **first** the Kingdom of God." Of course, "all these things shall be added unto you."

But that is not the main product of Christianity. The Kingdom is the great object and outcome. The Christian's well-being is its inevitable by-product. So is it with the tithe. Obedience, here as elsewhere, produces blessing both spiritual and temporal. —Layman Tithing Foundation, 8 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Ill.

A BEAUTIFUL INCIDENT

"One Sunday evening in a western farmhouse, a plain farmer was teaching his little girl Charles Wesley's hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have." When they came to the verse:

"To serve the present age,

My calling to fulfill,

"Oh, may it all my power engage

To do my Master's will,"

the godly farmer told his little daughter that the Creator had brought her into the world in order that she might fulfill that verse. The child believed it. And because that verse took possession of that little girl and started her on a great career, Frances E. Willard stands in perpetual marble in the nation's capital at Washington." Read the verse and apply it to your life purpose.—Selected.

What God Gives a Boy

A pair of hands to use for himself and others, but never against others for himself.

A body to keep clean and healthy, as a dwelling for his mind and a temple for his soul.

A pair of feet to do errands of love, kindness, charity, and business; but not to loiter in places of mischief, or temptation, or sin.

A pair of ears to hear music of birds, trees, and the human voice; but not to give heed to what the serpent says, or to what dishonors God. —The Boy's Friend.

We tread on thin ice when we trust to luck for success.

A WORD TO THE LEAGUERS

The new secretary of the National League Board is Rev. Clarence Bowen, who was elected at the recent session in Detroit. All leagues in the denomination are requested to send their ten per cent of weekly offerings to Mr. Bowen each quarter instead of to Mrs. Huey Gower, the former secretary.

The request of ten per cent of weekly dues is a small one, considering the great good this money will do. Your ten per cent added to that of another and still another amounts to a tidy sum in the course of a year. Perhaps you wonder what the money will be used for. Let me help you.

No salaries are paid from the fund. Postage and materials used in the interest of national league work are paid for out of this fund. Free supplies sent to the leagues such as standards of excellence, awards for study courses, leaflets, playlets, and many other helpful items are paid out of this fund. (Incidentally, these things will be available as your ten per cents come in!) Advertisement relative to our national league conferences and expenses of the conferences themselves will be paid for out of this fund. These are some of the reasons why every league should rally quickly to this call.

For further information write Rev. Clarence Bowen, 518 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

C. F. Bowen

Organization of District F. W. Baptist League Convention

Last Saturday night, August 30, 1947, at St. Delight Church, a group of young people, and older people also, met for the purpose of organizing a District League Convention. Rev. A. L. Reynolds of Rocky Mount, N. C., and David M. Wooten, presided until the new president was elected. Then he occupied the president's chair the remainder of the meeting. This convention will function similar to the Sunday School Convention.

There were six Leagues represented at this first meeting. We sincerely hope that by the next meeting many more will be organized in the 27 churches in this district and will send delegates to our next convention. Report blanks will be mailed to each League, so please keep as accurate a record of what your League does as possible.

Your officers for this Convention are as follows:

Rev. Graham Baker, President.

Mr. Garland Pollard, Jr., Vice-President.

Miss Rachel E. Wooten, Secretary-Treasurer.

Rev. A. L. Reynolds, Program Director.

We extend a prayerful and hearty request that you who do not have Leagues organize and we pray that you learn to serve the Lord with gladness as we are doing. There are many young people, and our Saviour expects us to help gather His harvest from the fields.

Rachel E. Wooten,
Secretary-Treasurer

PRAY — GO — GIVE

All of us at King's Cross Road Free Will Baptist League can not go and be a missionary, but we are trying to pray and give.

During the last month the Leaguers have met at my home and we have made dolls which we are sending to Miss Barnard in India to give the children at Christmas. What fun we had in gathering together and doing something to make some one else a little happier. The boys we are very thankful to as they were encouraging as well as helpful in making these dolls.

There are 24 dolls in all, with pretty bright blue, pink, yellow and red buttons and caps. We also included soft balls and bats for the larger boys and 24 yo-yo's for the smaller ones.

I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hobgood for their kindness in helping us make these dolls. They are not members of our League, but we all hope they may decide to be soon. We pray that God will use these small tokens of love from us to bless and

make happy each little boy and girls' heart.

Rachel E. Wooten, Chm.,
Missionary Committee

THE MODERN SAINT

He looks not holy; simply in his belief;

His creed for mystic visions do not scan;

His face has lines cut there by others' grief,

And in his eyes is love of fellow-man.

Not self nor self-salvation is his care;

He yearns to make the world a sunnier clime

To live in; and his mission everywhere

Is strangely like the Christ's in olden time.

No medieval mystery, no crowned

Dim Figure, halo-ringed, uncanny bright,

A Modern Saint! A man who treads earth's ground

And ministers to men with all his might.

—Richard Burton

Home-Coming at Dublin Grove

There will be a home-coming at Dublin Grove Church in Beaufort County on September the fourth Sunday. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend this celebration. Dinner will be spread on the church grounds.

David Mayo, Church Clerk

"WANTED"

All Free Will Baptist Organizations, and Individuals, who can and will, to join in a worthy Cause, by purchasing a \$25.00 Membership in the Church Finance Association, Inc., of North Carolina.

Address all funds or other mail to

CHURCH FINANCE ASSO., Inc.
Box 83 Lucama, N. C.

Notes and Quotes



By J. C. Griffin

The Lord's Day

The Lord's Day is the "Resurrection Day," The First Day of the Week." It belongs to the Christians. It was dedicated on Pentecost by the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the whole body of disciples. It is not a day of rest, neither is it the Christian Sabbath. There is no "Christian Sabbath." Let me remind you again dear reader, It is the Lord's Day. The first Lord's Day was a very busy day. Mary Magdalene was up early desiring to do something for her Lord. The women came and "held him by the feet and worshipped Him," about sunrise. The disciples ran (some of them) to see the open tomb. Later two of the disciples walked on a country road and Jesus showed himself there to them. The eleven disciples (Matt. 28:16) went into Galilee. The disciples assembled together in the evening. Yes the Lord's Day is a busy day. All the stirring centered around the Christ. It is still a busy day with all true Christians, but our stirring is centered in Christ, not in worldly amusements. No real genuinely born again Child of God could be satisfied, if physically able, to do less than assemble to worship Jesus Christ, The Center of All Life, on the Lord's Day.

The Sabbath

The Sabbath was a day of rest from the beginning and under the law. A "mile was a sabbath days journey." The penalty of death imposed upon those who built a fire. Of course, this would not work in cold climates. The law of the Sabbath of the Old Scripture certainly was for the Jews. It belonged to them then, and it is theirs now under the law. But to the Christian there is no Sabbath. All Christians, whether

Jew or Gentile, those who do not claim "legalism" but who depend upon the Grace of God, are observers of the First Day of the week which is called the Lord's Day. Praise the Lord for the Lord's Day—the Resurrection Day.

Pentecost

The word Pentecost means Fifty. Pentecost came on the Fiftieth Day after the Resurrection of our Lord. After seven Jewish Sabbaths, on tomorrow "after the seventh Sabbath." This was the Fiftieth Day. There can never be another Pentecost. As there is One Spirit, so there is One Pentecost. Christ arose once. He went back to the Father once. The Holy Spirit came once upon the Church—once for all. Every person born of the Spirit is baptized into the Spirit, because he is "Baptized into Christ" (Rom. 6:3). "For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body" (I Cor. 12:13 R. V.).

It is not proper for us to pray "Lord send the Holy Spirit," for the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost and will never leave until the Church is "caught up to meet the Lord in the air." So the Father cannot send the Holy Spirit again for He came once for all. We should pray for "A Yielded Life to the Holy Spirit," who is already here in the Church. He is ever present with the truly Born Again Child of God. So let every Christian pray for a perfectly yielded life unto the Holy Spirit. When our "All" is upon the altar laid, there will be such a joy that you might claim a "Second work," but it is not, it is only a perfect yielding to the First Work. Praise the Lord, I am so happy as I write these words. Yes, there is joy in Yielding All to Him.

The Holy Spirit Can Be Grieved

Because the Holy Spirit can be grieved, we know that He is a person. We cannot grieve an "influence." Yes, the Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is as much a person as the Father is a person, and as much as Christ is a person. The Godhead is composed of Three Persons. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" (I John 5:7). Paul

says, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God" (Eph. 4:30).

Let us notice that he starts this verse with the conjunction "And" because he places some very important admonitions in verses 27-29.

In verse 27 he says, "Neither give place to the devil." Then in verse 28 he charged that a Christian should "work with his hands." In this verse we learn that we should "labour in order to have to give to him that needeth." We are not to lay up riches on this earth. Christians should seek to help others. Now for the 29th verse: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth." Oh how often are we reminded of this when we hear church members talking vulgarity. And to our sorrow, sometimes we have to listen or walk away or insult some preacher for his vulgar statements. It is hurtful to a Spirit filled person. It grieves the Holy Spirit. A preacher who is always telling smooty, nasty yarns about women should be tried by the officers of his church, and the association or conference to which he belongs should strongly discipline such a person. (This is not popular and will be scoffed at by some, perhaps). But I declare I do not want to listen to a man preach or testify that is always telling some dirty, nasty yarn.

The Holy Spirit Can Be Insulted

"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye, shall be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" The Spirit of Grace is the Holy Spirit. For there is only One Spirit.

REVIVAL AT CORINTH

Beginning on September 7th, the revival meeting at Corinth Church, Martin County, will begin. Revs. Moretz and Stanley will conduct the meeting. The public is asked to attend these services.

Warren Waters,
Jamesville, N. C.

NEWS FROM OHIO

During the past month I have visited three of our Quarterly conferences, and I wish to tell the readers of the Baptist paper about the conditions here in Ohio.

On Saturday, August 2, I visited the Lawrence County Q. M. which was held at Woodland Chapel, on Route 75, about six miles north of Ironton. Rev. Sizemore, the pastor of the church, and one of the main stays of the Q. M. was unable to attend due to an accident. Rev. Isaac Russell was the moderator. The morning message was delivered by Rev. Ernest Percell, a young licensed minister from the Pine Creek Q. M. He delivered a fine message and all enjoyed it very much. Following the message dinner was served out on the church grounds for the people present.

In the afternoon the usual business was transacted. This conference is composed of six churches and five were represented. After the business session was over, I had the privilege of bringing a message. The next conference will be held with Pleasant Valley Church on the first Saturday in November. There was only one corresponding messenger present and he was from Pine Creek Q. M.

I had the privilege also of attending the Porter Quarterly conference which was held at Scioto Church on August 16. Rev. John Kemper is pastor of this church. A large delegation was present, and there were about fifteen ministers present for this conference. Rev. Walter Doll was selected as moderator of this conference. During the morning session, I had the privilege of leading the prayer and praise service. At the noon hour dinner was served on the church grounds.

In the afternoon the business of the conference was transacted in the usual way. This conference has ten churches, and all ten churches were represented, and all of them have pastors. All of these churches contribute to the mission cause, both home and foreign. After the business was over, Miss Bessie Yeley, missionary to Cuba, who is home on

vacation after three years away, told of the foreign mission work in Cuba. Her talk was very interesting. One minister was examined for license but he failed to pass the examination. The Porter conference is moving right along, and they have several nice country churches. Their next conference will be held on the Third Saturday in November at Bethesda Church.

I will also make report of the Pine Creek Quarterly Conference of which I am a member. This conference convened on Saturday, August 23 at Union Church. Rev. Clarence Herles is pastor of this church. We had a large delegation present with 23 ministers attending this conference. Mrs. Elizabeth Yeley is the clerk of this conference, and Rev. W. J. White was selected as moderator. This was his first time to moderate a Quarterly meeting, and he did well. During the morning session, Rev. Philips Crabtree was appointed to lead the testimony service, which the Lord blessed wonderfully. Dinner was served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

In the afternoon session the business of the conference was transacted as usual. We have eighteen churches in our conference, and all of them have pastors. There are two churches which are planning to come to our conference soon. There were messengers from Meigs, Jackson, Vinton, Porter, Lawrence County, and Franklin County Quarterly conferences present. I missed the afternoon business session having been appointed on the special committee to examine ministers, along with Rev. Edward Percell and Rev. Andrew Workman. We examined four candidates, three for the ministry, one for deacon; two were ordained as ministers, and one was put on probationary period.

We held a very touching ordination service, with two young men, Harry Royace and George Lawrence as young ministers, and John Pastine as a deacon. Rev. Purcell read the Scripture lesson and I gave the charge, and Rev. Workman led the ordination prayer. Also Rev. Workman was given papers for admittance to our conference, having come from

the Brotherhood Quarterly meeting in West Virginia.

I do not know the exact amount given for missions, but some nice offerings were taken, both for home and foreign missions. Mrs. Yeley was present for this service and was to speak on Sunday evening.

We here in Ohio feel that we are holding our own, but that is not enough, because there is so much more territory in which we might expand and grow as a church. So, when you go to God in prayer, please remember us in Ohio. Pray that we might see more souls saved during the coming year, and more of the work increasing in a general way than we have seen heretofore.

Rev. Homer Nelson,
State Evangelist of Ohio,
Wheelersburg, Ohio,
Box 288

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

I think oftentimes as the night draws nigh

Of an old house on the hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred,

Where the children played at will.
And when the night at last came down,

Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around and ask:
"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,

And the old house on the hill
No longer echoes to childish feet,
And the yard is still, so still.

But I see it all, as the shadows creep,
And though many the years have been

Since then, I can hear mother ask:
"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if when the shadows fall
On the last short, earthly day,
When we say goodbye to the world outside,

All tired with our childish play,
When we step out into that Other Land

Where mother so long has been,
Will we hear her ask, just as of old:
"Are all the children in?"

The Woman's Auxiliary Department



MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON
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Auxiliary Convention Notice

To those planning to attend the Ladies Auxiliary Convention to be held at Sarecta Church, Duplin County, September 25, 1947, we give the following instruction to reach it by car.

Those coming by Goldsboro, N. C. take Highway south to Warsaw thence east to Kenansville, N. C. Then take N. C. Highway No. 11 north three miles to Sarecta Church sign, turn right three miles to church.

Those coming by Kinston take N. C. Highway No. 11 south 27 miles, turn left at Sarecta Church sign, 3 miles to Church.

Those coming by Jacksonville, N. C., take N. C. Highway No. 24 west about 30 miles, turn right at Sarecta Church sign, 7 miles to Church.

To all others, come to Kenansville, N. C., take N. C. Highway No. 11, north three miles to Church sign, turn right three miles to Church.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Paul Ingram, Secy.,
Kenansville, N. C.,
Route 2

NOTICE

The Auxiliary Convention of the Eastern Conference will meet at Sarecta Church in Duplin County, on Thursday, September 25th. Those coming by Kinston will take highway No. 11, go by Pink Hill pass B. F. Grady's school, go about five miles to Kornegay's store turn to the left at the store and then about two miles to the church.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

HOW TO RISE

Our first fall was by rising against God, but our best rise is by falling down before Him. The acknowledgment of our own impotence is the only stock upon which the Lord ingrafts Divine assistance. A humble saint looks most like a citizen of heaven. "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." He is the most lovely professor who is the most lowly possessor. An incense smells: the sweetest when it is beaten smallest; so saints look fairest when they lie lowest. Arrogance in the soul resembles the spleen in the body, which grows most while other parts are decaying. God will not suffer such a weed to grow in His garden without taking some course to root it up. A believer is like a vessel cast into the sea—the more it fills the more it sinks.

"Pride goeth before destruction,

and an haughty spirit before a fall." The flowing river quickly turns into an ebbing water. It is not all the world that can pull a humble man down, because God will exalt him; nor is it all the world that can keep a proud man up, because God will debase him.

Do but mark how one of the best of saints views himself as one of the least of saints: "For I am the least of the Apostles, that am not meet to be called an Apostle." In the highest heavens the beams of majesty are displayed; but to the lowest hearts the bowels of mercy are discovered. "Be clothed with humility." Pride is a sinner's torment, but humility is a saint's ornament. The cloth of humility should always be worn on the back of Christianity.—The Christian and Missionary Alliance, 1898.

You can beat Satan's offense
When you have a stronger defense.

USING THE BIBLE

How to Use the Bible. 1. Read it through, reading in Old and New Testaments alternately. Begin each again when finished. 2. Read with prayer. Seek carefully the help of the Holy Spirit to understand the Word read. 3. Read with meditation. It is better to think over a little than merely to read a great deal. 4. Read with reference to yourself. Never read only with a view to instructing others. Always ask yourself, "How does this affect me?" Be blessed yourself and you will communicate blessing to others. 5. Read with faith; not as statements which you may believe or not, but as the revealed Word of God. 6. Read in order to carry into practice. In His Word God tells us what to be and do. He expects us to be obedient.—Condensed from George Muller, in "Christ Life and Word of the Cross."

THE GARMENTS OF SALVATION

Are we wearing the garments
Of salvation full and free
To help us overcome Satan
And win the victory?

Have we put on the breastplate of
righteousness
With our loins gird about with
truth
To protect the heart that so easily de-
ceives
To keep it from sin and rebuke?

With preparations of the gospel of
peace,
Are our feet well shod to stand?
To tell the great and wonderful news
That Jesus saves on every hand.

There's the sturdy helmet of salva-
tion,
As the stay for a peaceful mind
To extract the thoughts of foolish-
ness
So prevalent among mankind.

The great sword of the Spirit
Which is the word of God;

How we need to feast upon it!
The one guiding rod.

With perseverance and supplication,
We're admonished to always pray.
Isn't it a wonderful privilege
To commune with Him each day?

Above all we need the shield of faith
To quench the fiery darts of Satan;
And say, "Get thee hence," as the
Master did,
Then I'll take Christ's way of sal-
vation.

Oh! our breastplate sometimes slips,
Faith wavers and helmet almost
falls;
But if we're wearing these gospel
clothes
He's near and hears when we call.

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters

ANGER

Anger may begin
In manly hearts and true,
In protest over sin
That evil men pursue.

Yet while in flesh we dwell,
How easily deceived,
Ourselves to sin we sell
In anger unrelieved.

Anger is a fire
That burns within the soul;
It flames in growing ire
Till quite beyond control.

It flames and erstwhile friends
Become our lifelong foes;
And long-found pleasure ends
In longer lasting woes.

Then let its reign be brief,
E'en when the cause is just;
Let evening find its grief
Deep buried in the dust.

—Ralph T. Nordlund

Spiritual blessings are lasting;
worldly pleasures are fleeting.

Obedience to law is the largest lib-
erty.

Heavenly Brightness

Sir Isaac Newton wanted to dis-
cover a certain problem about the
eyes. So he gazed at the sun all dur-
ing the brightest time of the day.
When he finished, he returned to his
home. But all he could see was the
sun everywhere. It seemed to be on
his furniture, the clothes of his
friends, on the very food he ate.
Everywhere was the sun. It took
several days for his eyes to lose the
vision!

So it is when we look to the Son
of God. He gives a brightness that
is upon us everywhere we go. And
others can tell that we've looked to
Jesus. Paul saw the light on the
Damascus road. Ever after that it
filled his vision. He said, "At mid-
day I saw * * a light from Heaven
above the brightness of the sun."—
O. P. Boys and Girls.

WHY?

The hen that cackles loudest
May not lay the largest eggs;
The mule that kicks the hardest
May not have the longest legs;
The stalk that is the tallest
May not have the finest grain;
The girl that is the fairest
May not have the finest brain;
The man whose brow is highest
May not always know the most;
The hero who is the bravest
May not make the loudest boast;
The arm that is the strongest
May not have the farthest reach;
The man who talks the longest
May not make the finest speech;
The home that is most home-like
May not pay the highest rent;
And the rose that is the reddest
May not have the finest scent.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I shall be
available for evangelistic services or
pastoral work for the coming year.

Yours for Christian service,

Rev. B. F. Ringgold,
New Bern, N. C.,
Route 1, Box 2,
Telephone No. 2871

Home-Coming at Oak Grove

Oak Grove F. W. B. Church of
Craven County wishes to announce
its annual yearly meeting, and Home-
Coming day on the third Saturday in
September, 1947. All former pastors,
church members, and friends, are
cordially invited. Dinner will be
spread on the church grounds at
noon hour. Come and let us enjoy
the day together in the name of the
Lord.

On Monday night, September 22,
1947, Rev. Sam Kennedy of Beula-
ville, N. C., will start a revival meet-
ing here. Everyone is invited to
come and pray much that souls will
be born into God's kingdom.

Dorcas E. Barrow

League Convention Organized

All churches of the Second Union
of the Central Conference which wish
to organize leagues please let us
know, and we will help if needed. We
want those that are organized to join
our newly organized League Conven-
tion of the Second Union of the Cen-
tral Conference. This League Con-
ference meets each Saturday night
before the Fifth Sunday. Please con-
tact me at the address given below:

Rev. Graham Baker, President,
2nd Union League Conference,
1100 Reade Street,
Greenville, North Carolina

Home-Coming at Johnston Union Church

There will be a Home-Coming day
at Johnston Union Free Will Baptist
Church on the second Saturday, Sep-
tember 13. All former pastors and
church members are cordially invited
to attend. Lunch will be served at
noon. Come and bring all the family,
and enjoy the day in the Lord.

Rev. W. H. Lancaster

In retrospection we see the true
fruits of human effort.



GUIDANCE FROM GREAT PROVERBS

(Lesson for September 21)

Lesson: Prov. 4:23; 6:16-19; 9:10; 14:34; 15:1; 16:18; 21:3; 22:1; 28:1; 29:18; James 4:17.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doeth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God"? (Mic. 6:8).

A little Scotch boy was lying one day in the heather beside a mountain stream. He was looking up at the fleecy clouds and soon fell asleep. As he slept he dreamed and this was his dream. He saw above him a glorious light and from it came a wonderful golden chariot drawn by horses of fire. Down the sky it came faster than the lightning and stopped suddenly at his feet, and although he saw no one he heard a voice that was as sweet as the music of the mountain brook and it said to him, "Come up hither, I have work for thee to do."

The lad rose up to follow the golden chariot, but when he stood upon his feet he awoke, and then he knew it was a dream. But God sometimes speaks in dreams, and the boy never forgot that call from the golden chariot. "Come up hither, I have work for thee to do," and in his waking hours he answered the call and found the work.

This is how he answered the call: One day he went to his room and locking the door he knelt down beside his bed and said to God: "O Lord, Thou knowest that silver and gold to give to the missionary cause I have none; what I have I give unto thee. I offer myself; wilt thou accept the gift? "God did accept the gift, and Alexander Duff, the Scotch lad who had heard the voice calling from

the golden chariot, found his work, and became one of the greatest preachers of the missionary Gospel the world ever heard, and one of the first and finest missionaries to the great land of India.—Selected.

Now God does not call all of us to be foreign missionaries, but He does expect everyone to walk in the path He makes for our feet.

II. Heart of the Lesson

(1). Proverbs 6:16-19 presents what may be called the antithesis of kindness. It lists seven items which are an abomination to God.

In studying the passage, pay particular attention to the various parts of the body which are mentioned: eyes that are haughty, a tongue which lies, hands which shed blood, a heart which deviseth wicked purposes, feet which are swift in running to mischief. The passage definitely calls to mind Romans 3:10-18, in part a quotation from Psalms 14 and 53. The New Testament passage similarly stresses man's defecation. His speech is corrupt (Rom. 3:13, 14), his feet lead him into sin (vv. 15-17), his vision does not take God into consideration (v. 18). If we are to please God, we must be merciful, for He despises all that is unmerciful.

What we deduce by inference from Proverbs 6 is explicitly stated in Proverbs 15:1 and 22:1. The soft answer is contrasted with the grievous word; loving favor is to be preferred to silver and gold.—Moody Monthly.

(2) Proverbs 14:34. **Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.** We notice here a sharp contrast. Righteousness raises upward, but sin pulls downward; righteousness builds up and purifies, but sin tears down and contaminates; righteousness promotes hope and joy and peace, but sin blasts and destroys those things which work together for man's good and happiness. It is as true in the life of nations as it is in the life of individuals. Righteousness exalts because it is of God, and sin reproaches because it is of the devil.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

(3) **Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.** James here holds a person responsible for not doing good when he is conscious of his duty to do good. He is really sinning with a willingness. He is sinning against his own conscience. Be it understood, the omissions of things which should be done are sins, be they great or small, as well as the commitment of sins of any kind. "He that does not the good which he knows should be done, as well as he who does the evil he knows should not be done, will be condemned." Let us be careful that our conscience be rightly informed, and then let us be willing to obey it that we might have confidence toward God. But, if we see, and then do not act according to our good sight, our "sin remaineth."—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

"Lord, when I am weary with toiling,
And burdensome seem Thy commands,
If my load should lead to complaining,
Lord, show me Thy Hands—
Thy nail-pierced Hands, Thy cross-torn Hands,
My Saviour, show me Thy Hands.

"Christ if ever my footsteps falter,
And I be prepared for retreat,
If desert or thorn cause lamenting,
Lord, show me Thy Feet—
—Selected

A First Class Sermon

The colored farmer was not a preacher, but he could get at the gospel truth in a very effective way, as the following incident discloses most clearly:

A white man asked our farmer friend what church he belonged to, and the old man replied: "Bress ye, sah, dah's fo' roads leading from heah ter town—de long road, de hill road, de sho' road, and de swamp road—but when Ah goes ter town wid er load er grain dey don't say ter me, 'Uncle Calhoun, which road did yo' come by?' but, 'Cal, is you' wheat good'?"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The East Side Free Will Baptist Church people and others met on Monday, August 11, and began our first Vacation Bible school, with a very good attendance. Our daily attendance averaged around 65. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed it very much. On Friday night at the end of the school there was a splendid program rendered, which meant much to everyone present. The school was a great help to both the grown people as well as to the children and young people.

We asked the dear Lord to lead us and guide us with his Holy Spirit. On Sunday night following the closing of the Vacation Bible School, there were five of the Bible School students who were saved at the evening services. We were so thankful to the Lord for the splendid teachers who took part in this Bible School. We were very thankful for the youth to give their lives to God, to live in the care and keeping of the Lord.

We should like to say that the best place to train up children in the name of the Lord is in the home. Since this is rarely ever done, the Vacation Bible School can do a great work by teaching the children and the youth many fine things of the Bible. If mothers and fathers would seek to train their children in the home, then they would be so much better prepared to receive instruction in the Vacation Bible School. Mothers and fathers should be careful each day as to the way they talk before their children and as to how they act before them. One little fellow in our Bible School said that his mother said bad words, but that he wanted to go to heaven when he died. May this be a warning to some to be careful as to the way they speak before their children.

We are hoping to have even a better Bible School next summer. We are praying unto the Lord that we might be able to buy some land upon which to build a church on where this old tent is now standing. While it has been a real blessing to lost souls, yet we do need a church building. This old tent is badly worn and

it leaks badly when it rains. Let us hope and pray that some way will be provided that a church building can be erected here for the glory of God.

Mrs. Daisy M. Williams, Secy.,
104 Aragon Court,
Pensacola, Florida

REVIVAL AT SAINTS DELIGHT CHURCH

We wish to report that the revival meeting, just closed at Saint's Delight Church in Craven County, North Carolina, was a great success. We believe that it was the best one which we have had in many years. It started on the third Sunday night in August and closed on Saturday night before the fifth Sunday. The church was packed each night of the meeting. Chairs were borrowed from Bridgeton to provide extra seating room for the people. Rev. Wade Jernigan did the preaching, and he believes in the old-fashion altar for reconsecration and re-dedication of hearts unto the Lord.

There were fifteen converts who were baptized on Saturday, August 30, by Brother Wade Jernigan who was assisted by Rev. B. F. Ringgold. On that night there was a glorious service at the church. Brother Jernigan delivered a powerful message taken from Saint John's Gospel, chapter 4, verse 14. Following the message the new converts were received into the church with the reading of the Church Covenant and the extending of the right-hand of Christian fellowship to the new members. Then we had communion service and the washing of the Saints Feet, and we sang the glorious hymn, "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again."

The church and people of the community are grateful to Brother Jernigan and Brother Roy Miller, who had charge of the song service, and may God greatly bless them in their work for the Lord.

Rev. B. F. Ringgold,
New Bern, N. C.,
Route 1, Phone 2871

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We go to church each Sunday,
It's such a natural thing;
To sing, and praise, and worship
Jesus Christ, our blessed King.

Although we worship, we forget
There are others who never know;
That Jesus reigned once on this
earth,
Lived and died for me and you.

Think of the lost souls in India
Lying now beneath the sod;
Did we do one thing to help them,
Learn about our living God.

How sad for us, we cannot help,
Those who have passed this life;
But there're millions more awaiting
To be led from sin and strife.

Go out into the highways and hedges,
Our blessed Lord commands;
How blessed are we to be called
To spread His name in foreign lands!

So, now is the time for action,
We Christians must be the light;
We must send missionaries every-
where

If we make the Devil lose his might.

You can help us with your prayers,
Why, sure, throw in your silver too;
For all that you have ever owned
Was granted by the Lord to you.

Perhaps, you cannot a missionary be,
But for the weakest there's a part;
We can send those whom God has
called

With pockets full and encouraging
hearts.

So, give it thought, Oh Christian
friends,

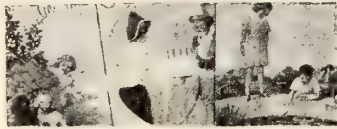
Ere you should boast of true religion;
What do you think Christ thinks of
you?

When you refuse to help on Foreign
Missions!

Mrs. Lucille H. Roberson,
Falkland, N. C.

Since the mind grows on what it
feeds, it can not be strengthened on
rubbish.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

DIFFERENT

"Let Edith bring my dinner up to-day," the sick mother said, and, noting the questioning look on her older daughter's face, she added: "You are always in such a hurry, dear, that you make me feel I am robbing you of your precious moments. Edith is so different. She sits by my bed and helps me handle the tray, and talks so cheerfully that I forget I am sick and just enjoy my food."

Edith's sister thought of how hard she had been working to keep her mother comfortable and the household in order, and now after all her labor and burden-bearing, Edith, happy carefree Edith, was preferred. It had seemed that she had been left to serve alone, and now to be unwanted because she was busy appeared a little unfair. She had yet to learn, that by a hurried, fretful manner we rob even our kindest deeds of their real beauty.

Many times girls, even from childhood, cultivate this hurried irritable manner, becoming nervous and excited when things go wrong, and excusing their behavior by saying that it is their nerves, when really it is a bad habit.

When a girl is able to control herself and be calm and quiet under almost every circumstance, and to carry her body in an easy, graceful way, she is said to have good poise. If these personal charms are united with a kindly, tender spirit, it lies in the power of the possessor to carry happiness and sunshine to many a weary heart.

As oil on water, so is such a girl among her friends, quieting, soothing, gladdening, welcomed wherever she goes. But a girl with the opposite manner, even though she have the best of desire, will tire and distress those she seeks to help.

Many sicknesses are brought on by

this same hurried life. We only waste our energy and vitality by pushing so. A foreign educator, after observing our girls a while said: "She pushes out so strenuously. She is too jerky. She has not repose enough of manner, is not well poised. She isn't quiet enough."

There is something lovely in a quiet manner, whether in old or young. We have an example of both the nervous and the restful girl in the case of Martha and Mary; and our Lord approved of Mary.—Unknown.

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Mother

Little and bent and frail,
With silvered hair,
And hands toil-worn from years
Of patient care,
Yet from her eyes there glows
Abounding youth—
For hope is hers, and faith
And love and truth.

Home-Coming and Revival At Sidney F. W. B. Church

On Monday evening after the second Sunday in September, a revival meeting will begin at the Sidney F. W. B. Church. Rev. Clinton Lupton will be the evangelist. The meeting will continue for one week.

On the third Sunday in September the church will observe our Annual Home-Coming. A program is being prepared for the occasion. At the noon hour, lunch will be spread on the church lawn, picnic style.

The public is extended a friendly invitation to attend all these services. An especial invitation is extended to all former members, pastors, and friends to attend our Home-Coming. It is really **your** Home-Coming; not ours.

Mrs. Edwin Roper

Baseball in the Bible

Satan was the first coach coaching Eve when she stole first. Adam stole second. Cain made a base hit when he slew his brother Abel. Moses made his first run when he saw the Egyptians, but shut them out at the Red Sea. Isaac met Rebecca walking at the well with a pitcher. Solomon served as umpire in many close decisions. Samson struck out when he beat the Philistines. Abraham made a sacrifice. The prodigal son made a home run.

NOTICE

The Sunday School Convention of the Third District of the Eastern Conference, will meet with Gray Branch Church, Lenoir County, on Friday, September 26th, at ten o'clock. Report blanks will be mailed out soon to each Sunday School. Hoping that each school will be represented by delegate if possible, if not represent by letter.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Secretary,
Mr. Fountain Taylor, President

Annual Ministers Meeting

I wish to announce through the Baptist paper that the annual ministers' association will be held at Beaver Dam Church in Columbus County. The church is about 7 miles south of Chadbourn, North Carolina. The services will begin at 9:30 A. M., September 12, 1947. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

Rev. A. L. Duncan

I HOPE I WOULD

By Lucretia Penny

If I had a dog
Of any kind
I'd want my dog
To learn to mind.
I hope that this
Is what I'd do:
I'd let him see
That I mind, too!

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

ISAIAH WINSTEAD

Elm City, N. C.—On July 24, 1947, Isaiah Winstead, age 63, died at his home after an illness of several months.

It hurt all of his friends and loved ones very much to see him go, but we all feel that he has gone to a better place and is now resting. We have very much sympathy for his family.

He was one of the most active members of People's Chapel, and for some years was the superintendent of Sunday School.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Winstead; five daughters: Mrs. Frank Medcalf, Dorothy, Christine, Pearl and Vera; five sons: Putney, Marvin, Joseph, Milton, Abram and Marion; four grandchildren; two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held July 25 at People's Chapel, being conducted by Rev. J. B. Ferrell, assisted by Rev. Hamilton.

Rev. J. Frank Parrish,
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"As By Fire"

By THE COUNTRY PREACHER



Y first educational venture was to build a fire on the schoolhouse steps. Dan, my older brother, had found matches and decided in favor of combustion. But, having reached the mature age of six, it was his opinion that since father had expressed a prejudice against the use of matches, the fire ought to be somewhere out of his sight.

Where indeed but here? Between that old rural school in Riverton and the white cottage of our home was ample protection, a Vermont "snowfence" tightly boarded an' five feet high.

Did you ever observe how terrible one's own father looks in the act of leaping over a high board fence? Dan did not have time to blow out the match and say, "Pa's coming!" before his announcement of the paternal advent was superfluous and redundant.

Now, there are educators who do not believe in corporal punishment. But I go further than merely to believe in it—I have received it into my own personal experience. Dad's discipline was calm and judicial, never given in haste or anger, and after all was over he never failed to ask, "Do you love Daddy now?"

Never before had I told him no. But this time my stuffy little heart was full of anger. I decided that if he should ask that

fool question again, I was going to tell him no to his face, for I *didn't* love Daddy any more.

Well, the fire was quenched on the schoolhouse steps; the sorry little punished sinners were on Daddy's knees; the big teardrops were drying away. Came then that dreaded question, "Do you love Daddy now?"

"Ah-ah-yes, I do!" I blubbered out like the bawl-baby I was, and I hid my face on father's shoulder.

Now that I am fatherless and the winds of my Green Mountains go moaning "Lochaber no more," it is a comfort to me that I never answered no when he asked me if I loved him.

And you, whom bitter sorrow has disciplined till you think God is hard and you love Him no more, cannot escape the insistent voice, "Lovest thou me?" You will yet break down in a better answer:

*O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul on Thee.*

—ARTHUR W. HEWITT in *Christian Herald*

KING SOLOMON

Esther D. Mooney

I think everyone has heard about the lad David, who killed the great giant with stones from his sling. He became a great king whom God loved, and his son Solomon was chosen as king after David died. Solomon had a dream where he heard God saying, "Ask what I shall give thee"? Solomon was living close to God at this time so he asked God to give him wisdom, so he could be a wise, good king, for he felt helpless to rule rightly. God was so pleased that He not only gave Solomon wisdom but riches and honor as well, this was because he had asked what was good for him and the people he had to rule.

I am sure Solomon was happy, just as you would be if you asked your mother for bread and butter and she said, "Because you have asked for what is good, I am going to give you some nice frosted cake that you like as well."

Solomon had wisdom, riches and honor all of which fitted him to be a great king and he ruled for forty years. They had no trains, motor cars or airplanes in those days, so news did not travel fast like today. But it did travel, and away in Africa the Queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's wealth and wisdom and she came that long way to see him, bringing him presents of gold, spices and precious stones. She was amazed when she saw Solomon's house, and his servants and all his wealth and glory, and she said, "The half was not told me."

Solomon gave her all that she asked beside royal bounty, and after she blessed God for what He had done for King Solomon, she went back home with her big train of camels, on which people traveled in those days.

God's Purpose

A young man was trying to establish himself as a peach grower. He had worked for years, and invested his all in a peach orchard, which at last bloomed bounteously—and then came a frost. He did not go to church the next Sunday, nor the next, nor the next. His minister went to hunt him up, and inquired the reason. The discouraged young fellow exclaimed, "No, and what is more, I'm not coming any more. Do you think I can worship God who loves me so little that He will let a frost kill all my peaches?"

The old minister looked at him a moment in silence, and then replied kindly, "Young man, God loves you better than He does your peaches. He knows that, while peaches do better without frosts, it is impossible to grow the best men without frosts. His object is to grow men, not peaches."—*Unknown.*

If I knew

MAUD WYMAN

If I had a box that was large enough
To hold all the frowns I meet,
I would like to gather them, every one,
From nursery, school and street;
Then, holding and folding, I'd pack them
in,
And turning the monster key
I'd hire a giant to drop the box
To the depths of the deep, deep sea.

If I knew the box where the smiles are kept,
No matter how large the key
Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard
'Twould open, I know, for me
And over the land and sea broadcast
I'd scatter the smiles to play,
That children's faces might hold them fast
For many and many a day.

—Grit.

"GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN"

"I met our new minister on my way to Sunday School, Mother," said Willie on his return home, "and he asked me if I ever played marbles on Sunday."

"Why did he ask you that?" asked Mother.

"Because there was a bunch of boys playing marbles in the gutter," he answered.

"Well what did you tell him?" asked mother.

And Willie came out with, "I just said to him, 'You can't tempt me, mister. Get thee behind me, Satan.'"

Can you imagine a minister wanting to play marbles with Willie on Sunday? Even though Willie slightly misunderstood the minister's purpose, he at least had the right idea. He knew that Sunday was especially God's day.

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Peaceable Fruit

(Heb. 12:11)

What shall thine "afterward" be, O Lord,
For this dark and suffering night?
Father, what shall thine "afterward" be?
Hast thou a morning of joy for me,
And a new and joyous light?

What shall thine "afterward" be, O Lord,
For the moan that I cannot stay?
Shall it issue in some new song of praise,
Sweeter than sorrowless heart could raise,
When the night hath passed away?

What shall thine "afterward" be, O Lord,
For this helplessness of pain?
A clearer view of my home above,
Of my Father's strength and my Father's love—
Shall this be my lasting gain?

What shall thine "afterward" be, O Lord,
How long must thy child endure?
Thou knowest! 'Tis well that I know it not!
Thine "afterward" cometh—I cannot tell what,
But I know that thy word is sure.

What shall thine "afterward" be, O Lord,
I wonder—and wait to see
(While to thy chastening hand I bow)
What "peaceable fruit" may be ripening now—
Ripening fast for me!

—Frances Ridley Havergal

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Editorial

"HOW DID THE SCHOOL OPEN?"

"Well, Mr. Editor, how did the school in Nashville open this time? We have not heard anything about it."

Neither has the editor had any news about the school to give out to the readers of the Baptist paper. We do not know how many students have registered, and we do not know how the opening has pleased the faculty. We do not know what the prospects are for the first semester.

It might be well for someone to inform us what the outlook is, and how the students are settling down to business with their studies. We are all waiting and listening with attentive ears. Please give us the news. Thanks.

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THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR THE COLLEGE

The Reverend Henry Melvin is the new Business Manager-Treasurer of the Bible College in Nashville for the ensuing year. We are waiting to learn of his plan or program for raising finances for the support of the college. The church people are ready to respond when the call comes, setting forth the method or methods whereby funds can be raised in an adequate manner for all educational purposes. The outlook is good.

Brother Melvin is well known throughout the denomination, and bids fair to serve the church people in a most splendid way as the Business Manager-Treasurer of this institution. We have the feeling that he will furnish for publication in the Baptist paper each month financial reports which will do our hearts good when we read them.

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FIELD SECRETARIES' REPORTS

Since there are Field Secretaries, or State Evangelists working in several of the states where Free Will Baptists are operating, we should be receiving from time to time interesting reports from the different fields for publications in the columns of the Baptist paper. If this is done, then the church people can read their reports and become informed as to what the different states are doing in a progressive way.

This will be a great help to the cause of the denomination, and serve to stimulate additional interest on the part of the church people for even greater spiritual advancement in the different fields of labor of our church.

ORPHANAGES OF THE DENOMINATION

During the fiscal year the different orphanages of the denomination should, we believe, give from time to time the editors of the denominational papers facts concerning the operation, work and progress of those institutions. The people want to know what is being done for the unfortunate children being taken care of in these orphan homes.

At least concise reports or orphanage news, monthly or otherwise, made known through the church papers for the people to read will increase interest, and stimulate the giving of support in a larger way than in the past. Brother superintendents, try this for this fiscal year and see if the people will show a greater interest in the orphanages of the denomination. Good publicity always helps worthy causes.

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HOME MISSION WORK

More calls keep coming from the various sections of the country concerning home mission work, and the increased need for the support of home missions among Free Will Baptists. Most of these home mission points are standing in need of additional financial support to keep them moving forward in a good way.

The new church in Portsmouth, Virginia, for example, is in need of some financial support. The church has just recently been established with a small number of members, and although they are working in a good way, yet they are standing in need of outside help.

The church in Fort Worth, Texas, was recently burned, and they are in need of help so that they might be able to build a new church. Last year the Sea Level Church was burned and the church people over the country rendered splendid assistance. Also the Beaufort Church set about to erect a new building, and the church people at large helped them. There were other places where help was needed and many people gave of their means to assist in the work. May we hope that the Portsmouth church and the Fort Worth Church will receive some substantial financial aid so that they can continue their aims and plans for the advancement of the cause of Christ in their localities.

When Thou Prayest

When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words without heart. Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer. Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan.—Bunyan.

The Power of the Blood =

CHARLES H. SPURGEON
Condensed from "The Evangelical
Christian"

When I see the blood, I will pass over you (Exod. 12:13).

God's people are always safe. But God's people are safe only through the blood; because He sees the blood-mark on their brows. They are bought with the precious blood of Christ. Nothing can hurt them, because "the blood" is upon them. It was so that night in Egypt; God spared, because He saw the blood-mark on the lintel and on the two side-posts. And so it is with us. In the case of the Israelites it was the blood of the paschal lamb. In our case it is the blood of the Lamb of God—the blood of a divinely appointed victim. Jesus Christ did not come into this world unappointed. He was sent by His Father. The blood of Christ is well-pleasing to God, for God Himself did choose Christ to be the Redeemer, and He Himself did lay upon Him the iniquity of us all. It was God's will that the blood of Jesus should be shed. Jesus is God's chosen Saviour for men.

Christ Jesus, like the lamb, was not only a divinely appointed victim, but He was spotless. Had there been one sin in Christ, He had not been capable of being our Saviour; but He was without sin.

The blood is once shed for the remission of sin. The paschal lamb was slain every year, but Christ, once for all, hath put away sin by the offering of Himself. He has said, "It is finished."

The blood of Jesus Christ is blood that has been accepted. Christ died—He was buried; but neither heaven nor earth could tell whether God had accepted the ransom. Until God had signed the warrant for acquittal of all His people, Christ must abide in the bonds of death. The blood was accepted, and sin was forgiven.

For a moment try to picture Christ on the Cross. Lift now your eyes and see the three crosses put upon that rising knoll. See in the center the thorn-crowned brow of Christ. See the hands nailed fast to the accursed wood. See His face, more

marred than that of any other man. See it now, as His head bows upon His bosom in the agonies of death. He was a real man, remember. It was a real cross. Do not think of these things as fancies and romance. There was such a Being, and He died as I have said. Sit still a moment and think: **The blood of that Man, whom now I behold dying, must be my redemption! and if I would be saved, I must put my only trust in what He suffered for me.** God says, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

The blood of Christ—nothing but it can ever save the soul. If some foolish Israelite had despised the command of God and had said, "I will sprinkle something else upon the door-posts" or "I will adorn the lintel with jewels of gold and silver" he must have perished; **nothing** could save his household but the sprinkled blood. And now let us all remember, that "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid . . . Jesus Christ." My works, my prayers, my tears, cannot save me. The blood, the blood alone, has power to redeem.

Then it must save alone. Put anything with the blood of Christ and you are lost; trust to anything else with it and you perish.

"It is true," says one, "that the sacrament cannot save me, but I will trust in that, and in Christ, too."

You are a lost man. So jealous is Christ of His honor that anything you put with Him, however good it is, becomes, from the fact of your putting it with Him, an accursed thing. And what is it that thou wouldst put with Christ? Thy good works? What! wilt thou yoke a reptile with an angel—yoke thyself to the chariot of salvation with Christ? What are thy good works? Thy righteousnesses are "as filthy rags"; and shall filthy rags be joined to the spotless righteousness of Christ? It must not be. Rely on Jesus only, and thou canst not perish; but rely on anything with Him, and thou are as surely damned as if thou shouldst re-

ly upon thy sins. Jesus only—this is the rock of our salvation.

"Oh," says one, "I could trust in Christ if I felt my sins more." Sir, is thy repentance to be a part-Saviour? The blood is to save thee, not thy tears; Christ's death, not thy repentance. Thou art bidden this day to trust in Christ; not in thy feelings on account of sin. Many a man has been brought into great soul distress because he has looked more at his repentance than at Christ.

"Nay," says another, "but if I had more faith, then I should have hope." That, too, is a very deadly shape of the same evil. You are not to be saved by the efficacy of your faith, but by the efficacy of the blood of Christ. No man will go to heaven if he trusts to his own faith; you may as well trust to your own good works as trust to your faith. Your faith must deal with Christ, not with itself. The world hangs on nothing; but faith cannot hang upon itself; it must hang on Christ. You must not think of your faith, but of Christ. Faith comes from meditation upon Christ.

I do not know how sufficiently to follow Satan in all his windings into the human heart, but this I know, he is always trying to keep back this great truth—the blood, and the blood alone, has power to save; but anything with it, and it does not save.

"Oh," says another, "if I had such-and-such an experience, then I could trust." Friend, it is not thine experience: it is the blood. God did not say, "When I see your experience," but "When I see **the blood of Christ.**" "Nay," says one, "but if I had such-and-such graces, I could hope." Nay, but He did not say, "When I see your graces," but "When I see **the blood.**" Get grace, get as much as you can of faith, and love, and hope; but, oh, do not put them where Christ's blood ought to be!

Yet again we may say of the blood of Christ, it is all-sufficient. There is no case which the blood of Christ cannot meet; there is no sin which it

cannot wash away. There is no multiplicity of sin which it cannot cleanse, no aggravation of guilt which it cannot remove. Ye may be double-dyed like scarlet, but the blood of Christ can take out the stain. You may have blasphemed Him almost as many times as you have breathed, you may have rejected Him as often as you have heard His Name, you may have denied His Godhead, you may have persecuted His servants, you may have trampled on His blood; but all this the blood can wash away. "The blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from all sin."

There is no sort of a man, there is no abortion of mankind, no demon in human shape, that this blood cannot wash. Hell may have sought to make a paragon of iniquity, it may have striven to put sin, and sin, and sin together, till it has made a monster in the shape of man—a monster abhorred of mankind; but, the blood of Christ can transform that monster. Magdalene's seven devils it cast out. The madness of the demoniac, the deep-seated leprosy it cured. There is no spiritual disease which the Great Physician cannot heal. This is the great medicine for all diseases. No case can exceed its virtue, be it ever so black or vile; all-sufficient, all-sufficient blood!

He that hath this blood sprinkled upon him is saved completely. Not a hair of the head of an Israelite was disturbed by the destroying angel. So he that believeth in the blood is saved from all things. I like the old translation of the chapter in Romans. There was a martyr once summoned before Bonner; and after he had expressed his faith in Christ, Bonner said, "You are an heretic, and will be damned." "Nay," said he, quoting the old version, "There is therefore now no damnation to them that believe in Christ Jesus." Sweet thought! no damnation to the man who has the blood of Christ upon him. Impossible. Let the blood be applied to the lintel and to the doorpost, there is no destruction. There is a destroying angel for Egypt, but there is none for Israel. There is a hell for the wicked, but none for the righteous. Christ saves completely;

every sin washed, every blessing ensured.

I have dwelt upon the efficacy of His blood; but no tongue can ever speak of its worth. I pray that God the Spirit may lead you to put your trust simply, wholly and entirely on the blood of Jesus Christ.

—"The Evangelical Christian,"
366 Bay St., Toronto, Ont.,
Canada.

—In Christian Digest, August, 1947

FINE REVIVAL AT TRINITY CHURCH

The revival meeting at Trinity Church in Beaufort County, North Carolina, which closed just recently, was a great success. The Reverend M. L. Johnson did the preaching. The meeting lasted for one week, and there were five converts for baptism, and who joined the church. There was a large crowd of people who attended the services each night. Some came from Belhaven church, Free Union Chapel, and some from Columbia. The evangelist and the local church people appreciated their attendance very much.

Reverend Johnson did some splendid preaching just like we people wanted. It did our hearts good, and they were stirring sermons, every one of them. We hope that he will be able to come our way again to hold for us another good meeting.

The converts were baptized on Sunday afternoon and received that Sunday evening after the service in full fellowship of the church with the church people extending unto them the right hand of Christian fellowship.

We wish to state also that we have finished our Sunday School rooms to our church and we are very proud of this fact. Reverend R. B. Spencer is pastor of our church, and has encouraged us very much in this work. He has been pastoring now for us for almost two years.

Mrs. C. B. Cooper,
Pike Road, North Carolina

Absence from your church is a vote to close its doors.

National Headquarters For Free Will Baptists

The 1946 session of the National Association passed the following resolution:

1. That the Executive Secretary lead in the accumulation of funds to buy or build suitable property as National Headquarters for Free Will Baptists, it being provided that the initial investment not to exceed \$15,000.

2. That all Departmental Boards and Conventions of the National Association, exclusive of the Bible College, be required to set up administrative offices in said property as soon as facilities have become available.

This resolution was read by you in the National Minute and in all the state papers. We made a plea to you for funds through the papers, there has gone a personal letter to all the state Moderators, there has gone a letter to many friends of the cause for a contribution to this most worthy project. Again, I am writing letters to our state Moderators and to many friends of the cause asking for full cooperation in this work. Some states have done well in their offerings—two of our states whose gifts in general to the denominational projects have been small in the past have sent the most to the National headquarters Fund.

In the 1947 session of the National Association, it was voted to locate its headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. Now you know where it will be located, but you will help to determine how and what and when it is to be opened. The state associations will soon be in session—I believe great concern will be shown between now and January 1, 1948. You are called upon to have faith in God, have **Plans** and **Pride** for your denomination, and make a large contribution to a cause that will bring the Gospel of Grace to our generations and growth to our denomination because of God's goodness to us and our gifts. Please send all funds to me earmarked National Headquarters Fund.

R. B. Crawford

"Summer Convention Cragmont Assembly"

By Miss Bettie Lou Whaley

II Corinthians 8:4, 5

4. Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

This same fellowship was enjoyed by those attending Cragmont this year. The Holy Spirit really dwelled in the hearts of everyone present. I have never seen a group of people have such a wonderful time anywhere.

We started the morning with the devotion, then breakfast was served, after which we went to classes until twelve. After classes we all went into the dining room for dinner. After dinner we had the rest of the evening for our own use, until devotion at 8:30 P. M.

We had three teachers this year, being Miss Zalene Lloyd, Miss Josephine Mumpower, and Mrs. Albert Harris. Every class was enjoyed to the fullest extent. Everyone had so much to tell the folks back home that it was probably hard for them to find a starting point.

We had a different leader for devotions every morning and night. Those participating in them were: Rev. W. L. Moretz, Mr. W. H. Watson, Mr. Jack Avery, and Mrs. W. L. Gibbs.

After dinner Thursday afternoon a party of fifteen or twenty started out climbing Cragmont Mt. We enjoyed the mountains very much and the water from the springs was very refreshing to a tired party as they climbed higher and higher. Most of them reaching the top and returning with a few minor wounds. It seemed as though someone had led them into a hornets nest judging from the bites over their feet and legs. We had a very nice time discussing the trials we had in trying to reach the top.

Every night we enjoyed fellowship

together, having prayer and singing choruses. The director for the week was Rev. Albert Harris. He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Albert Harris.

Not forgetting one of the important things of the week was the fine meals prepared by Mrs. Pope, the dietitian. The foods were wonderful, and so was she.

The highlight of the week was when a bus load of children from the Orphanage arrived. Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent, accompanied them. The children enjoyed the trip very much, and we truly enjoyed their company. We all hated to leave very much but we knew we must depart from each other, but we were comforted with the thought of meeting again next year at Cragmont.

I am sure everyone enjoyed the week of fellowship together. If it be God's will I will see all of you good brothers and sisters in Christ next year at our ever loving Cragmont.

DO YOU READ THE YOUTH'S BANNER?

Dear Friends:

Do you read our new Sunday School and youth paper, YOUTH'S BANNER? We are trying our best to make the little paper interesting, and helpful to all ages in the Sunday School, and a special booster of the youth activities of the church. For years many of our people have advocated such a publication. If you have not yet subscribed, why not "take a chance" with us by sending in seventy-five cents now for your personal subscription. For this you will receive fifty-two weekly folders, the same page size as the BAPTIST, filled with the very best reading matter we can find, plus reports of youth and Sunday School activities throughout the denomination. The paper is printed monthly, in weekly parts, and is mailed out before the first Sunday in each month.

We have a special club rate for Sunday Schools, classes, young people's organizations, etc. In lots of five or more sets (the papers for each

Sunday in a month is what we call a set) we will accept orders at the club rate of 15 cents per quarter, or sixty cents per year. If your Sunday School or F. W. B. L. has not yet tried the BANNER, we suggest that you send for a supply of the October number at 5 cents per set of four parts, and distribute them each Sunday during the month "on trial." We feel sure that the young people and children will like it, and you will want to keep on ordering it. In some cases individuals have ordered a trial supply. 25 copies of the October papers would only be \$1.25. Why not invest this amount to give a "treat" to the girls and boys in your Youth School? Of course it would be better to go "a little further" and send an order for the whole fourth quarter, which would be only \$3.75.

If you have never seen a copy of YOUTH'S BANNER, and want to see before you buy, we will be glad to send you a sample copy. Address all orders or requests to The Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., and make all checks, money orders, etc., payable to the Press, and not to individuals.

Yours for Better Young People,
L. Everett Ballard,
Editor Youth's Banner

HOEING AND PRAYING

Said Farmer Jones, in a whining tone,

To his good old neighbor Gray,
"I've worn my knees to the bone,
But there isn't any use to pray.

Your corn looks twice as good as mine,

Though you don't pretend to be
A bright light in the church to shine,
And tell salvation is free."

"I mix my prayers with toil
Scattered along in every row,
And I work this mixture into the soil
Quite vigorously with a hoe."

It's well to pray both night and morn,
As every pious farmer knows;
But the place to pray for thrifty corn
Is right between the rows.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

The Lord has blessed the three churches I am pastoring this year with good revival meetings. I am giving here brief reports of each of them in the order in which they were held, together with a bit of information about the churches.

Oriental

The first revival was held in the Oriental church, and began the first Sunday in July. I was assisted in the meeting here during the first days by Mrs. Ballard, and the last days by my son, Beverly Ballard. A children's chorus, organized and led by Mrs. Ballard, proved to be a feature of real interest in connection with the musical part of the program each evening. Eleven young people made profession of faith during the meeting, and were baptized into the fellowship of the church. They are still faithful in regular attendance, and have organized a F. W. B. L. since the close of the meeting. Our church in Oriental is well located, with a fine building, and, though not strong in membership, is facing the future with hope.

Belhaven

The second revival began in the Belhaven church on the fourth Sunday night in July. Rev. Clinton Lupton of Bayboro did the preaching each evening, bringing some splendid gospel messages. Mrs. Ballard had charge of the music, and again a Children's Chorus was formed and helped greatly in the services. Seven members were added to the church, by baptism and letter. Just prior to the revival the church had completed an addition for Sunday School rooms, which will be dedicated soon, clear of all debt.

Trent

The last of the three meetings was at Trent church, Merritt. Here again I was assisted by Mrs. Ballard and Beverly. The meeting resulted in the conversion of twelve persons, mostly young people of the late teen ages. After the meeting was over my son organized the young people of the church into a Youth Choir for

service in the church. The Trent church has completed two of a four project building improvement program. An air conditioning system has been installed, and the church has been repainted on the outside. The other two projects are the installation of a better heating system, and the remodeling of the interior of the building to provide much needed Sunday School rooms. The Sunday School has almost doubled in attendance since the revival, and at a special meeting on the first Sunday in September was re-organized and "streamlined" on a plan more in keeping with modern S. S. standards. A Sunday School institute is being planned for the near future.

I am giving God the credit for these three "Showers of Blessing" so graciously bestowed upon my churches, and ask all to pray that the revivals may not end in Oriental, Belhaven and Trent churches until the coming of the Lord.

L. Everett Ballard, Pastor
Box 86, Ayden, N. C.

HOME-COMING AT LITTLE CREEK

There will be a home-coming day observed at Little Creek Church in Greene County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. This is to be a most splendid occasion. Dinner will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. It will be a fine get-together meeting for the interest of the church and community. There will be several interesting features of the work of the church put on during the day.

The former pastors, and all members, as well as the neighbors and friends of the church and community are especially invited to attend this celebration. Come and bring a nice basket filled with fried chicken and roasted ham, pies and hot coffee. Come on time and take part in the exercises of the day in the name of the Master.

By a member of the church

REVIVAL AT WELCOME CHURCH

The revival at Welcome Home Church was a great success, for the Lord was in this place. We are happy to know that many found out that the Lord was with us, while some seemed not to know it. Some sought to meet the Lord and to get better acquainted with him.

"Today is the day of salvation, if you hear my voice," says the Scripture. All who hear his voice should not put him off, for we are living in the last days. He says, "Be ye ready, for ye know not the hour he cometh. He cometh like a thief in the night," and if we wait until we hear the shout of the angel we will surely be too late. When he steps one foot on sea and one on land, and declares that time shall be no more, the door will be closed in heaven.

Let us be among the wise virgins who took oil in their lamps. Let us serve him while opportunity comes our way.

There were two buried in baptism; one was baptized in a chair because of affliction. We pray that God will heal his body and spare him to serve Christ who died for him. There were two who were received by letter, and one rededicated her life anew to the Lord. Oh, how wonderful to know Jesus!

This revival was conducted by Rev. J. R. Forrest of New Bern, and it lasted for one week. We desire the prayers of all the praying people that God might bless us to go forward in the name of the Lord.

Mrs. Mary A. Gillikin

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Notes and Quotes



By J. C. Griffin

The Blood

In this day in which we live—"the day of falling away" as described by the Lord and the apostles—the preaching of the Blood Religion is out of date with the modernistic, social gospel leaders, who believe in Jesus but not in Christ. These "social service gospel preachers" deny the blood as God's only remedy for the sin of man, and seldom do they sing, "There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins." Such old hymns are out of date, for this modern world wants something faster, and often something that does not carry a real gospel message at all. Whether men believe it or not, our life is in the blood.

Our Physical Life

"And Jehovah God formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7 R. V.) Notice that man became a living soul after that God breathed into his nostrils. Now let us consider another scripture—"But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely your blood, the blood of your lives, will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it . . ." (Gen. 9:4, 5.) "And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that eateth any manner of blood, I will set my face against that soul that eateth blood and I will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it unto you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh the atonement by reason of the life" (Leviticus 17: 10, 11).

This Scripture tells us that the "life is in the blood." Then when God "breathed into the nostrils of man," He breathed "life" and the "Life is in the Blood." Therefore, "the Atonement" is the life, as this scripture teaches. So then our physical life is in the blood because God says so; we know that it is so. There are many verses of Scripture that we could give to show that the life is in the blood. Moses knew this when he wrote the holy scriptures as given by Jehovah God. However, scientists only found this out about eighty years ago.

Our Spiritual Life

Jesus said unto Nicodemus, "Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3 R. V.). This is true because the spiritual life of man died when man sinned against God. God had said, "In the day ye eat thereof ye shall die." So man died. It was an absolute death without a sign of life being left. All likeness of God had vanished. Not a particle of the GOOD left, for instead of man being "very good" as proclaimed by God, man became exceeding sinful, therefore man was spiritually dead to his Creator. Thus man had to be made a new life, and this new life had to be by Blood. The first blood came from God as he breathed into the nostrils of Adam. The new life—the Spiritual birth—comes by the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Life is in the Blood." Peter writes: "Knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life, handed down from your fathers; But with the precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ: . . ." (I Peter 1:18, 19). This being true when man denies the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, that man has no life, there is no way for him to have life. Our life is in Christ, and Christ is our life. It cost Christ His life—which was His Blood to give to us the New Life.

This New Life is not the life of man. It is the life of Christ who lives in the new Creation, or rather we live in Christ by the act of the New Creation. "For by grace are ye

saved through faith . . ." "Not of works . . ." "For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Ephes. 2:8-10). Praise the Lord, it is His Life.

It takes more than reformation to possess this life. We often hear some one say, "He's reformed," or perhaps "She has reformed." Brother, reformation will not do the work. It must be a New Birth—a New Life—A life that is "hid with Christ in God" (See Col. 3:3).

This New Life is more than church membership. Church membership is alright as far as it goes. Every true believer in Christ should unite with a body of saints who meet to worship Christ and put forth organized efforts to carry the gospel to the whole world, but, brother, you want to go higher than the visible church. You must reach up by faith and take hold of the Son of God. "But as many as received him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name" (John 1:12).

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that by believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:21). Praise His Holy Name. Just quote these blessed words of the Lord Jesus, and accept them, and you will soon be praising His dear name.

The Cause of Crime

We hear people discussing very often the cause of the "crime wave" which has hit the United States in the past few years. There are many things that I hear mentioned to be the cause of these dastardly crimes. Some say, "The young folks have gone to the devil, and have turned out to do all kinds of mischief." Well this is a condition and not a cause. If young people are great sinners, there is a cause for their sinning. From every effect, one can trace back to the cause. So where is the cause? Well some judges say that the parents are to blame. I will admit that this is true in a large mea-

sure. Parents that are wicked cannot expect to give to us Christian citizenship. When parents thought more of their church and their God than of the things of the world; when parents took their children to the Bible, or church school, on the Lord's day and then back home for the day to rest and play at home in small groups, the children generally obeyed their parents in the Lord as set forth in the Bible. It was then that father's sought to "Bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (See Ephesians the 6th chapter.)

But now in these days in which we live parents take the children, as soon as they are allowed to attend, to the movies where adultery, fornication, theft, seduction and every damnable scene of hell in Hollywood is demonstrated. They see where the "rascal" is crowned as a "hero." This is one of the causes. In a certain institution for fallen girls, a Christian worker found that 65 per cent of those girls said, "The movies led to our downfall." Yes the damnable theatre of today is one of the causes of crime. The lust of the eye induces the lust of the flesh. (See I. John 2:15, 16).

Then, to add to the crime wave, is the desecration of the Lord's Day, even by church members. The Lord's Day is no more to a great many church folks than it is to the heathen. I will say more about this later.

THE VALUE OF MUSIC IN CHURCH WORSHIP

Gladys Hines

From the days of the Red Sea when Miriam led the "Song of Deliverance" the worshippers of our God have been singing people. There is more than one "Song of Moses." David was "The Sweet Singer of Israel."

The Hebrews loved to sing "new songs." They were compassed about with songs of deliverance. Often they could say, "God hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God."

When we come to church on Sun-

day, we probably have our minds on our tobacco crops or some other family problem. If the preacher started preaching the instant we came in the church, he would probably be half through with his sermon before we could actually get our minds on what he is saying. But instead, we usually begin the services by singing an old familiar hymn. Singing this hymn helps us to forget all our problems. It helps us to get in the attitude of worship. Then when the preacher begins his sermon, we look up with expectant faces, ready to learn more about our Saviour who died to save us.

In singing songs in our churches, we should sing them in praise to our God who delivered us from our sins. As we read through the Old Testament we come to many places where the people sang or did some other thing in praise to God. When God brought the Israelites out of bondage they put the blood on their door post in remembrance of this. They remembered what God had done for them and praised Him by sprinkling the blood on their doorposts. When we sing praise to God we are remembering how He has saved us from our sins.

We are saved by Grace. If we had to buy our Salvation, some of us might never be saved . . . but it is Free. All we have to do is repent of our sins and put our trust in the Lord. For His Grace we should bring forth the Royal Diadem and Crown Him Lord of all. We should give praise through songs, prayer, and in our hearts all the time.

I know that all people haven't been blessed with a voice to sing but God said, "Make a joyful noise." If you can't sing . . . hum or whistle. Do something to praise God. Give thanks unto Him. The person who always asks God for blessings upon himself and never gives thanks, has a selfish worship. When we do something for our friends, we expect a little thanks or signs of appreciation and so does our God.

There have been a lot of people who have been converted by hearing the songs of the Lord whereas hearing the preacher preach might never have saved them. In connection with

this I would like to repeat a story that I heard not so long ago.

Once there was a community where the church had begun to go down and some of the members and some of the outsiders had begun to sell liquor all around the church and community. Of course the people became upset and only a few kept coming to church. The preacher was very displeased but he just couldn't seem to be able to do a thing about it. So he resigned and another minister was called in. The new pastor became interested in the situation and he put his faith in the Lord and with God's help, he went right to work. After a hard struggle, he and his friends got the liquor business out of the community but during the struggle the people got separated. Some of the people got very angry with the preacher. Two of the men were even planning to kill him. Well, as gossip gets around, the preacher heard about the men. But when he was told to get out of town in order to save his life, he refused to do so. He knew he was prepared to die and he was not afraid. He knew that the men could not harm his soul, but only his body.

The two men saw the preacher coming one day and they prepared to kill him but as he drew near, they heard him singing in a low, sweet voice, "Jesus, Lover of my soul." The men were overcome by his singing and they just couldn't shoot him. Later they were converted and one of them became the deacon in the church. So you see, singing does help to convert people.

All things are possible with God,
Why do we pine and fret?

We know that He rules over all,
He guides our steps, and yet . . .

We often worry, foolish ones . . .

Complain when things go wrong;

We ought to trust Him all the way,
Go forward with a song.

If you sing a song as you go along,
You'll make a path through the largest throng,

A smile will open the strongest door;
A happy song wins a great encore.

We shall have less scandal when
we are deaf to those who spread it.



WORTHY OBJECTIVES FOR LIFE

(Lesson for September 28)

Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 17; 2:11, 24; 12:1-8, 13, 14.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Fear God, and keep His commandments" (Eccl. 12:13).

The preacher who penned these words almost three thousand years ago was a Hebrew, one who was deeply versed in the strange history of his own people. He knew that there would never have been a Hebrew race nor a Jewish religion if Abram had not obeyed God when He commanded, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee." This was a hard thing to do. A grown man is asked to tear up all his roots, leave a land he loved, and in which he was greatly honored, separate himself from his friends and kinsmen, and wander to an unknown destination!

Solomon could further accredit his text by recalling the great days of the Exodus from Egypt. A vast horde of slaves found freedom by obeying God. They were obedient to the commandment of the Passover Lamb—hence the grim reaper passed them by and their children's lives were spared. They blindly obeyed when commanded to follow their leaders between the waters of the sea, and they saw their enemies destroyed.

By suffering they proved this text in the forty years of wilderness journey: when they were obedient they were at peace, they prospered, and had a great measure of happiness. But when they rebelled, they suffered plague, death, fiery serpents and grief in every form.

Israel, in the land of Palestine, continued to prove this eternal truth. When they obeyed God they had rest in the land; when they violated His law they knew war and the bitterness of captivity.—Selected.

II. Heart of the Lesson

I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with birth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity, verse 1. According to the words of this verse, the Preacher resolves to try what mirth would do to make him happy, since wisdom (the kind on a natural level with earthly or material things) failed to satisfy the longing of the human heart.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Much of the world's birth is but a thin veneer. A celebrated humorist was entertaining in London. People were holding their sides for laughter. At the same time a man came to a doctor saying he was about to have a nervous breakdown and had to find instant relief before going insane. The doctor advised attending this humorist entertainment. But I am that humorist, said this patient to the physician's utter astonishment. Oh, what a farce is the world's pleasures, in the writer's word "vanity."

Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun. Solomon achieved great success as a monarch. He became the wealthiest of all the kings of Israel, and his fame reached into far-away lands. He looked upon all his wealth, power, and fame, and gloried in the things he had done. Yet when he gloried in them for their sake alone he found nothing but emptiness and disappointment. There should be joy in living and serving. There should be pleasure and happiness in the accomplishments of life, and there is if there is also a realization that they have been for the welfare and betterment of mankind to God's glory.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

No one should come to a conclusion with regard to any teaching in the book of Ecclesiastes apart from this conclusion. The Spirit of God through Solomon is certainly not attesting the truthfulness of all that the king heard, nor is He necessarily commending the experiences through which the king passed. Let us remember that even as in a testimony a Christian may refer to days that are past and to incidents that in some respects he would rather forget, so Solomon is giving his testimony in this book. Therefore, all that he says should be weighed in the light of his conclusion.

A reverential trust in God, a keeping of God's will, is the duty of man; and let us never forget that we shall give an account of the deeds done in the body.—Moody Monthly.

Solomon is the world's most famous backslider. He evidently forgot Deuteronomy 17:14-20. He married heathen women, which was forbidden. He established idol worship in Jerusalem for the benefit of these same heathen wives. Later in life he became a worshipper of these idols himself. After Solomon's love for God had cooled, he sought satisfaction in wealth, learning, mirth, and power, but at the end of life he had to admit they were only vanity. The world's best-known backslider gave some good advice in this book, but we have no evidence that he ever repented and turned to God.

NOTICE

We are taking this means of telling everyone that the revival meeting at Sandy Plain Church will begin on Sunday evening, September 21. Reverend J. C. Griffin will hold the meeting. The people of the community and the surrounding communities are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

By a member of the church

PORTSMOUTH NEEDS HELP!

The new church in Portsmouth, Virginia, consisting of 37 members, with Brother H. Edgar Harden who is their pastor, greatly desire the prayers, interest and financial assistance of the sister churches in North Carolina to help them to move along in a good way until they can become self-supporting.

Their weekly obligation for the Hall in which they hold services is \$7.50 per week, besides incidental expenses. Their pastor has to be paid a reasonable weekly salary so that he can give full time to the work, and the small membership consisting of people of small incomes are not able to meet these weekly obligations of the church.

The pastor and these good church people are desirous of the help of the sister churches in eastern North Carolina. If each church will raise a special donation right away for the Portsmouth Church, and mail the donation to the pastor of that church, it will be a great blessing. They will appreciate it, and if given in the name of Christ, God will bless everyone who will give to this worthy and needy cause. If a goodly number of churches will do this, the Portsmouth Church will be enabled to move forward for the cause of Christ in that city where there has never before been a Free Will Baptist Church established.

In writing to the Galatian brethren, the Apostle Paul exhorted them in these words: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). Sister churches, give the Portsmouth Church your support while they are needing help, for the Lord has promised to bless the cheerful giver.—Editor.

Love, joy, peace, faith, hope, humility: these are the characteristic Christian ideas. Whenever these words threaten to drop out of our vocabulary, or are used with unpleasant affectation, we may be sure we are losing the essence of the Christian spirit.—Dean W. K. Inge.



A BOOK OR A FORCE?

Let the Bible Do Its Work

By FRANCIS A. SOPER



HE sermon of the morning was over. From the church in a small Midwestern town two men walked together down the street that led over the near-by river.

"Pastor," the earnest young man was saying to his minister, "I have been reading that the Bible is the most popular book in the world—at least from the standpoint of numbers. I know that for years it has far exceeded in circulation the 'best sellers' in the literary market, and that copies of the Holy Scriptures have been placed in millions of homes the world over."

"That is true," observed the pastor.

"But this puzzles me," continued the young man; "in spite of the fact that these millions of Bibles are being distributed, we see an increase of conditions incompatible with Bible principles. In every phase of life people are exhibiting anything but Christian graces. The war is over; but hatred, crime, and every form of evil increases by leaps and bounds. Why all the Bibles, I ask, and still we see such things in the world?"

"Look down at the river," said the pastor, taking his companion's arm and leading him to the railing of the bridge over which they were passing. "There is plenty of water, but why are there so many dirty people?"

"Because they don't apply the water to themselves for cleansing," replied the young man.

"Exactly!" said the pastor. "Anyone may have a Bible today, but how few permit its cleansing and purifying power to change their lives!"

The latest religious census places the church membership of the United States at 68,501,168. This leaves more than 61,000,000 unaccounted for. Imagine this in a country that is blessed above all others with an abundance of Bibles!

It is appalling to find how few really study the word of God that is so readily available. From a questionnaire submitted to 18,000 high-school students, it was found that 16,000 could not name three prophets of the Old Testament, 12,000 could not name the four Gospels, and 10,000 could not name three of the apostles.

What a contrast is this prevalent present-day attitude toward the Scriptures, to the eagerness with which the prophet Jeremiah received the divine message! He declared: "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." Jeremiah 15:16.

Job, the patient patriarch, said: "Neither have I gone back from the commandment

of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Job 23:12.

Friend, what does the word of God mean to you? Is that Bible on your table, or in your bookcase, merely another book, or is it a transforming force in your heart?

Narrow - Mindedness

ROY L. SMITH



HE preacher is sometimes accused of being narrow-minded because he insists upon the Christian's forsaking all, to follow Christ.

But all of life is narrow, and success is to be found only by passing through the narrow gate and down the straight way.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the chemical laboratory. Water is composed of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. The slightest deviation from that formula is forbidden.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in music. There can be eight notes in an octave. The skilled director will not permit his first violin to play even so much as one-half a note off the written note, chord and key.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the mathematics classroom. Neither geometry, calculus, nor trigonometry allows any variation from exact accuracy, even for old time's sake. The solution of the problem is either right or it is wrong—no tolerance there.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in biology. One varying result out of a thousand experiments will invalidate an entire theory.

There is no room for broad-mindedness on the athletic field. The game is played according to the rules, with no favors shown for charity's sake.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the garage. The mechanic there says that the piston rings must fit the cylinder walls within one-thousandth part of an inch. Even between friends there cannot be any variation if the motor is to run smoothly.

How, then, shall we expect that broad-mindedness shall rule in the realm of religion and morals?—*Church School Journal*.

Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character.—James Russell Lowell.

CRAGMONT STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

Dear Stockholders:

In the By-Laws of Cragmont, article 1, section 2, I find that the "President may call a special session for cases of emergencies."

I deem it necessary to declare that an emergency session is called to meet in the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 A. M. on October 3, 1947. You are urged to be present for this important meeting to hear the report of a committee named by the Board of Directors to launch a campaign to raise the indebtedness before January 1, 1948. Also a report of a special committee on constitutional amendments and one in particular to provide for an executive director.

The group will be served dinner in a body at about 1:00 P. M. Please make note of this date on your calendar so that you will not forget it as it is very, very important to the on-going of our Assembly.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Evans,
President

The Price of Neglecting Salvation

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Timothy 1:15).

Salvation comes through the Lord Jesus and by no other way, for God sent him into the world to seek and to save the lost. There is no chance of salvation after a sinner has died in his sins. He is then lost eternally; no way of praying him out of hell. He lost his chance while he lived by not turning to the Saviour and being saved by the Blood of the Lamb.

Some people will wait until the last moment for salvation, saying there is time enough yet. But they do not know just when they will be snatched out of this life into eternity. Procrastination is the thief of time, and

they allow this thief to steal away their salvation. What a shame! What a disgrace! But there is no one to blame but the individual who delays until it is too late.

Spurning the Holy Spirit and rejecting Christ are the two greatest sins known to man. It is not sensible for intelligent people who know right from wrong, and who ignore Christ, to live on day after day in their old way of sin, and come down to old age lost and ruined forever. If they would but stop and think a moment how their souls will burn in hell throughout all eternity if they die in their sins, they would not delay salvation, but would turn quickly to the Lord and love him the rest of their days. They would be humble, obedient, and serviceable to the Master's cause. They would rejoice in the Saviour's love and gladly do his holy will.

John Thorne

BETTER CONDITIONS

All thoughtful people want a better world. None of us are satisfied with the turbulent, chaotic conditions that have been prevailing in recent years. The selfishness, envy, suspicion and material needs among the poorer classes of people have been tragic, and all because of our forgetfulness of God. We have reached a critical point in the history of our nation, and we must turn back to our God to avoid the most serious consequences of our faulty thinking, and our irreligious living.

Remember that the fervent prayers of sincere men and women have been overwhelmingly powerful in the past, and they can be again, and they will be again if the people will humble themselves before God in humble service.

A. R. Flowers

Skill, trusteeship, scientific method, these three, which are obviously related to one another, indicate the main sources of strength in modern civilization.—L. P. Jacks.

REVIVAL AT PINY GROVE

The revival meeting will begin at Piny Grove Church in Beaufort County on Thursday night, September 18, and will continue through September 28. Rev. L. B. Manning will do the preaching. The public is invited to come and be with us during this meeting. We are asking the prayers of the praying people for the success of this meeting. We are hoping that it will be a wonderful meeting in which souls will be saved. May it be one that will be long remembered.

Olander Harrison

FAITH AND THE FUTURE

Clear, and more clear, out of the dimness of coming time, emerge to the vision of faith the myriad hosts of the generations that shall succeed us. These generations are to stand in our places, to be called by our names, and to accept the heritage of joy or of woe which we shall bequeath them. Shall they look back upon us with veneration for our wisdom and beneficent forecast, or with shame at our selfishness and degeneracy? Our ancestors were noble examples to us; shall we be ignoble examples to our posterity? Let us not dishonor our lineage. Let us remember that the fortunes of our children, and of their descendants, hang upon our fidelity, just as our fortunes were suspended upon the fidelity of our fathers.—Horace Mann.

Pass Everything

A student came home from college in his sport sedan. His father asked if he passed everything, and the son replied, "All except two Studebakers and one Pierce-Arrow."

The true university of these days is a collection of books.—Thomas Carlyle.

I AM THE CROSS

I am the Cross!

The most despised of objects and
The most sacred of symbols.
I was the instrument of torture
In the world's most unusual crucifixion.

It was upon me your Saviour died.

I was inevitable in the life of Jesus.
O World! It was for your sins that
He was nailed upon me.

I am evidence of His love and sacrifice.

He made this atonement gladly
That all might be redeemed and
Achieve a place in God's Kingdom.

I was only an inanimate object of wood,

But I did not decay on Calvary's hill
For I am the Cross!

My influence is everlasting.

Atop a lofty church steeple
I guide a stranger to a place of worship.

Fashioned out of gold or silver
I adorn the garments of Jesus' followers.

Hymnwriters have glorified me,
Artists portrayed me and
Poets immortalized me.

O World! Cast off thy sins,
Away with thy greed and hate.
What matters race, color or creed?
Clasp hands with the host of Christians

Who recognize me as a token of
The Way, the Truth, the Life,
I am their sign of triumph,
I am the Cross!

—Josephine Mathers Cook

No Gasoline

It's easy enough to be pleasant
When there isn't a jolt or a jar,
But the man worth while is the man
who can smile
When he has no gas for his car.

Some books are to be tasted, others
to be swallowed, and some few to be
chewed and digested.—Francis Bacon.

THE PREACHER

The preacher has a hard life. If his hair is gray, he is too old. If he is young, he hasn't had enough experience. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming; if she doesn't she isn't interested in her husband's work. If he reads from notes, he is a bore; if he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays in his study, he is a poor mixer; if he is a kiwanian and interested in community welfare, he had better be giving more attention to his church work. If he mingles with the poor, he is playing to the grandstand; if he caters to the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. If he is mild in his mannerisms, he is effeminate; if he speaks with voluminous voice and frenzied gestures, he has more thunder than lightning. Whatever he does, someone could have told him how to do it better.

Purpose and Independence

From time to time I meet with a youth in whom I can wish for no alteration or improvement, only I am sorry to see how often his nature makes him quite ready to swim with the stream of time; and it is on this I would always insist that man in his fragile boat has the rudder placed in his hand, just that he may not be at the mercy of the waves, but follow the direction of his own insight.—Goethe.

A MAN WHO PRAYED

There was a man who prayed
For wisdom that he might
Sway men from sinful ways
And lead them into light.
Each night he knelt and asked the Lord
To let him guide the sinful horde;
And every day he rose again,
To idly drift along,
One of the many common men
Who form the common throng.

Sacrificing virtue to gain popularity is not only costly, but ruinous.

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Not—how did he die? But—how did he live?

Not—what did he gain? But—what did he give?

These are the units to measure the worth

Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not—what was his station? But—had he a heart?

And—how did he play his God-given part?

Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer

To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not—what was his church? Nor—what was his creed?

But—had he befriended those really in need?

Not—what did the sketch in the newspaper say?

But—how many were sorry when he passed away?

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists for August, 1947.

Receipts

Balance on hand August 1, 1947	\$1,839.58
Receipts for August	158.00

Total to account for	\$1,997.58
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Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated	
Ministers	\$207.50
Operating expense	26.00
To National Board	26.85

Total disbursements	260.35
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Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1947	\$1,737.23
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Receipts Itemized

Friendship, (Johnston Co.)	\$ 1.00
Gum Swamp S. S.	3.00
Reedy Branch S. S.	5.00
N. C. State Aux. Conv.	9.00
Core Creek S. S.	8.00
French Broad Conference	108.00
First Western Union	15.00
Albemarle S. S. Conv.	6.00
Free Union Leagues (Beaufort Co.)	3.00

M. L. JOHNSON,
Chairman-Treasurer

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

GENUINE GIFTS

Dear Little Friends,

I read of a little girl who was sad because she had no money with which to buy her mother a gift. She thought of many things she could buy with money. But one day having mentioned this to her mother, learned there were things she could give that were far more valuable than money. Shall we talk about these?

In the first place, boughten gifts are oftentimes given without love. But the **genuine** gifts are given because love prompts the giving. If we are **obedient** all day, every day, that is a great gift. It takes love to be obedient whether or not we like to do the thing we are asked to do. Our parents appreciate no gift more highly than that of loving obedience.

Then there is the fine gift called respect and reverence — speaking politely to Father and Mother and **never, never** calling them by the name of "Old Man, or Old Woman"! We can imagine nothing more disrespectful than hearing a child speak of his parents in that manner! We trust that not one of our readers are guilty of such sin! Making haste to obey our parents' wishes, being careful of personal property, the home, showing interest in the home surroundings and the rest of the children, is showing respect and reverence to our parents.

Telling Mother all you hear and see, talking over personal problems with her, telling her the innermost secrets of your heart and thoughts is cultivating the gift of fellowship. You will find Father and Mother usually ready to listen and to help you with each problem that comes into your life. Fellowship with our parents is a gift to be cherished.

When we learn these things in the home, then it is easy to have respect, reverence, and fellowship with God. These things are taught in a Christian home, and each parent is anx-

ious that his son or daughter learn to love, reverence and have fellowship with the Giver of all good and perfect Gifts, the Heavenly Father. We trust each reader will come to know Him as Father, and the Lord Jesus as Saviour.—L. L. K.

—Juvenile Pleasure

A BAD BARGAIN

Ben's father told him to weed the onion bed. Ben did not like this work and so he hired Milton to do it, promising to give him his two squirrels. At the supper table Ben's father asked, "Well, my son, did you finish those onions?"

"They are all done, Sir," was the reply.

"Did you get the job done before night?"

"It took the greater part of the day."

In the evening his father, missing the squirrel cage asked, "What have you done with Trip and Trixy?"

"Milton took them over to his house for a little while," was the answer.

When Mr. Adams went over to Jones', he found Milton busy building a platform upon which to set the cage.

"Guess I made a pretty good bargain that time, Mr. Adams."

"What bargain?"

"Why, when I agreed to clean out the onion bed for these squirrels."

"Course he did."

"They are very pretty. I hope you'll enjoy them, Milton," said Mr. Adams.

When he called the family into the library for evening prayer, he said: "Ben, will you bring the dictionary?"

"What does Father want with the dictionary at prayer time?" thought Ben. "Turn to the word lie and read the definition aloud, please."

Slowly Ben read, "To say or do that which deceives another when he has a right to know the truth."

"Now, open the Bible, my boy, to the twenty-second chapter of Revela-

tion. Read the fourteenth and fifteenth verses."

Ben's voice broke when he came to the words: "And whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." "Oh, Father, Father!" he sobbed; "I didn't think it was so bad as that! I will try to remember; I will, I will!"—Beams of Light.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

GASKINS.—Mrs. Lovie Fulcher Gaskins, wife of Bro. Clem Gaskins, was born March 27, 1869. She died June 5th, 1947. If she had lived 22 days longer, she would have been 78 years old. She was a devoted wife to her husband, to whom she was married on March 24, 1892. She was the mother of ten children. Her husband, eight children, twenty-four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive.

Sister Lovie united with the church at Kit Swamp when she was a young girl, later she transferred to Antioch church, then to White Hill, and when the family moved to New Bern, she placed her membership at St. Mary's and continued her membership there until her death; thus she was a member at St. Mary's for a period of about 27 years.

Her funeral was conducted by the writer, who had at different times been her pastor, assisted by Rev. W. B. Everett, her pastor at the time of her death. The funeral was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alvah Cayton, New Bern, N. C., with whom she and her husband had made their home for several years. The pall-bearers were her grandsons.

Truly a good woman, and one loved by all, has answered the roll-call.

J. W. Alford

Justice is as strictly due between neighbor nations as between neighbor citizens. A highwayman is as much a robber when he plunders in a gang as when single; and a nation that makes an unjust war is only a great gang.—Franklin.

Concentration is an asset when applied to worthy objects.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, Supt.

Middlesex, N. C.

WORK PROGRESSING ON NEW CHAPEL

Construction has been resumed on our much needed chapel and the foundation base for the roof is nearing completion. We hope the day is not too far away when as you come up the grade to the Orphanage the first object to catch your eye will be the asbestos shingle roof on the church.

We have received \$164.98 from the First Union of the Western Association for a memorial window for Rev. J. H. Worley. This is the first money we have received on a window although several inquiries have been made concerning them and we are assured of receiving funds for them at a later date.

One letter has been received requesting the price of a pew. To date we do not have the price list on the pews but hope to have it soon.

If you would like to donate something to this church as a memorial to some loved one, you may write to Rev. J. A. Evans, Superintendent, for full information concerning this.

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REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1947

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt. All receipts reaching the office later than September 1, will appear in September report.)

GENERAL FUND

Central	
Grimsley	10.00
Rose Hill	17.45
Rocky Mount	2.88
Marlboro	3.54
LaGrange	5.80

Gum Swamp	3.81
Fourth Union	54.64
Hull Road	14.74
Greenville	46.80
Bethany	5.52
Aspin Grove	10.00
Winterville	11.00

Total Central \$ 185.68

Pee Dee

White Oak	2.00
Beaver Dam	5.86
Pee Dee Conference Union	15.12

Total Pee Dee \$ 22.98

Eastern

Sneads Ferry	6.02
Kinston	45.00
Dublin Grove	6.34
Morehead City	10.00
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Soundview	14.00
Whaleys Chapel	4.65
Junipers Chapel	4.42
Welcome Home	41.07
Beulaville	6.25
St. Marys	14.90
Union Chapel	45.44
Sandy Plains	7.10
Wintergreen	1.50
Gray Branch	5.00
Edwards Chapel	5.00
Smiths New Home	5.25
Oriental	11.15
Core Creek	32.51
Pilgrims Rest	3.00
Deep Run	2.00
Warden's Grove	9.25
St. Johns Chapel	9.60
Carteret County S. S. Convention	37.00

Total Eastern \$ 328.45

Albemarle

Hickory Chapel	1.30
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Piedmont

Piedmont Association	42.61
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Western

White Oak Hill	4.00
Friendship, Johnston County	19.02
First Union	100.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Pleasant Plains	11.50
Mt. Zion	23.46
Spring Hill	6.75

Total Western \$ 174.73

Cape Fear

Cape Fear Union	50.00
Powhatan	5.00
Tee's Chapel	10.00
Shady Grove	3.09
Goldsboro	14.00
St. Paul	8.79
Corinth	7.00
Roberts Grove	5.00

Total Cape Fear \$ 102.88

French Broad

Averys Creek	6.28
Cedar Hill	8.00
Canton	11.68
E. Black Mountain	1.00
Marshall	13.00
Mountain View	10.00
Walnut	2.11
Laurelton Chapel	3.00
Burgins Chapel	8.00
Shady Grove	3.00
French Broad Association	44.85

Total French Broad \$ 110.92

Western Yearly

Mt. Vernon	3.90
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Miscellaneous

Burkette Raper, Field Rep.	678.21
Veterans Administration (through children's relatives)	32.40
Refunds	281.66
Hazel Dawkins, Field Rep.	417.46
Cash sales, farm, dairy, etc.	634.16
Greene County Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives)	30.00
John H. Banks	5.00
Chap. and Mrs. C. H. Pelt	10.00
Truck hire	336.40
Selma Furlough	7.00
J. C. Griffin, Special Field Rep.	242.15
Polly and Dolly Norris	5.00
Young People's Friend, Subs.	8.00
Rogers Lodge No. 525	3.00
By: Chas. Mumpower	1.80

Total Miscellaneous \$2,692.24

Total General Fund \$3,665.69

Correction Notice: In last month's report we listed Mt. Zion, Onslow County with \$1.15. This amount should have been \$3.00.

CLOTHING FUND

Bridgeton League	30.00
Swannanoa Sunday School	36.00
Marlboro	30.00
Sunnyside Circle, St. Mary's	30.00
Holly Springs L. A. S.	30.00

Total Clothing Funds \$ 156.00

CHAPEL FUND

1st Union of Western—Memorial window to Rev. J. H. Worley	164.98
Kings Cross Roads, Central	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shine	10.00
A friend through Rev. J. W.	

Alford	25.00
Rose of Sharon, Central	17.00
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Total Chapel Funds	\$ 236.98
Total General Funds	\$3,665.69
Total Clothing Funds	156.00
Total Chapel Funds	236.98

Grand Total Receipts\$4,058.67
JAMES A. EVANS, Superintendent

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Donated Commodities

Surplus Foods through State Hospital in Raleigh	\$ 45.00
Grimsley's L. A. S. (Household supplies)	2.75
Mrs. J. R. Bennett (Clothing)	40.00
Greenville L. A. S., (Household Supplies)	16.00
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Total Value	\$103.75

Home-Coming at Prospect

We invite the many friends, former members and former pastors to be with us the fourth Sunday in September for a home-coming service.

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To whom can we go but to our Father, whose love and understanding give us confidence to call upon him at all times. We should not wait until trouble comes our way to call

upon him, but should love and serve him daily.

Dear Lord, help us to live close to thee every day, and call upon thee in time of joy, as well as time of troubles. Strengthen and bless us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

By Mrs. L. B. Manning,
Fountain, N. C.

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Dear Free Will Baptist friends, and former pastors, this is to let you know that our church, the First F. W. B. Church of Fort Worth, Texas, burned down on August 4, 1947. It is certainly a great loss to us, but we will, by the help of the Lord, build again.

We have some insurance which was on the property, but it is not enough to cover the loss. The parsonage did not burn and we will use it until we can build again. Pray for us please, and anyone who can and will do so, please help us to build a new church. Every dollar given for this cause in the name of Christ will be greatly appreciated.

We have not been able as yet to find the cause of this fire. We have no idea as to how it caught on fire. The Scripture says, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2), so please help us.

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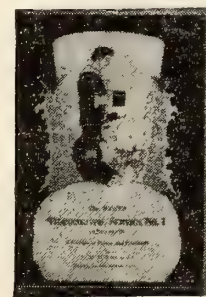
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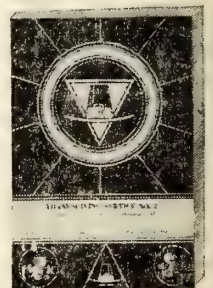
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All as God wills, who wisely heeds
To give or to withhold;
And knoweth more of all my needs
Than all my prayers have told!

Enough that blessings undeserved
Have marked my erring track;
That wheresoever my feet have swerved
His chastening turned me back;

That more and more a Providence
Of love is understood,
Making the springs of time and sense
Sweet with eternal good;

That death seems but a covered way
Which opens into light,
Wherein no blinded child can stray
Beyond the Father's sight.

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Editorial

Time for the Fulness

A forest is not grown in a day, nor is a sand dune made in a summer. In the processes of nature time is required to bring to full fruition the fruits of nature, or the satisfaction of man. Growth or development follows certain natural laws which are controlled by divine creation. Years are required to grow a child into a man, but one summer will grow lovely flowers.

When a troubled soul has been plucked from the world of sin and placed into God's hands, he then has opportunity to grow into the tender graces of the Lord. He can use time for persevering in the faith, for developing into a consecrated prayer-life, and for deepening his spiritual understanding with the study of God's holy Word, and the sacred devotions to his Lord.

Time is required for the fulness of the deeper things of life. Saints become more Christ-like with the passing of the years; life experiences become more sweet, as they journey toward life's little day; and the brightness of the heavenly goal looms up with a deeper vision of the soul. Each day for them is a moving brightness filled with spiritual joy, for they know the ultimate time element will be for them the moving forward toward that Pearly White City of God.

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What Am I?

In my whole mechanism, What am I? I have a body composed of mineral and animal matter, and it is alive. It moves about, does work and sleeps. It lives on what I give it. But does it matter what I give to it, or how I use it?

What am I? I have a mind, an intellect. I can think, gather thought or information from the written page. I have sensibilities; I can feel; I can imagine things; I can dream. I can weep and I can rejoice. But, What am I?

I have a soul, a spirit. I can understand. I can love, and I can hate; I can agree and I can disagree. But what am I?

I am a three-fold creature, made in the image of God: I have body, mind, spirit. What am I then to do with this body, mind and spirit? Ah, that is the question. What do people do with their bodies, minds and their spirit?

It is my responsibility to feed my body with proper food; to cover it with clothing suitable for bodily comfort; to safeguard it from harmful environments and diseases; and to give it proper sleep and recreation. But that is not all: I am to use it for my good and for the good of others.

It is my responsibility to feed my mind with proper thoughts and study. It is my real self. It tells me what I have learned, how I feel, what I want, and when I am

satisfied. It is my chart and compass, so to speak. It lives with me every day. Like the body, it is really alive. For me to be what I want to be, I must care for it every day. But my mind is not all of me. No, for there is of me more than body and mind, however much I dwell with them day by day.

It is my responsibility to look out for my soul. After all, that is really what I am. That is what God gave to me and I must care for it. Really it does not belong to me; it is God's precious gift for eternity. I, therefore, must give it to Christ, for He will make it just what it should be—pure, clean and white as snow. Then it will be a joy to Him and a glory to God in heaven.

Am I that happy spirit dwelling in God's love, and His love dwelling in my heart? If so, then I am God's child, Christ's servant, and a new creature living with new aspirations, new joys and new desires to make the world a better place in which to live.

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"Let's Go Hence"

"Let's go hence; this is a bad environment. The people are wicked, we are in danger, and we can never accomplish anything here. The odds are against us, and the good we might do will be covered up."

"But why go hence? The world is corrupt where man has made his mark upon the 'sands of time.' If we go alone, what good can we do? How will we live and what will be our record when our time is up? We can't leave. Here is where we must make our mark."

"But how can we make our mark here in this place with gamblers, swindlers, drinkers, swearers, fornicators, and every other sort of human life about this place?"

"Here is what we will do; we will open the old church doors, we will raise the windows, air it out, and call on the name of the Lord. He will help us. We will pray, we will visit the sick, the needy, the helpless, and we will be a friend to everyone. Will you agree?"

"Yes, we will try, by the help of the Lord."

And they did that very thing. They began the work in the name of Christ. The church was opened, it became their meeting place, and God heard their prayers. Few people came at first, received a blessing and told others. Young people came and children to the church. Interest increased; a Sunday School was started and the place took on new life. God continued to answer prayer, and the life in the community began to change for the better.

"No, we did not go hence. We stayed where we were and began to work with the Lord. He was in that place, and showed His love and power when we gave our hearts to him and called upon him to help us to make a better community in which to live. Then we did not want to go elsewhere, for we were doing the thing God wanted done in that place for the good of the people."—Anonymous.

Dead Cylinders in Motor Power of Salvation

A. L. Sellers
Quitman, Georgia

Those of us that have had any experience with motor vehicles know the deaden effect of a cylinder that is not firing. It may be a perfect cylinder and something wrong with the firing line; it can be deficiency in the cylinder, or it may be the gas line is stopped up. Let it be what it may be, the effect is no power, and an extra burden is on the other cylinders and a great reduction in the capacity of the vehicle is shown.

Every person that has his name on the church book is a cylinder in the motor power of salvation. If they were all firing, the world would not be standing off today and saying there is nothing to your church, or that I am as good as the majority of your members.

The twelve spies that went out to inspect the Promised Land were every one a representative of a cylinder in the motor power of salvation for the Children of Israel, and when they returned, if all of them had been alive as Caleb and Joshua were, they would not have had to stay in the wilderness forty years; but they were dead cylinders, and by them being dead, they overcame the power of the live ones so much that the people were discouraged by their deadly influence. They could not be persuaded to believe that the Lord who had so miraculously brought them out of Egypt, and across the Red Sea, and who had taken care of them until now in the wilderness, was able to take care of them in the undertaking of possessing the land He had so faithfully promised them.

What a disappointment to all of them, and how God was displeased! They had left Egypt with the thought that some time they would have the pleasure of living in a land of plenty where they could be free. In the face of all that the Lord had done to prove to them that he was able to take care of them, the influence of these dead cylinders prevail-

ed and they failed to believe, and because of their unbelief the greatest and saddest disappointment of their lives had come. They wept, they lamented, but, too late. They had lost their blessing and had caused God to pour his wrath upon them. All this heart breaking disappointment was the result of the influence of the dead cylinders in their motor power of salvation.

The dead cylinders in the motor power of the salvation of the church is just as effective today as it was with the Israelites in their day. The reason that a person can neglect to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy unto the Lord, but spend the day with the crowd who are not interested in church and the things that pertain thereto but are devoted to the Sunday baseball, Sunday theater, the Sunday fishing frolic and the many other things of the world that are detrimental to the Christian influence of our country, is because they are dead. Yes, dead to the realities of the existence of a God who so loved them that he gave his Son that he might save them from those things that are destructive to the real pleasures of this life, and that lead to eternal damnation. God would give them the greatest pleasures possible to have in this life, and a home in the other world if they would turn to him.

Listen, dear reader, to Paul in I Cor. 2:9, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him."

Jno. 14:23, "Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love me he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him!" Jno. 15:4, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch can not bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth

much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." In this first verse we have the assurance that if we love him we will keep his saying, and that the Father will love us, and they will come and abide with us. In this second verse we are told that we must abide in him and he must abide in us if we bear fruit. In this third verse we are assured that if we abide in him and He in us we will bear much fruit, but without Him we can do nothing.

As the cylinder in the motor power of the vehicle is dead without the current so are we without the current of salvation, which is Christ our Saviour and God our Father, and they are not going to leave the church pews empty and go with us to these places of worldly amusements, therefore we go there as dead cylinders so far as salvation is concerned.

Being dead cylinders, we are helpless ourselves and a burden on the live cylinders. As church members you are missing the joy of salvation, which is the greatest pleasure there is in this world. The satisfaction of being free from condemnation, and under the protection of one that is able to take care of you in the most dangerous occurrences, brings a joy that can not be expressed. Then you are in the way of those that are out of the church and won't come in because they feel they are as good as you are and those others that are like you. That is really true. They don't realize that you, and them too, are on the road to destruction and are missing that sweet peace that Christ spoke of in Jno. 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." This reminds me of what I heard that an infidel said concerning the Bible: "I am afraid it is true." How awful it is to live in a way that you are afraid that the Bible is true; but that is the fruit of living without Christ. Just contrast the difference in this and Paul's experience as given in

2 Timothy 4:6, 7, 8, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. This is the fruit of living with him, the consolation of a great future lying out before him. Living without him is the dread of an awful destruction awaiting him who ignores God.

Not only my friend are you a burden to the live cylinders, and in the way of others that would come in, you are one of the factors that is killing the influence of the church in the world today. The people that want to justify themselves for not becoming Christians take you for a pattern and, of course, there is nothing to you because you are dead, so far as Christian living is concerned. They use you as a sample of what the church is; therefore the public at large is saying there is nothing to the church, and in the face of what the church does stand for the public is walking boldly down the road of destruction because of the influence of the dead cylinders.

Dear friends, you are not dead because you do these things, but being dead is the cause of you doing them. Being without life you can't see the danger that awaits you, that is near by, and sometimes even at the door. I know nothing that better illustrates the awful condition of a person that is dead in sin than the person that has lost his mind. They are dead to the world so far as knowledge is concerned. You can't tell them anything, they are without reason, their best friend often becomes their greatest enemy in their imagination. How awful the condition. I knew a man one time that lost his mind in his old days, and his dear wife became his worst enemy, as he thought. He did not want her any where about him, and he could not be made to believe otherwise. How sad it was to see that dear wife wanting to get to that dear companion and prove to him that she

was the same loving companion she had always been, but it was impossible. She had to stay away and endure the best she could.

Dear friend, you may not be insane naturally, but if you have let Satan dope you on sin, your condition is just as bad as the man that is crazy. You think you are wise, but your wisdom concerning God is just as deceptive as the wisdom of this insane man about his wife. God is just as anxious to get to you that he may prove to you that he is your best friend, as the wife was to get to her husband and prove to him that she was his best friend, because you are dead to a knowledge of the greatness of God. You don't want him to get to you and had rather be somewhere else than where you think he is. So he has to stand off and lamentingly see you go the way of destruction.

If you are a dead cylinder you can't help it no more than the cylinder in the motor car can, but you can help staying dead. The great mechanic is anxiously waiting an opportunity to check you, that he may remove the cause and bring you to life.

A WORD FROM CUBA

To Our Free Will Baptist Family:

After arriving home from two months of interesting missionary barnstorming in the States, I find that the field has progressed.

When I left for the North we were facing some very definite financial needs on the field and it was very necessary to clear ourselves, and maintain the respect of the merchants in the city of Pinar del Rio.

While visiting in the North with my relatives I met with a gracious response from some churches, that for years have helped me as a student in College and in the Seminary. My mother's church has promised faithfully to push us as it has been for years a fundamental Independent Baptist Church. While there I found out the pastor had been a missionary to Santa Domingo and he wept as we spoke Spanish and talked of the great mission fields of Latin America.

Leaving New Jersey, we went on to be with two great friends of our

program, Bill and Charles Young of Williamsport, Pa. These men have great vision for the cause of Christ. They are fundamental Independent Baptist Evangelists. Brother Charles came to the field this past year and made it possible for us to have a radio program of thirty minutes each Sunday over station C. M. A. B. in Pinar del Rio. I had two weeks of rest in the mountains of Pa., as a speaker in the Youth for Christ program. Leaving Williamsport I continued my tour to Detroit, Michigan, for the National Association. What a blessing to see the faces of the dear friends in the common faith. Brother Willis was the first pastor with whom I had a service other than the National Association. One young lady was converted in the morning service. From brother Willis I went to Lansing, Michigan, to be with brother Lambert who has an Independent Tabernacle not of our denomination, but he is sending to us \$60.00 a month on missions. The young folk of his church have promised, aside from this, to take the support of a student. Brother Lambert also wants to carry the support of Tio, the mason at the school. While there a young lady made it possible for me to get a hearing aid as a gift to Tio. Tio has a congregation that he pastors each week. It was real joy to see this faithful worker as he tried out the hearing aid. From Lansing I went to Portsmouth, Ohio, there visiting brother White and also contacted Miss Yeley while there. I was greatly impressed with the people in Ohio, and regret that I could not stay longer in that beautiful section of our work. Leaving Ohio I returned to Durham then on to Atlanta for my birthday.

Space will not permit me to finish in the article so I shall continue with an up-to-date report.

T. H. Willey

Three ideas stand out above all others in the influence they have exerted and are destined to exert upon the development of the human race: The idea of the Golden Rule; the idea of natural law; the idea of agelong growth or evolution.—Robert A. Millikan.

North Carolina F. W. B. State Association Meets

Session Held With Shady
Grove Church Considered
One of Best In History
of State Body.

By L. E. Ballard

The North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists held the annual session of the organization at Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, on Wednesday and Thursday, September 17 and 18. In attendance were ministers and delegates from all sections of the State, the representation being as general as has been the case in any State Association of recent years.

Throughout the two days session a splendid spirit and fellowship prevailed. Reports of the various boards and agencies of the Association were made to the state body and showed progress being made by the denomination in every department of the work, both as pertaining to state projects and cooperation with the National Association program. Gratifying reports were made to the association by representatives of the various National Boards and the denominational Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. These reports also indicated progress and good prospects for the future growth of the denomination throughout the world.

Perhaps the outstanding action of the State Association this year was to vote to increase the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, to nine members, making possible a representative on the board from each co-operating district conference and association in the state. The new and enlarged board will take over management of the orphanage at the close of the annual meeting of the old board in October. We do not have the names of the members of the new board, but at least three members of the old board were retained,

thus assuring that the new board will have not only new life but the counsel of experience as well.

The Association closed with a spirit of optimism with respect to the future.

THE STORY OF BISHOP CHEN

The Reverend Bishop Wen Yuen Chen, Ph. D., Bishop of Methodist Church for Chengtu Area and Honorary General Secretary of the National Christian Council of China.

(A living testimony expressed at the International Missionary Council, Whitby, Toronto, Canada, July, 1947.)

I was brought up in a Confucian family. My father was a Confucian scholar. We were a large family of more than 30 members. All of us, parents, children, uncles, aunts and cousins, lived under one roof. My grandmother was the head of our family. At thirteen I entered a Methodist Mission School, the Anglo Chinese College of Foochow. This provided my first contact with a foreigner, with the Bible and with the Church. All of these were often hostile to my thinking, and I became the leader of an opposition student group. It was before the establishment of the Republic of China, and all students in the school wore the then common Chinese queue, or long hair-braid—all except one who wore his hair short. This man was the president of the student Y. M. C. A. and leader of the Student Volunteer group. I was greatly attracted to him and we became roommates with the understanding that he would not talk to me about the Christian faith. This agreement he faithfully kept. About six months later, however, I decided to go with him and his group to conduct a street meeting. A

Chinese man present at the meeting began to berate my friend for not wearing his hair long. He said the fact that he did not do so indicated that the Christian faith which he proclaimed was a foreign religion.

At that point I stepped forward and defended my friend, arguing that the custom of wearing the queue was itself foreign and had been imposed on the Chinese by the Manchus about three hundred years ago. Then I went on, almost without being aware of it, to defend Christianity. A missionary teacher, who was present, asked afterwards whether I meant what I said. That night I did not sleep and was quite miserable. I was brought to a consciousness of my own sin. In our room was a picture of Christ praying in Gethsemane—my room-mate's picture. When the first rays of the morning sun entered the room, they touched that picture and illuminated it for me. I went over and knelt by my friend's bed before that picture, and something there and then happened to me. I told my friend that I had become a Christian. When I went outside, the whole universe seemed wonderfully different, more beautiful. It was a new world, and I was a new creature in it.

As time went on, I had my ups and downs. But God's word became a living, dynamic word to me. It was unlike the word of Confucius or Mencius. I became restless to declare it to my own family and went first to my grandmother and persuaded her to attend a Christian church. She became a Christian at 64. Then she, the oldest member of our family, and I, the youngest, began to win the others. She worked from the top and I from the bottom. And now, not all, but the great majority of my family are Christians.

As regards the communication of God's word based on the above experience, four things seem to me to be deeply significant:

1. God has various ways of communicating His word.

2. A little incident in life may serve as a channel through which God speaks to man.

3. God's word fulfils the sayings of the Chinese sages: "It enriches,

completes, and brings them back to life."

4. God's word had an expulsive power; it also grows and overflows one's life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS MEETING

The Sunday School Mass Meeting met with Kenly Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 27, 1947.

The meeting was opened by congregational singing. Mr. Letha Morris gave the Bible reading and prayer was offered by Rev. E. G. Holland. Mr. Millard Snipes made the welcome address, after which Rev. E. G. Holland responded.

In absence of the president, Mr. M. U. Avery, our vice-president, Mr. Letha Morris presided. He gave a few timely remarks. Rev. F. A. Rivenbark of Wilson gave an inspiring message at 11 o'clock on Sunday School work.

The business was entered by reading minutes of the 1946 meeting. Roll was called and three Sunday Schools represented, Kenly, Holly Spring and Selma.

After a picnic lunch on the church lawn we re-assembled for the afternoon session. We enjoyed the programs from Holly Spring and Kenly Sunday Schools.

The following officers were elected for 1947-48:

President, M. U. Avery.
Vice-President, Letha Morris.
Secretary, Mrs. Paul Creech
Asst. Secretary, R. L. Radford.
Treasurer, Millard Snipes.
Program Committee, Mrs. E. G. Holland.

Publicity Committee, Mrs. Bernard Ferrell.

It was decided to change the date of the Mass Meeting to the last Wednesday in May. An offering was taken for the Orphanage in the amount of \$9.81. It was voted to take \$5.19 from the treasury to make the amount \$15.00.

We were dismissed by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark to meet with Holly Spring next year.

Mrs. Paul Creech, Secretary

In our last Sunday School Mass Meeting held with the F. W. B. Church in Kenly, N. C., which I was not privileged to attend, the question was asked, what is a Mass Meeting or just what is the purpose of a meeting like this, when we have our Sunday School Conventions?

This Mass Meeting dates back farther than I can remember. My understanding and definition to the above question is to get all Protestant denominations in a given district to assemble annually for a day of Christian fellowship, and to discuss our problems, try to agree, or find some hidden talents that are in our young people. Also try by the help of God to erase the ugly word "selfishness" from our Christian ranks.

Yours for a greater unity in Christ.

M. U. Avery, President,
Selma, North Carolina

Revival at Juniper Chapel

This is to announce that the revival meeting will begin at Juniper Chapel on Monday night, October the sixth. This will be after the first Sunday in October. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. We are expecting to have a very good meeting this time with good singing and splendid preaching. Come and be with us for this week of revival services.

Velma G. Morris

I have so much to do today that I cannot get along with less than three hours of prayer.—Martin Luther.

"WANTED"

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HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF

Faith is a strange word. It means confidence, trust, courage. Others may disappoint us as we disappoint them. Dreams of a better world do not all come true. Plans are often wrecked. Instead of the world getting better physically, morally, politically, religiously and truthfully, at times it seems to look grand and get worse.

What is to be done?

We can have faith in ourselves. When you lose that, you have lost all. If we keep it, we cannot fail. Good causes are lost when people do not trust themselves. Many a person loses in life's greatest games because his fears stacks his confidence against his interest. This is all because his faith in himself has become shattered. Self-confidence is power. Others trust us only to the extent that we trust ourselves. We can have about just what the will desires, determines, and possesses.

Desires and purposes determine attainments. If we play the winning trump, faith and self-confidence, more battles will be won. More battles are lost by the "I can't" than by the "know-it alls."

The upward march of the human race is the dramatic story of man conquering his fears. Man won because he proved that he was master. Personal progress is the same. It consists in common men and women using the common tools of life, and performing the common tasks in the too all uncommon way.

True greatness is the discovery of self. It is turning from what we are to what we may be most. People have far more to offer the world than they think they have. If you are a diamond in the rough go on to the finished product. Meet that plain duty that you owe to yourself.

Eld. D. Campbell,
Dell, Arkansas

If ever there was a cause, if ever there can be a cause, worthy to be upheld by all of toil or sacrifice that the human heart can endure, it is the cause of education.—Horace Mann.

Notes and Quotes



By J. C. Griffin

The Sin Question

In a former issue of the Baptist we stated: "We will have more to say on the **Sin question**," and here is a part of that which we promised.

First, I want to say that even Christians look upon sin no longer as did they when I was a boy. And perhaps you may not like to hear the words "When I was a boy." When I was a boy I was told of the danger of sin by Godfearing earthly parents and was admonished to refrain from sinful habits and abuses. But today a great many who pose as Christians look on sin as being just a little error which in the long run will fade out and that we have "A God who is too good to punish sinners for wilfully disobeying His word."

But God cannot look upon sin with any favors. "God is no respecter of persons," (Acts 10:34b). God has said, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), and "the soul that sinneth it shall die." There is no dodging the issue. "Sin belongs to the devil, the enemy of God and, our Lord Jesus Christ. When we yield to sin we displease God. God was displeased with the Israelites whom He brought out of Egypt, not withstanding that God favored them, afterward they were destroyed. Let us see what Paul says: "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness" (I Cor. 10:1-5).

Now let us see what displeased God. It was their idolatry, their fornication, their tempting, their murmurings. These Israelites were just sinful believers in God. They believed in God, but lived in sin, even though God had so wonderfully blessed them. Now they fell. They were "bitten by serpents," because of their sin. See verses 6 to 10 of (I Cor. 10.) Now let us see why God did this. "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are to come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:11, 12).

You know that God says: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isa. 55:8). We are subject to say, "**That is no sin**," just because we want to indulge in some carnal, lustful thing that belongs to the world. Yes we say "That's no Sin when God says **It is a sin**." So we should be careful in our thinking. Anything that carries a question mark, certainly is not pleasing to God. We will have to be judged by what God says and not by what we think.

Sins of Omission

There are sins of omission. The Lord Jesus Christ said for us (His disciples) "to go into all the world" with the gospel. It is a sin, an insulting, displeasing sin, for us to ignore the fact of MISSIONS, both FOREIGN AND HOME. When we ignore the carrying of the Gospel of Christ into all the world. We deliberately and wilfully disobey the command of Christ, even thought it is neglected and in fact is just the sin of omission. But why do I say that it (the sin of omission) becomes a "Wilful sin"? Because we are living in a day when "missions" as set forth by the Lord Jesus are preached from the pulpit and written about in the columns of our church periodicals. Ignorance is no excuse in these days. Paul said, "The time of this ignorance God winked at, but now he commandeth all men every where to repent." (Acts 17:30).

Now since all men are commanded

everywhere to repent, and they know not how to repent, except they are told, and God has placed upon us the responsibility of telling them "how to repent," it is a gross sin for us to fail our Christ in the going, without prayers, and our money, and if called to go in person, we sin if we do not go. But there are so many ways of sinning against God that I shall not have time nor space in one issue of the Baptist to say all that I want to say. If we will search the Scriptures, we will not be continually asking some one, whom we believe knows: "Is it a sin to go to the dance?" "Is it a sin to go to Sunday baseball?" Is it a sin to go to Sunday movies? Or, is it a sin to do this or that?

A Separated Life

God has always demanded a separated life from the world by those who claimed to be His. "Come ye out from among them and be ye separated, saith the Lord. "Touch not nor handle not the unclean" is God's commandment.

To a real Christian sin becomes "exceedingly sinful." A real Child of God does not want to live near a question mark. He wants a clear conscience, backed by the witness of the Holy Spirit. Thus a child of God cannot be happy when he or she is dealing in questionable things. I have never seen a Christian who visited and loved worldly amusements have a real testimony for Jesus. Neither have I ever seen one that followed up all worldly amusements win souls for Jesus. When a man gets all wrapped up in worldliness, he generally loses his interest in his church and those who are lost in sin have no confidence in such church members. The only way for us to have an influence that will reach the unsaved of our community—where we are known is to live a separated life from the world.

What Is the World?

John writes: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes,

and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:15, 16). Notice the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

The lust of the flesh accompanied by the lust of the eyes led David to adultery and made him commit murder. If he had been blind so that he could not have seen Uriah's wife taking her bath he would have been better off. The lust of the eyes make people crazy about certain movies. The lust of the flesh is quickened by the lust of the eyes. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin," God says. Does it make your faith stronger in God to see pictures that create lust? I mentioned the fact in previous Notes that 65 per cent of girls in a certain institution for delinquent girls and young women, said, "Our downfall was directly due to the movies." Did you ever think to pray when you were visiting a movie that shows adultery, or in the taking the life of human beings? Did you ever say "God make me a better Christian" by looking on half clad, or "nude" men and women in pictures? Would you like for Jesus to come in the air and call for His very own and you be sitting looking at an obscene worldly picture produced by men and women who do not care a stray about marriage vows. Well, those pictures that come from Hollywood are produced by ungodly sinners—those who marry, divorce and remarry, and commit crimes against God. Can you say, "Lord, give me more money to give to the lusts of the world and then the pride of life? I know that some people do not like this kind of writing and preaching. But I had rather displease the world than to displease my Christ. And whatsoever is of the world is not of the Father. I want to please the Father. "For the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (I John 2:17). I want to abide for ever.

"When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet" (Prov. 3:24).

OUR DUTY TO OUR CHURCH AND ITS WORK

Do any of us do our duty to our church? No. If we all do our duty to the church, there would be no need for any church to beg money, or sponsor any kind of amusement to raise money.

There are a number of churches that have on a building program now that cannot get the money to complete the work. God made the world and gave it to us, to live on and use. What could we do with it now without Him? He sends the sun and the rains to us, but do we thank him? No, if we did, we would at least pay Him his part.

Then our churches would have the money to carry on their work for the Orphanage and Missions.

Where does our mission work start? It should start at home. There are so many in our country today who go to church in the morning and in the afternoon go to the theatre, beach, or ball games. They go to these places and pay their money to go in and never say a word. But pass the collection plate around in the church, and if they put any money into it it is the smallest they have.

There are enough members in the F. W. B. denomination to send missionaries to all the different fields. They are needed so badly and there are some who have the training and are ready to go. But, our mission fund is not sufficient to send them.

There is more money in circulation now than there has been in a long time. But is it going to the right places? No.

How many of us have bought one of Miss Barnard's books? "His Name Among All Nations." Each family should buy one and read it. It is the best book I have read on mission work. I think if it were read by more of us, the mission fund would soon be sufficient to send more missionaries to the fields that are now ready for the harvest.

Our Church, the Hugo F. W. B., has on a building program. If there are any members that read this, and feel that God has blessed them, and they feel led by Him to help us on

our building, we would appreciate the gift, and we know God will richly bless them. Pray for us, dear readers, as we strive to carry on His work.

The only way to heaven
Is through good deed's and love;
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Who reigns in heaven above.

We hope some day to meet him
In that celestial place;
When we can meet the Saviour
And greet him face to face.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Howard Holt,
Route 1,
Kinston, N. C.

THE COLLEGE HAS GOOD OPENING

We believe you will be interested to know that the sixth term of school has opened with almost capacity enrollment. To be exact we have enrolled to date fifty-six (56) students. Twenty-seven (27) of the students from last year have returned and twenty-nine (29) new ones have enrolled. The entire staff and faculty are very pleased with the student group. They all seem to be very congenial and happy. We believe that a great year is ahead for us. Continue to pray with us to this end.

Yours in Christ,

L. C. Johnson,
President

Announcement

This is to inform all churches that I am available for service if any church or churches should desire my services as pastor for part-time or for full-time work. Also I am open for revival meetings. Please write to me at Robersonville, N. C., Box 301.

Rev. R. C. Alexander

Democracy is that form of government and society which is inspired above every other with the consciousness of the dignity of man.—Thomas Mann.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department



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PROGRAM

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle District meets with Free Union Church, Beaufort County, October 2, 1947.

Theme: EXALTING CHRIST

10:00—Hymn

- Welcome Address, Miss Alice Webster
- Response by Mrs. Alton Reynolds
- Devotions by Mrs. Edwin Roper
- President's Message
- Recognition of Ministers and Visitors
- Minutes and Roll Call
- Special Music by Local Quartet
- Message: "Exalting Christ through our Gifts," by Mrs. Delsie Waters
- Report from Orphanage and Offering
- Appointment of Committees

12:00—Lunch

- 1:00—Devotions by Mrs. L. E. Furlough
- Special Music
- Message: "Exalting Christ through Personal Service," by Mrs. Archie Willoughby
- Vice-President's reports
- Business Period
- Report of Committees
- Report of Treasurer
- Hymn

3:00—Benediction

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, President,
Miss Alice Webster, Secretary

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PROGRAM

of the

PEE DEE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

to be held at

EMERSON CHURCH

on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1947

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Theme: "Exalt Ye the Lord"

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Saturday Morning

- 10:00—Devotions by Rev. H. C. Adcox
- 10:20—Welcome by Mrs. A. L. Duncan

- Response by Mrs. George Suggs
- Remarks by President
- Roll call of auxiliaries
- Report of first, second and third vice-presidents
- Exalting Christ Through Our Youth by Mrs. Katy McPherson
- Special Music
- Appointing Committees
- Congregational Singing
- 11:30—Convention Message, to be supplied
- 12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:15—Devotion by Mrs. Iva McPherson
- Orphanage report by Rev. J. A. Evans
- Exalting Christ through our Daily Life by Mrs. W. L. Jernigan
- Report of fourth, fifth and sixth vice-presidents and field worker
- Special Music
- Exalting Christ Daily through Vacation Bible School by Mrs. J. E. Prockter
- Report of Committee
- Business Session
- 3:00—Adjournment

Mrs. H. C. Adcox, President,
Mrs. Louise Butler, Secretary

FANATICISM

There are some religious fanatics going about over the country, teaching false doctrines, and stirring up strife among some churches. They claim that some other faiths are wrong and that theirs is the only one that is right. They ridicule church members, make light of certain church practices, and then hold themselves up as the right way, and the only way.

Etta E. Shaw said, "Fanaticism is generally the offspring of ignorance and spiritual pride." Some of these fanatics claim to be able to handle venomous snakes and to drink deadly poison without receiving any harm to their bodies. They demonstrate, in the name of religion, such things to draw great crowds, and to excite the feelings of the people. But

we wonder if they have any success in really converting the lost to Christ.

"Religious effort that is not prompted by divine love is dangerous, and either formal or fanatical."—Rev. S. B. Shaw. Fanaticism is most often found among eccentric people who are different from the average person, and who glories in either their extra intelligence or their ability to do odd and strange things.—The Time-Table.

ALONE

It is human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone. It is manlike to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is Godlike to follow a principle, to stem the tide.

It is natural to compromise conscience and follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

"No man stood with me, but all men forsook me," wrote the battle-scarred apostle in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer for his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world.

Truth has been out of fashion since man changed his robe of fadeless light for one of faded leaves.

Noah built and voyaged alone. His neighbors laughed at his strangeness and perished in style.

Abraham wandered and worshiped alone. Sodomites smiled at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion, and fed the flames.

Daniel dined and prayed alone. Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied and wept alone. Jesus loved and died alone.

—Christian Witness

Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.—Horace Mann.

When love and skill work together expect a masterpiece.—John Ruskin.

He profits most who serves God and mankind.

PORTSMOUTH NEEDS HELP!

The new church in Portsmouth, Virginia, consisting of 37 members, with Brother H. Edgar Harden who is their pastor, greatly desire the prayers, interest and financial assistance of the sister churches in North Carolina to help them to move along in a good way until they can become self-supporting.

Their weekly obligation for the Hall in which they hold services is \$7.50 per week, besides incidental expenses. Their pastor has to be paid a reasonable weekly salary so that he can give full time to the work, and the small membership consisting of people of small incomes are not able to meet these weekly obligations of the church.

The pastor and these good church people are desirous of the help of the sister churches in eastern North Carolina. If each church will raise a special donation right away for the Portsmouth Church, and mail the donation to the pastor of that church, it will be a great blessing. They will appreciate it, and if given in the name of Christ, God will bless everyone who will give to this worthy and needy cause. If a goodly number of churches will do this, the Portsmouth Church will be enabled to move forward for the cause of Christ in that city where there has never before been a Free Will Baptist Church established.

In writing to the Galatian brethren, the Apostle Paul exhorted them in these words: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). Sister churches, give the Portsmouth Church your support while they are needing help, for the Lord has promised to bless the cheerful giver.—Editor.

Millions of men never achieve great success, but they can live useful lives.

Vice can never thrive in a man determined to live a virtuous life.

WITH ME ABIDE

Abide with me, my Father above,
Protect me with thy blessed love;
Lead me, Oh, my Father, along the way,
Lest I should weaken and stray.

Hold me by my feeble hand,
Lead me to thy Holy Land;
Where the blessed angels sing,
No pain or sorrows ever ring.

Abide with me, Oh, my Saviour dear,
Help me to overcome this land of fear;

Guide me o'er this sinful world
And keep me as when a little girl.

Abide with me, my Father dear,
Keep me close to thy precious side;
When my work here on earth is done,
Oh, Father, give me a heavenly home.

Doris Gillikin,
Edwards, N. C.

"TIME OUT"

When a football player is knocked out on the ball field in a game, the cry goes up "Time out." For a moment or two the game is stopped, but as soon as a substitute is placed, the game goes on.

When the Devil has done his worst to a sinful wretch, the fellow is all down and out—knocked out. But when God gets hold of him and raises him up and cleans him up, then he is ready to take some "Time out" for God and righteousness. He can find time to go to Sunday School. He will attend the church services; he will give to the poor and needy; and he will find some way to be a blessing to his church and community. Regardless as to how busy he may be at his vocation, he will find the time to serve the Lord.—Time.

It is often more profitable to miss a train than to miss an opportunity.

Strong characters are not made in a day; they grow like oak trees.

Crosses are borne best with Christian fortitude.

SOMETHING TO DO

Tell which of the following were like Joseph. That is, were ready to forgive others who did wrong to them.

1. Janice broke the eyes out of Mary's doll when they were playing. Mary felt so bad she wanted to cry, but Janice said she was sorry and Mary answered, "I know you didn't mean to. Maybe Daddy can fix them."

2. Larry put his foot out and tripped Jim in Sunday school. When they got outside, Jim hit Larry to get even.

3. Jack snatched Jim's hat and threw it on the ground. Jim got it back and went on home but didn't say anything mean to Jack. Next time he saw Jack he was friendly to him. Jack felt ashamed.

4. Kenny didn't play games fair. Jerry tried to keep him out of the games and slapped him, but Eddie said, "Let him play, but we'll make him play fair."

5. Judy knocked the ball out of Bud's hand when they were playing. Bud slapped her and wouldn't play with her after that.

6. Dottie pulled Nancy's hair so Nancy cried and ran in the house. When Nancy came out, she smiled and handed Dottie a cookie. Dottie felt very ashamed.

GUESS MY NAME

1. My wife and I sold a possession, and brought part of the money to the apostles, and told them it was all.

2. I died because of the lie I told.

3. Later my wife also died for telling a lie.

What is my name? (Answer next week.)

Last week's name was Felix. References: Acts 23:24; 24:10; 24:25.

To-day, Not To-Morrow

HELEN J. McDOWELL

To-day the sun is shining
So lovely, bright and clear;
But what about to-morrow
With all its dread and fear.

To-morrow is elusive,
For when your hand would stay,
To-morrow as it dawneth,
Behold it is to-day.

My friend there's no to-morrow:
To-day is all your own:
Enjoy it, don't destroy it
With tear and sigh and groan.

For now's the blessed moment
The Master's work to do:
To-day is yours, to-morrow
May be too late for you.

—Publisher Unknown



THE BETTER REVELATION

(Lesson for October 5)

Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:1-3; 8:6-11.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Jesus saith * * He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9).

These words of the Saviour attest the basic doctrine of Christianity, which is the Deity of Jesus. If a man said to you, "He that has seen me has seen the president of the United States" you would understand his claim without further words from him. You would probably reply, "Oh, yes? When did you get elected?" Thus when Jesus said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" no reasoning intelligence can miss His meaning. He did identify Himself as God, and thus claimed Deity. And more than that, **He proved His claim.** He exercised power over every force of nature, and showed Himself to be sovereign over the physical creation. Even death could not touch Him until He gave permission, and he robbed the dread enemy of his prey again and again. Thus He supported His oral claims with factual demonstrations, the Record of which occupies a large proportion of the historical volume called the four Gospels.

The purpose of the present inquiry now is to ascertain what God is like, as He is seen in Jesus Christ. The question can be answered shortly by saying that the revelation about God made through Moses and the Prophets was accredited, illustrated, and made certain by the nature, life, conduct, works and words of Jesus Christ. All the attributes of the God-head resided in Jesus in His earthly life, and He was just what the Old Testament declared God to be. And

as we see God set forth in Jesus, we realize that He is just the God we desire and need!—Selected.

II. Heart of the Lesson

1. **"But We See Jesus."** There are differences of opinion respecting the authorship of Hebrews. The weight of evidence favors Paul, though some think Luke, Barnabas, Apollos or Clemens of Rome may have penned the immortal document.

Paul was so hated by Talmudists, that additional pressure might have been brought against the followers of Christ had his name been openly associated with the book. One of its purposes was to strengthen early Christians during a period of great danger.

Believers were in those days held to scorn, despised and persecuted. They had no civil rights. By meditating upon Christ, their pain was lessened. The writer of the book helped them to more clearly realize their standing as Christians. They were rich in eternal values. The Epistle so indicated! This fact encouraged them.

2. **"Being Made So Much Better."** The key word in the book of Hebrews is "better." Better covenant, better sacrifice, better promises, better hope, better resurrection, better country.

The prophets were great, but Christ is greater. The angels are high, but Christ is higher. The sacrifices of the Old Testament were good, but the sacrifice of Christ is better. The Old Testament covenant was good, but the New Testament covenant is better.

Many Jews had accepted Christ. There was a tendency among them to cling to the discarded tenets of Judaism. They needed to understand that the old had been completely replaced by the new.

The writer therefore penned the message in the form of contrasts to demonstrate that Judaism was ended. Its fate was like that of the fig tree which the Lord had previously cursed root, limb and leaf. The only value of the old covenant was to foreshadow the new.

3. "God Hath Spoken Unto Us."

The writer delineates the character of Christ from eternity, through incarnation and into the consummation of all things. He is shown as:

(1) Creator of worlds. (2) The brightness of God's glory and express image of His person. (3) Sustainer of creation, upholding all things by the word of His power. (4) Become for a time "a little lower than the angels," stooping to human levels. (5) Suffered vicariously on the Cross. (6) Rose with honor and glory. (7) Is the Captain of our salvation.

It is unsafe to ignore or reject this plan which originated in the mind and purpose of God. **"How Shall We Escape If We Neglect?"** — Defender Magazine.

In a fashionable home a young lady was dying. The mother's heart was almost broken, and at last she cried out, "O God, save my child!" The daughter turned to her and said, "Too late, Mother. It is too late now! Your only ambition for me was that I would shine in society, would make my place there. You never sent me to Sunday School, nor did you read the Bible to me. You never bowed your knees in prayer for me. Too late to call upon God now, Mother!" And with these awful words ringing in her ears the mother watched her daughter pass from time into eternity—without the Saviour!

(Note: We feel sure our quarterlies will have all the helps you need on this important lesson. Also, everyone ought to read the entire Book of Hebrews this month.)

Announcement

I have been authorized by Union Chapel in Beaufort County to announce in the Baptist paper that the church granted Brother Elbert Edwards, a member of this church, license to preach the gospel.

Sincerely yours,
J. G. Warren, Church Clerk

A gentleman never swears; he has a better vocabulary.

FIFTH EASTERN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The convention convened with Bethel Church on Fifth Sunday in August in Pamlico County, North Carolina. The morning devotions were conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. Roy Miller, and the welcome address was delivered by Brother C. J. Hines, the president of the convention. He expressed his appreciation for the splendid support and generous co-operation which is being shown to the convention by the different Sunday Schools.

The following Sunday Schools were represented in this convention: Antioch, Bridgeton, British Chapel, Ephesus, Spring Hope, St. Mary's, Oak Grove, Juniper Chapel, Gethsemane, Warden's Grove, Mt. Zion, Trent, Sts. Delight, Rock of Zion, Moseley's Creek, Union Chapel, Dublin Grove, Ruth's Chapel, Wintergreen, Core Creek and Bethel. There were 21 schools present with a contribution to the amount of \$55.50.

The registration report reads as follows: 10 superintendents, 6 secretaries and treasurers, 20 teachers, 26 delegates, 400 members, and many visitors. The Finance Committee members were as follows: Mrs. Sadie Rice, Mr. J. T. Oliver, and Mr. William Stilly. By special approval of the convention, the Finance Committee appropriated the amount of \$50 for the children at the Middlesex Orphanage.

At the noon hour a large old-fashioned Union Dinner was served on the church grounds. It was a feast of brotherly love which was enjoyed by all present.

The afternoon session was filled with programs which were rendered by the various Sunday Schools. Those who presented programs were as follows: Bethel, Juniper Chapel, Spring Hope, Wintergreen, and special singing was rendered by the Gospel Quartet. Brother Alec Price was the music leader. The following ministers were present: Rev. Roy Miller, Calvin Bennett, Randall Bennett, B. F. Ringgold, W. H. Willis and Elmo Harper.

The convention banner was awarded to Wintergreen Sunday School for having the largest representation, and travelling the most miles. The convention extended a rising vote of thanks to the Bethel Church for their wonderful hospitality shown to this meeting. Following this vote of thanks, the convention proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year. They are as follows: C. J. Hines, president; W. H. Willis, vice-president; Earl Hansen, secretary; Whitford Gaskins, reading clerk; and John Mills, treasurer.

The next convention will be held on the fifth Sunday in November at Union Chapel which is located on the Washington highway, near Chocowinity. The people of Union Chapel are indeed happy to have the convention, and welcome all the Sunday Schools to be present for this next convention. There will be a banner presented to the school having shown the most interest and having made the most progress during the year's Sunday School work. A new and special program is being arranged for this convention.

God has so wonderfully blessed this Sunday School convention that it is our prayer that this work will continue to grow in Christian fellowship and brotherly love. We are depending upon you Sunday School people to have a splendid part in this work, and with your support it will be our largest Sunday School convention when it meets on the fifth Sunday in November with Union Chapel.

C. J. Hines, President,
Earl Hansen, Secretary

Attention, Secretaries! Albemarle District

Please send to me the reports of your vice-presidents so that I may be able to have my report ready for the district vice-president at our Auxiliary meeting which is to be held at Free Union Church on October 2, 1947.

Miss Alice Webster,
Secretary of Albemarle
Auxiliary Convention

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CRAGMONT STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

Dear Stockholders:

In the By-Laws of Cragmont, article 1, section 2, I find that the "President may call a special session for cases of emergencies."

I deem it necessary to declare that an emergency session is called to meet in the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 A. M. on October 3, 1947. You are urged to be present for this important meeting to hear the report of a committee named by the Board of Directors to launch a campaign to raise the indebtedness before January 1, 1948. Also a report of a special committee on constitutional amendments and one in particular to provide for an executive director.

The group will be served dinner in a body at about 1:00 P. M. Please make note of this date on your calendar so that you will not forget it as it is very, very important to the on-going of our Assembly.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Evans,
President

EPISTLES OF CHRIST

The Spirit of God is writing
His letters of love to men,
In hearts that are wholly yielded,
In souls that are born again.

"Epistles of Christ," so surely
Sent forth with power from above,
To souls that are lost in darkness,
To tell of a Saviour's love.

The world will not read His Bible,
Your life it will surely heed;
Let Jesus indwell your being
And speak in your every deed.

Oh, ye who are trusting Jesus,
Redeemed at infinite cost,
Are you showing Christ to others,
And seeking to win the lost?

—Bessie Patten Gilmore, in
The Alliance Weekly

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

JACK'S NEW MEMBER

"Will you go to Sunday School with me next Sunday?" asked Jack, as he and Ned walked home from school on Friday afternoon.

"I wish you wouldn't ask me to go," answered Ned. "You know my father does not care about going to church."

"You may go with me in my father's car," offered Jack. "I want you to go very much. My teacher wants each member of our class to bring a new member. You are the only boy my age in our neighborhood who does not go to Sunday School."

"I don't know whether I would like it or not," said Ned. "I never have gone to Sunday School or to church."

"You will like our class, I know," answered Jack. "Please ask your father to let you go."

That evening Jack said to his father, "I want Ned to go to Sunday School with me. He says his father does not care for church. Will you ask Mr. Nelson to let Ned go with us?"

"Certainly, Jack," promised the father. "I have wanted Mr. Nelson to go with me for a long time. He would never go with me, but I see no reason why Ned cannot go."

Jack's father telephoned Mr. Nelson immediately and Mr. Nelson consented for Ned to go with Jack.

On the way to Sunday School the next Sunday, Ned asked: "Why do people go to Sunday School and church? I know that most people go, but I don't know why."

"Church is a place where people go to worship God," explained Jack's father. "By going to church we let others know that we are interested in knowing more about our Heavenly Father."

"And in our Sunday School class we study about Jesus," added Jack. "Our teacher tells us lots of things about Him."

"Do you just sit still all the time?" asked Ned.

"We do things," said Jack, "as well as learn things."

"The first thing you want to learn," Jack's father said, "is that the church building is a place of worship. You will want to be still when you are thinking about God."

"It's funny my father never talks to me as you do," commented Ned. "I wonder why he doesn't go to church?"

"I have asked him to go lots of times," Jack's father stated. "Now that you are going, it may be that he will become interested."

"I wish he would," Ned said, "for it seems like people are happier when they go to church on Sunday."

As they entered the boys' classroom, Jack was glad he had a new member. The other boys in the class and their teacher heartily welcomed Ned.

"Will it count if I bring my father?" Ned wanted to know.

"It won't count in our class, Ned," the teacher told him, "but it will count in another class, and you will be helping."

"I'm going to try my best to bring him," declared Ned, "and I believe he will come with me. Why! the church is a wonderful place! Father will want to come here and worship, I am sure."

"And when he comes he will want to bring others just as you do," replied the teacher. "Jack brought you, and you will bring your father. He, in turn, will want to bring someone with him. That is the way our church grows."

When Ned returned home after church, he told in detail everything that had happened.

If you will go only once, Father," insisted Ned, "you will want to go all the time; and you will want to take your friends, too."

"Your joy is catching, Son," laughed Mr. Nelson. "I promise now to go with you next Sunday."

"Oh, I am so glad you are going to church," breathed Ned. "Now we shall be like other people."

If you could have seen the expression on Mr. Nelson's face, you would have known that he was sorry he had not been going to church all of his life.—Storytime.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3).

Opportunity

"To-day comes but once, and never returns. We fancy that it will come again tomorrow, but it does not, for it is gone with its inexhaustible privileges and responsibilities."—Tongues of Fire.

Some people fail to see opportunities when they come their way, and thus they are not profited with what those opportunities might have brought to them if they had seen the good that might have been derived from the use of them. There are other people who readily see their opportunities when they come their way. And they take hold of them immediately and get gain from the use of them. They are alert and active for changes and improvements in life. They are not afraid of work when they see profits can be realized from the use of their opportunities.

But those who see the opportunities that come their way but wait until later to make use of them rarely ever are benefited by them. They procrastinate and lose what might have been great blessings to them. They fail to act at the right time or in the right way, and thus are the losers for their negligence to attend to their duties when they should have used their time and talents in the right way. Each day brings opportunities to most people, and it is the duty of everyone to make use of the golden opportunities which God gives to them.—Digest.

The manner in which one single ray of light, one single precious hint, will clarify and energize the whole mental life of him who receives it, is among the most wonderful and heavenly of intellectual phenomena.—Arnold Bennett.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

CATON. Brother T. D. Caton died at his home in Ayden, North Carolina, Friday, June 27, 1947, following a brief but severe heart attack.

He was a native of Beaufort County, born near Aurora, North Carolina, in 1833. He was the son born of J. T. and Betty Parbara Caton. In 1913 he was married to Miss Laura Tuten, also of Beaufort County. To them were born a daughter and two sons. The daughter preceded him to heaven in 1921, and the sons are Osborne Caton of Elkin, North Carolina, and Odell Caton of Ayden, North Carolina.

Brother Caton united with White Hill F. W. B. Church while he was a young man, and at the time of his death he was a devout member of the Ayden F. W. B. Church, having served for 22 years as Secretary and Treasurer of this church.

He was an enthusiastic member of the Ayden Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club and the Junior Order. Brother Caton is greatly missed by his business associates, and the entire people of the town, but most especially by his church people who loved him and who were loved by him. He was a true Christian, a beloved husband, and a devoted Father, and his Christian influence will long abide in the town of Ayden.

Having crossed the ridge,
Where none are sick, poor or alone,
This place he has
We, too, shall soon call Home.

—Written by his pastor,
Rev. J. P. Woodard

REMEMBRANCE OF HUSBAND

He died on the twenty-third day of September, and oh how I still miss him. The day I lost him my heart was broken and my eyes were filled with tears. He was loving and true to his home and also to his church. He served the Lord faithfully and he was such a wonderful man.

He had been faithful and true all these years that we lived together, and I loved him with all my heart. His memory is like a guiding light to me and from it I will never part. I loved to work with him and to stay close by his side. No matter what I asked of him I never was denied. Oh, I do miss him so much, but some day I hope to meet him in the land so bright and fair.

—Written by his wife,
Mrs. Ralph Parker, Newton, Ga.

Report National Foreign Mission Treasurer

Receipts during the month of August, 1947

Montie Irby, Comanche, Texas --\$	20.00
Union F. W. B. Sunday School of Tennessee -----	5.00
Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan -----	120.00
Lansing Gospel Tabernacle, Lansing, Michigan -----	120.00
Illinois Auxiliary Convention ----	27.21
Harris Memorial Auxiliary, Greenville, Tennessee -----	50.00
Shawnee, Okla., First Church ----	5.77
New Light Church of Georgia ----	8.70
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Daily Vacation Bible School, Bethlehem Church of Tennessee -----	8.00
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Corinth S. S. of Georgia -----	27.00
Clayton Texas Church -----	8.80
Auxiliary and Bible School, Midway Church of Tennessee ----	13.00
Oaklawn Vacation Bible School of Tennessee -----	8.00
Rev. J. R. Davidson, Nashville, Tennessee -----	2.00
Flood's Chapel S. S. of N. C. ----	4.17
W. J. Gibbs, Pamplico, S. C. ----	25.00
South Carolina S. S. Convention --	80.00
Vacation Bible School, Bethany Church of South Carolina -----	10.00
Eastern Union of Eastern Conference of South Carolina ----	100.00
Opie Hargrave, Mountain Home, Arkansas -----	7.00
An unnamed brother in Arkansas--	1.00
Missouri State Association, by Marie Hyatt, Treas. -----	583.69
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treas. -----	386.60

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For Dormitory Building in Cuba

Highland Park League of Highland Park, Michigan -----	100.00
Leeds Church, Leeds, Ala. -----	27.50
National Auxiliary Convention --	86.00
Hazel Park League, Hazel Park, Michigan -----	30.00
Central Western Missouri Ass'n., by Marie Hyatt, Missouri State Treasurer -----	150.00

For Support of Students in Cuban School

Hazel Park League, Hazel Park, Michigan -----	15.00
Intermediate S. S. Class, Mt. Elon Church of S. C. -----	15.00

To Apply on the New Church Building on the School Farm in Cuba

State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treas. -----	100.00
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For India Missions Direct

State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treas. -----	25.00
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Total -----	\$2,287.55
Brought forward -----	2,806.96

Grand Total -----	\$5,094.51
Disbursements -----	2,206.51

Balance in treasury Sept. 1, 1947 \$2,887.89
WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS BY STATES DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1947

Brought forward from July ----	\$2,806.96
Received during August by states as follows:	
Missouri -----	\$ 733.69
North Carolina -----	516.77
Michigan -----	385.00
South Carolina -----	230.00
Tennessee -----	117.00
Texas -----	78.91
Oklahoma -----	40.77
Georgia -----	35.70
Alabama -----	27.50
Illinois -----	27.21
Arkansas -----	8.00
Kentucky -----	1.00
Nat. Aux. Convention -----	86.00

Total -----	2,237.55
Disbursements during August --	2,206.62
Grand Total -----	\$5,094.51

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Eastern Conference Take Note

All licensed preachers, who are in line to take the examination for ordination in the Eastern Conference of North Carolina, will please meet the undersigned at Kinston, North Carolina, at the Court House, on October 15, 1947, at ten o'clock A. M.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon

The self-seeker seldom finds himself.

A LITTLE SEED

One day I saw a seed of God
Planted deep in a lonely heart.
It worked and toiled from day to day,
It worked so hard to get a start.
The Devil tried each moment in life
To fight the seed with evil and strife,
But the little seed kept working hard
To multiply its will of God.
The Devil would run around so sly—
"Now, little seed, you're going to die."

"Just follow me, I'll make you gay.
I'll give you riches all your days."
The little seed was sometime very sad,
The Devil winked his eye, Oh how glad.
But the little seed kept toiling on.
"My life is pain, sometime I moan."
But the Devil thought his mansion high,
"Now, little seed, see how great am I."

The seed was always wide awake—
The road to God would always take.

One day God picked up the little seed
And said, "I see your work is of good deeds."

I'll help you all along your way
To fight the Devil every day."
God walked with the little seed
Oh how they fought the Devil's deeds.
They threw down his mansions he thought on high
And how the Devil did weep and sigh.
They chained the Devil with all his gang
And the seed toiled on for the heavenly prize.

The seed worked hard for eternal life,
The Devil's band was thrust out in the fiery lake
To weep and moan but too late
But the little seed did multiply
For the will of God was by his side.
It saw a mansion, the heavenly throne
Which God built for the seed and Him alone.
The little seed was happy at last
For the road to God had been his glorious past.

Mrs. Walter W. Buck

Drudgery is as necessary to call out
the treasures of the mind as harrowing
and planting those of the earth.
—Margaret Fuller.

Announcement

This is to state that I have been licensed to preach the gospel by the Moseley Creek Free Will Baptist Church, and that I shall be available to hold services, conduct prayer meetings, and to do personal work if wanted by any church, or community.

The Reverend J. R. Bennett is pastor of this church, and anyone desiring to know something about me, may get in touch with Brother Bennett.

Rev. W. H. Willis,
Dover, N. C., Route 1

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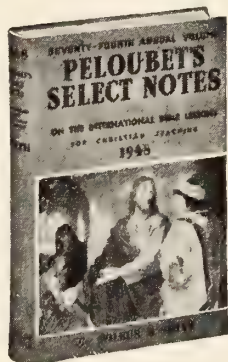
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A thousand years have come and gone,
And near a thousand more,
Since happier light from heaven shone
Than ever shone before,
And in the hearts of old and young
A joy most joyful stirred,
That sent such news from tongue to tongue
As ears had never heard.

And we are glad, and we will sing,
As in the days of yore;
Come all, and hearts made ready bring,
To welcome back once more
The day when first on wintry earth
A summer change began,
And, dawning in a lowly birth,
Uprose the Light of man.

—Thomas T. Lynch.

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Editorial

THE SAID L. V. DAVIS NOT A FREE WILL BAPTIST

A great many of the laity of our church in North Carolina are grievously shocked, much less than to mention the grave embarrassment now being suffered by our ministers, over the bold publicity which the News and Observer (a local newspaper published in Raleigh) has recently given to the Reverend L. V. Davis' alleged crime. The aforesaid newspaper stated that this, the Reverend L. V. Davis, is a Free Will Baptist minister, and that he was the superintendent of the Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Dunn, North Carolina.

The truth is, the aforesaid L. V. Davis is not a minister of the Free Will Baptist Church, nor is the Dunn Orphanage a Free Will Baptist Orphanage of the Free Will Baptist Church. The said Davis is a Free Will Holiness preacher, and not a Free Will Baptist minister of the Free Will Baptist Church. He has never been connected with our church, nor has he ever been a member of our Ministers Conference. His name is not on our church records. The orphanage at Dunn is the property of the Free Will Holiness Church, and not the property of the Free Will Baptist Church. Our orphanage is located at Middlesex, North Carolina. Moreover, in the article on page seven of the News and Observer for Wednesday, September 24, Hoover Adams, their reporter, said, "The warrant for his (the said Rev. L. V. Davis') arrest was signed by the Rev. C. A. Jackson, chairman of the orphanage board," meaning the Board of the Dunn Free Will Holiness Orphanage. The fact is, the Reverend C. A. Jackson is not a member of our Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, nor is he a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Furthermore, our church people of the State, and our ministry in general feel keenly the stigma, the damaging censure, and great remorse of our good name which the News and Observer has reflected upon our church in the State by publishing the Reverend L. V. Davis' alleged crime before the public by stating that he is a Free Will Baptist minister.

In view of these facts, and since our church people are suffering such grave embarrassment caused by the aforesaid publicity by the News and Observer, we feel that the News and Observer is due the Free Will Baptist Church a public apology for making this grave error, and that the editor of the aforesaid newspaper should gladly agree to be more careful in the future in publicising the mistakes and misdeeds of the ministers, or even of the laity, of any denomination, in the name of the Free Will Baptist.

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EAST ROCKINGHAM CHURCH ON THE ALERT

The Free Will Baptist Church of East Rockingham is certainly on the alert when it comes to evangelizing for the cause of Christ. In a bit of news which has come

to our desk from that section of North Carolina, these words were written:

"We have had four revivals this year. The first one was in March, conducted by Rev. J. J. Brooks. We paid him \$156.00. The second one was in June. The Rev. J. J. Brooks preached six nights and we paid him \$86.00. The third one was in June, conducted by Rev. Roy Rikard. We paid him \$137.00. The fourth one was in August, conducted by Rev. W. L. Jernigan, and we gave him \$100.00.

"It may be of interest to the church to know that not **one cent** of this money was taken out of the church treasury."

That is a good financial report of the liberality of the people but we would have been glad if the news had contained something of the spiritual results of these four revivals in that church for this year. One might surmise, however, that the church and community were greatly moved toward God, and that many souls were won for the Lord. We observed that the different organizations of the church are moving forward in a splendid way under the efficient leadership of their pastor, the Reverend Walter Carter.

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A VISIT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association, paid the Press a visit a few days ago. He seemed to be very jovial and deeply concerned about the denominational work. He said that things are moving forward in a good way, nationally speaking, but that a great deal more must be done toward advancing the cause of Christ by our church people.

Brother Crawford spent several days in North Carolina in the interest of the National Program. He told us that the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, made a good start this season, and that quite a number of new students are filing applications for entrance in the school. One great difficulty is the lack of adequate rooming quarters for all of the students who want to attend the Bible College.

As a matter of fact, more room will be needed by another year, and buildings will have to be erected, or the denomination will have to suffer the loss of quite a number of prospective young men and young women who are looking forward to taking training there next year. In view of this most splendid outlook, the churches and pastors of the denomination should get busy during the fall and winter months, and raise large sums of money for the college expansion program, as well as for the increased maintenance fund. Our church people are financially able to give liberally to the cause of Christian education, and the need is so great for trained ministers, evangelists, and local workers of the church that it has become necessary for everyone to rally to the support of this most worthy cause of our denomination.

Is Your Influence Upon Children Good or Bad?

Miss Mattie Mae Beacham
Arapahoe, N. C.

What kind of influence do we have on others? Is it good or is it bad?

I wish to relate two incidents which occurred in my life, when I was a child, that made a deep impression on me. God used them to save my soul in later years, and I am trusting that He will use them for His glory, and that others will be helped. It is my hope that they may cause others to live more like the blessed Master.

First, I was reared in a Christian home, for God blessed me with Christian parents who loved the Lord. They taught me to love God while I was very young, and to pray and love God's holy Word. When I was almost eight years old, a dear missionary woman came to our village to hold a revival. My parents and I attended the meeting regularly, and the dear missionary woman made a deep impression upon my mind. When she spoke she spoke with power, and her countenance glowed with happiness, for God glorified Himself in her countenance. She was really wonderful as she told of the love of God for a lost world. I fell in love with her the first time I met her.

My little heart was hungry and I wanted to possess the joy and happiness of God's love so that I might have my face glow with His wonderful light. When this missionary woman prayed, her prayer came forth with such wonderful power, and it was a glorious meeting which she had in our community. Very naturally, we invited her into our home, and I'll never forget what a good time we had together. And before she left, she had prayer with us, asking God that I might grow up into a consecrated woman. At that very moment, it did seem that God was very near to me.

Furthermore, I shall never forget how loving she was to those who accepted Christ as their Lord and Master. Oh, how tenderly she did plead

with the lost! Before she left, we purchased one of her books about her life, and later when I grew older I read it. The meeting closed and years have passed but still in my memory there remained the sweet face of my dear Missionary friend with the happy glowing look on her face. My heart's desire was that I might grow up to be just like her, and to know her Christ as she knew Him. My home was a happy place in which to live, and the influence of my dear parents was very sweet and helpful to me.

At the age of fourteen, I accepted Christ, and I had rather have Jesus as my personal Friend than anything the world affords today.

Second, Do you love the children? Are their souls precious in your sight? Jesus loved them and He loves them still. He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." Oh, let us beware, lest we make a bad impression upon them. Some little child may admire you. He may say, "I want to be like that woman or man." Are we glorifying the Master in our daily living? What about our conversation before them? Do we criticise others, or do we, instead, say something good about them? Oh, may our lives be so consecrated to God! May our communion with our Lord be so close as to enable us to set right examples before the children living about us. May we be living so near our Lord that our faces will shine with his glory.

May we ask this question: Do the little children see Jesus in your life, as I saw Him in my parents' lives, and also in the life of my dear missionary friend? Do the little children love to be near you because you are happy in His love?

Then, there is another incident which still lingers in my memory. One of my Sunday School teachers was a very consecrated woman. I loved her dearly, for she taught me many things about Christ. She later

became my public school teacher, and she lived what she taught. Her life made a deep impression on my mind, deeper than she knew. Each morning she held devotions at school before she began the classes, and often during the day she would refer to Solomon's wonderful writings, encouraging us children to be diligent in our work.

It was during this time that she met with great bereavement, for she lost her husband, but I'll never forget the calmness, the sweet assurance that she possessed even though she was in deep grief. She manifested complete submission to God's holy will. All true Christians are just like that, for God upholds them with his comforting influence in time of any trouble.

May our lives be living testimonies to others is my prayer.

LIQUOR, OPIUM, WHICH IS WORSE?

Most people, even the wets, cry out against opium and other such habit forming drugs, and insist on prohibition laws against their sale. But bad as the use of such drugs are, yet the sale of beverage alcoholic liquor causes infinitely more harm to more people than does the sale of opium, etc.

In their book on "Copper Camp," writers of the WPA present an interesting story of Chinese Yung Lee's defense of his opium business in old Butte, Montana. Defending himself before a police judge, he said:

"Yung Lee sells dleams—velly nice dleams—if China boy or 'Melican boy or girl want have nicec, pletty dleams—Yung Lee, he fix 'em up. They pay Yung Lee money, he bling 'em one-two-hour dleam — pletty dleams—no disturbance—no botha anybody—just lay down—sleep—dleam. Much bettah than spend money for Ilish whisky and want to kill evlybody. Much blettah dleam—no hurt anybody!"

A LITTLE WHILE

E. Schuyler English

(Condensed from "Our Hope")

About twenty times in the Bible the phrase "a little while" appears. Wherever it is found it points to some event which is near at hand, and through which there will be either disaster or blessing brought upon the recipients of the particular promise there made. Those who will be affected in "a little while" are variously the wicked, or Israel as a nation, or the Church of Christ. Let us examine a few of these passages.

First of all, how is the world that rejects God and His Word to be affected in "a little while"? According to Job, the wicked may seem to prosper for a season, but it is a short time at best. "They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn." (Job 24:24). In the words of the Psalmist, this apparent prosperity can be but for a short period, for something else will come upon them: "For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be" (Ps. 37:10). Judgment will come, then, upon the wicked, in "a little while."

The Gentile world-powers, too, will finally meet their doom, for God's Word says so; but not until apostate Christendom, the Church that professes a name that it rejects and dishonors, falls before the judgment of the Almighty. The Prophet Jeremiah was inspired to write of Babylon's fall, and it seems clear that his prophecy, while pointing to the Babylon of his own day, reached out to that other Babylon, the spiritual and apostate city of the end times. "For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing-floor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come . . . And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons . . . and an hissing, without an inhabitant" (Jer. 51:33,37). And it would seem

that it will be but "a little while" until there shall be heard this cry: "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean . . . bird" (Rev. 18:2). This will be the end of apostate Christendom. And the nations as well, in all their power and pride, will fall in "a little while," according to another of the prophets: "For thus saith the Lord of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations" (Hag. 2:6-7).

In relation to His people, Israel, God made known that certain things were to have a duration of but a short time, or were to come to pass ere long. A day is coming, for example, when Israel will cry out because, through disobedience, they lost the tribes of their inheritance, and they will ask for their restoration: "The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while; our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary" (Isa. 63:18). And although the Lord said to Hosea that He would "in a little while . . . cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel" (Hos. 1:4), yet His anger will not always be turned against His people, for He has promised in His mighty grace that "yet in a very little while . . . the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction" (Isa. 10:25). And still more wonderful His mercy! For in a coming day the nation Israel will be restored to her land in great fullness of blessing. "Is it not a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?" (Isa. 29:17). In that glorious day Israel will sanctify the Name of the Lord.

When the Lord Jesus was here on earth, He said, "Yet a little while am I with you" (John 7:33), going on to declare that yet "a little while" and the world should see Him no more, neither should His disciples see Him. But there was a note of hope in all this, for while He told His disciples that He would go unto His Father, He promised also: "A little while, and ye shall see me" (John 16:16). And

this is the hope of believers in Him today, as expressed by the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews: "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Heb. 10:37). How wonderful is the comfort of this promise! It will be but "a little while." "But," says someone, "the little while has already been so long!" To us, perhaps!—but with God "a thousand years . . . are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night" (Ps. 90:4). "He that shall come will come" in yet "a little while." He will not tarry. May this promise, this hope, stand before us as a beacon light in a dark world.

—In Christian Digest

A SPLENDID REVIVAL AT OWEN'S CHAPEL

We have just closed a ten-days' revival meeting at Owen's Chapel. The Reverend Johnnie Vernelson did the preaching. It was real splendid preaching, too, and we had large crowds of people present each night of the service. It seems that each person really enjoyed the messages each evening.

There were seven who came forward and confessed Christ as their personal Saviour. One will take membership with another church. We are glad for each one of these new converts to take a stand for Christ. We are praying that the Lord will help them to live a true Christian life.

We are hoping that brother Vernelson will be able to come and preach for us again. We are praying that the Lord will greatly bless him and his family wherever he may go to take the Word of God to the lost.

Saturday and Sunday were the days for our regular quarterly conference, and we had good attendance. Our pastor, Rev. Dan Beamon preached at each service. We appreciate our pastor very much.

Mrs. D. E. Everett

Commercialized sport on Sunday transgresses God's commandment.

Announcement



This is to announce that I shall be available for evangelistic services, or pastoral work for the coming year.

Rev. Lester English,
Mills Rural Station,
North Carolina

THE SCARRED HAND

A kind mother was putting her little girl to bed at night, when the child looked at her mother's hand, and said, "Mother, how is it your hand is so scarred? It looks so different from other people's hands."

"Well," replied the mother, "when you were a very little girl—much younger than you are now—the bed in which you were sleeping caught fire. I heard a cry, and came up the stairs, and, in trying to save you from the flames, my hand was terribly burned. Ever since then I have borne the scars you see."

How very loving must this mother have been! To save her little daughter she risked her own life, and was seriously scorched.

If you and I could look into Heaven, and behold the Lord Jesus upon His throne, we should, I believe, see in His hands and in His feet the mark of nail prints. Do you know how it is Jesus has those wounds?

Let me tell you. The Lord Jesus looked down from Heaven, and He saw that men and women, boys and girls, had sinned against God, and

were in danger of being cast into hell. Rather than we should perish, He, at His Father's desire, left His palace of glory and came to earth that He might save us.

We were condemned to death, and if we were to be saved it was necessary that Jesus should die in our place.

This the Lord Jesus was willing to do. Wicked men nailed Him to the Cross of Calvary, and, while He hung there, God placed upon Him the stripes that sinners deserved.

You remember that the little hymn says:

"He knew how wicked man had been,

And knew that God must punish sin;

So, out of pity, Jesus said,
He'd bear the punishment instead."

How much the Lord Jesus must have loved us! Did you ever thank Him for dying that you might be saved?

Now, though Jesus has risen from the dead, and is crowned with glory and honor, He still bears the marks of the nails by which He was fastened to the Cross. All that trust the Saviour are washed from their sins in His precious Blood, and are made whiter than snow, and very soon Jesus will come and take them to be with Him in His own happy home. Then shall we see the One who loved us and died for us.

Every time the little girl, of whom we have been speaking, looked at her mother's hand, she was reminded of the love that saved her from the flames. Every time we look at Jesus we shall see His pierced hands and feet, and then we shall think of the greatness of His love. Each ransomed one will say, He "loved me, and gave Himself for me."

How gladly shall we join, with all those whom Jesus has saved, to sing, "Thou art worthy * * for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy Blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."
—C. H., in The Sunday School Visitor.

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"For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them,

and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 7:17).

MOUNT TABOR CHURCH

Mount Tabor Church is located in Washington County, near the town of Creswell, North Carolina. There is one of the finest group of people, to be found anywhere, who are working together in this good church. I have been working with these people for three years, and will continue for another year. I can say truthfully that they are a great people not to be exceeded by any in caring for their pastor.

I visited this church about twenty-three years ago, and from time to time worked with them, taking the pastoral care of the church for the first time in 1944. There are three preachers who are members of this church, and we gave license to a young man of this church in August of this year. We have recently completed an application blank recommending another young man to attend our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. He is hoping to enter the school the first of October. I believe he will make a fine minister of the gospel.

We are hoping to enlarge the church building sometime soon, if possible, before the Albemarle Conference will hold its annual session here in October. We are really in need of more room because the attendance is very good and at times we cannot take care of all the people who attend services.

There are many different denominations worshipping here together, and we welcome them with open hearts. I do believe that this is one of the most spiritual churches that I have ever served as pastor. There are so many who can lead in prayer, and they will do anything they can for the glory of God.

Hermon Wooten, Pastor

Injustice is done innocent children when parents are steeped in vice.

CHURCH ORGANIZED IN MISSISSIPPI

About a year ago the Rev. M. L. Hollis of Red Bay, Alabama, had his tent erected in Fulton, Miss., and held a ten-day meeting, with large crowds in attendance at each service, and many confessing Christ as Saviour and Lord. On the last night Rev. Hollis called for those who wanted to go into the organization of a Free Will Baptist Church to come forward, and seventeen responded. The church was organized, a committee was appointed to secure a lot for the erection of a church building. Quite a lot of money was raised that night to start the work. It took quite a while to find a lot suitable for the building, but finally one was bought and the construction of a concrete block building with basement for Sunday School Rooms and a nice commodious auditorium above.

This building was near enough completed for a meeting to be held in it beginning on the first Sunday night in September, which was conducted by the Rev. M. L. Hollis. Great crowds attended each service and there were ten new members added to the church during this week of services. The church was greatly revived and the many people who attended were stirred by the soul-searching messages delivered by the evangelist. Our membership was almost doubled during this meeting and we are inspired to go on to a finish with the work on the new church, even though there are just a few of us. We feel that this church has great possibilities for the future, and trust that every Christian that reads these lines will pray for our success in the Lord's work.

If any of you have some of the Lord's money that you would like to use for his glory, we would appreciate any offering that you might feel led to make toward this new church, and its success in a thriving County Seat Town, where we are proud to have a new work started that will be a credit to our people everywhere. Send all offerings to A. W. Kennedy, Fulton, Miss.

By a member

WHEN HE FORGOT TO SHAVE

Some years ago there came to Chicago a man who sold goods for a New York concern. He had been stealing money from his company until the amount totaled a few thousand dollars. The man had worked out a plan by which he thought to stifle his conscience. He would work hard all day and go out to places of amusement at night, and remain to a late hour.

One day in a Chicago hotel, he was stropping an old-fashioned razor, and looking for a piece of paper to wipe the blade on, he tore out a page from a Gideon Bible. Starting to wipe the blade, his eye caught these words, "The wages of sin is death." Conviction struck his heart, and smoothing out the page, he read, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The startled salesman read the Bible for two hours, and then on his knees beside the bed with the Bible open in front of him, he acknowledged himself to be a sinner and in need of a Saviour. He took Christ as his Saviour, and realizing that a new life had been bestowed upon him, he wired the firm in New York that he was returning. He made a confession of the stolen money. He was not prosecuted and not even discharged, but allowed to pay back something each month out of his salary.

Dr. Will H. Houghton has stated that the last he heard of this man he was living in New Jersey and bearing his testimony to the regenerating and satisfying power of the Bible and the saving power of his Saviour, Christ Jesus.

—Gideon Magazine

(The Convicting Power of the Holy Spirit)

—Moody Monthly

Announcement

This is to announce that my future address will be as follows:

Rev. J. B. Bloss,
311 West 5th Street,
Columbia, Tennessee

REVIVAL AT HICKORY CHAPEL

Our revival beginning August 27th, and closing September 7th, with evangelist Fred E. Maxey of Alabama, was a great inspiration to the saints of Hickory Chapel and myself. The attendance was excellent and attention was the very best. In addition to our own people, we had visitors from Ahuskie, N.C., and other adjacent towns, also quite a number from Norfolk, Va. A quartette from Portsmouth, Va., and choir from the Norfolk Free Will Baptist church rendered special music, this in addition to our own choir of young people. Surely, the Holy Spirit was manifest in great power during the entire revival.

I agree with our evangelist, when he said, "I have never participated in a more real spiritual revival." More than two score saints rededicated their lives to Christ and a number came accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. I am satisfied that our church has been revived in a great way, and that the revival begun on August 27th will continue until our Lord returns.

One of the greatest inspirations of my life was to see the saints of God, both old and young, crowd into the prayer room at every service and pour out their hearts to God in prayer. "Emotion"? yes, plenty of it, but not of the man made kind; it was emotion because of what the Bible, the Word of God, had wrought in the hearts of the people. Brother Maxey presented the Word in all of its simplicity and power; he did not present himself, but the Word of God.

The spirit of co-operation on the part of the members of Hickory Chapel and community was indeed an inspiration. We believe that we have one of the most consecrated and earnest group of young people in the entire brotherhood.

J. A. Alexander, Pastor,
2945 Vincent Ave.,
Norfolk, Va.

Our measure of happiness will depend upon our service to God and humanity.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Much Confusion

Just Monday morning this question came to me by a friend of another denomination: "Preacher, what has happened to the orphanage and its superintendent?" This gentleman was referring to the news item in the News and Observer, one of our State papers. Then I proceeded to give him the information that I am now giving to our readers. I said, "The Rev. L. V. Davis, who committed the crime against the little girl in the orphanage at Dunn (the orphanage called the Dunn Orphanage) is not a member of the Free Will Baptist church. These folks call themselves Free Will Baptists, but they are those people who claim to be, but are not. They are of the so-called 'Holiness movement' that swept over a part of Sampson and Harnett counties about forty years ago, in which a number of churches 'slabbed' off from the original Free Will Baptist Church, and they are called 'Free Will Holiness.' However, they are no more holy than any other people who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ."

The Dunn orphanage has no connection with the Original Free Will Baptist church of North Carolina, and is connected in no way with our Orphanage which is located at Middlesex, N. C. The superintendent of the Middlesex Orphanage is Rev. James A. Evans, a Christian gentleman, whose life is above reproach. Please do not get the Middlesex Orphanage and the Dunn Orphanage mixed, neither confuse the Rev. L. V. Davis (who is accused and has been put in prison for carnal knowledge of a little girl) mixed in any way with the Free Will Baptist church. He belongs to the "Free Will Holiness church."

Remember, the **Free Will Baptist**

Orphanage is located at Middlesex, and that Rev. James A. Evans is the superintendent.

Our Regrets

We regret very much that the Associated Press made such an error, and wrote that the "Rev. L. V. Davis is a Free Will Baptist," without showing the real facts in the denominational line. But very few people ever heard of the Rev. L. V. Davis, while he was preaching and going straight, but as soon as he committed a dastardly crime against a little girl, his name was played up on the front pages of the daily news papers. I guess that this was the first time that his name ever got on the front page news. Good things about men are not said much about on the front pages, but crimes committed by those who have yielded to Satan is played up in **big head-lines**.

We regret very much to know that a child's life is blighted by a man who should have been a father to the poor little orphan. What a pity it is for this little girl to have to go through life with this stigma on her life. Yes, we regret that such things happen, but Jesus said that "wolves would wear sheep's clothing."

There is a bunch of demons—I mean demon people who will laugh and scoff at Christianity, because of Rev. L. V. Davis' crime against the little girl, but only a fool would throw this crime at the church. This little girl of tender years is to be pitied, but such things happen because men give way to the devil. The Church of Jesus Christ—not denominations—but the true Church, which is composed of those who have been truly Born of the Spirit, will go right on until Jesus appears in the air to rapture it from the presence of sin.

The Way Out of Confusion

As the two names now stand and have stood for about forty years, when things happen good in either the Free Will Holiness, or in the Free Will Baptist Church, the public is subject to get a misunderstanding as to who did the good. This is also true in the bad that happens, and the general public does not understand. Very often there are those who do not want to understand. The devil, wants

a confusion. He wants people to misunderstand. There are people who want to misunderstand, in order to have something to talk about. There are honest people, however, who get a misunderstanding, often because of what appears in the Associated Press. So the way out of this confusion is for those who are in authority, to get together and get their names so designated that those who want to know the truth can find it plainly. The Free Will Holiness, should not use the term "Baptist" to their name, as it is confusing. However, if the two churches will not get their names straightened out, there is nothing that the public can do about. Fighting each other will not do the work. But a Christ-like understanding with each other will put the matter straight in the minds of the public. Let us be men and set the names aright, so that the Associated Press, and others, will know the facts, and we will save trouble.

The Author of Confusion

Paul says "God is not the author of confusion" (I Cor. 14:33). There is a confusion, and has always been, between the two bodies since the day that the "Free Will Holiness" separated themselves from the Free Will Baptist Church. According to Paul, "God did not start, neither has He carried on this confusion." God will get it straight if the two bodies want it straightened out. God wants peace. God wants all things done in order and decency. I, as a member of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, want to be "decent" in all my dealings with all men. I want things done in "order." I preach orderly worship of our Christ, not confusion.

Announcement

This is to inform all churches that I am available for service if any church or churches should desire my services as pastor for part-time or for full-time work. Also I am open for revival meetings. Please write to me at Robersonville, N. C., Box 301.

Rev. R. C. Alexander

The Woman's Auxiliary Department



MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON
Editor
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ARE WE CONTENT?

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes
Goldsboro, N. C.

"Let your conversation be without covetousness, and be content with such things as ye have for he hath said I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

When we ask ourselves this personal question, Am I content with what I have today? how many of us find ourselves looking for something that we see someone else have. Or are we content with the things we have. As Christians we should be content with the things we have, realizing that God is the giver of all our substance, both temporal and spiritual. We are to remember that our Lord in the beginning laid the foundations of the earth, and everything rightfully belongs to Him. Still people are today seeking for things for gain—the material things of this world as never before. We hear people on every hand planning for material gain. On the other hand, we hear of very few who are longing for the spiritual blessings of God. They are few who are seeking the eternal things for the life to come.

People should remember that Christ has gone back to glory to prepare the heavenly mansions for all who will be saved. The Scripture says, "Harden not your hearts." But this world is in an uproar with the people going to and fro, trying to gain the wealth of this earth. They are not willing to stop and listen to God's voice speaking to them. Many people have no time for rest here, much less than being willing to seek the rest and peace which are promised in the world to come.

But all who are followers of the Lord Jesus are looking for that rest through faith in the Master. They want to be careful of every step as

they journey this life to the grave. We should always be careful, therefore, for fear that anyone of us should seem to come short of the glory of God. We are made partakers of Christ if we hold fast to the faith in Christ Jesus. We are to be steadfast to the end.

It is true that we are tempted here in this life in these days when it seems that prosperity is on every hand. But we do need help from above to carry us through the rough places in these days. Christ is our helper if we will call upon Him in time of trouble. He is our great High Priest, and we need Him most when troubles and temptations come our way. Let us, therefore, hold fast to our profession, for we have a Saviour who was once on the earth, and was tempted as we are, yet He lived here on earth and overcame every temptation set before Him. He finally gave up his life as a ransom for everyone. He suffered, bled and died on the cross that we might have life eternal. But many of us are not willing to lay aside some of the things of the world in order to serve our Christ. We can have that abundant life in Christ Jesus if we will live for Him. How many are there of us who are not realizing that we are crucifying Christ afresh when we are neglecting to obey and serve Him? Christ offered himself without spot or blemish for our sins, and how much more was He a sacrifice than the bullocks offered up in Old Testament times. He came to purge us from our sins, and to make us new creatures for the service of the living God.

The Lord said, "Let your conversation be without covetousness, and be content with such as ye have; for he hath said I will never forsake thee." Webster defines the word "covet" to mean "to desire earnestly, or to lust after." Now which group

are we classed with? Are we with the class who is content with what they have, or are we classed with the group that is seeking riches? Those who are lusting after the world's goods are not content with what they have, for they are always wanting more wealth. Think of the danger they are in when they forget God to run after the things of the world.

Let us draw near to the Lord with a true heart, manifesting full faith in the Christ, having our hearts free from an evil conscience. We must hold fast to the faith which is in Christ, and persevere to the end. When we have done the will of God, then we will receive the promise. Yet a little while and Christ shall come and not tarry. Let us not draw back for God says he that draws back or turns away shall not receive the promise. Therefore, let us be content, having faith in the Lord, and may we never waver or weaken our faith in his promises. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Therefore, let us lay aside every weight with which we are so easily beset by Satan, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, that we might receive eternal life.

IF GOD FORGOT

If God should forget, like we do, just for one day,

Suppose He forgot to send the sunshine, and change the night to day,
Forgot to make the flowers to grow,
Forgot the birds and bees,

Forgot to send the sweetness of the south wind in the tree,

Forgot to give us friendship, forgot to send us rain,

Forgot to give the children play, forgot to soften pain,

Just what would happen to this old world and to us?

Would we be still gay, if God should forget us?

Forget for just one day?

Mrs. W. J. Paul,
Columbia, Tenn.

A man with a guilty conscience is never found in the paths of righteousness.



CHRIST THE MINISTER OF BETTER THINGS

(Lesson For October 12)

Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:26, 27; 9:23-26; 10:11-14.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him" (Heb. 7:25).

Our Text for to-day is one of the "exceeding great and precious promises" establishing the grounds for our assurance of eternal life. This text belongs with Romans 8:35-39, where the grandest psalm of certainty is penned by the Apostle to the Gentiles, in which he joyfully proclaims that nothing in the past, present, or future can separate us from the love of God, which love reposes for us in Christ Jesus our Lord, except our own personal disobedience.

A cartoon appeared in a daily paper soon after the death of Andrew Carnegie. It pictured a ragged tramp standing on the street corner and weeping as if his heart were broken. A policeman asked, "What is the matter?" "Mr. Carnegie is dead," blubbered the tramp. "Well what of that?" continued the policeman, "Was he a relative of yours?" "No," said the tramp, "that is what I am crying about. If I were a relative of his, I would now be a rich man."

The cartoonist, in this grotesque way announced the great fact that heirship depends upon relation.

So it is. No one has any claim on God unless he is related to God. And there is only one way to come into relationship with God and that is by faith in Jesus Christ. (Gal. 3:26). A son of God only, is an heir of God. God gives His possession to the members of His family. God makes my

heirship depend upon the unchangeable relation of sonship. And the glory of it all is, if heirs of God then joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Man, it would be well for you to weep if you do not have relationship with God. Surely you will learn a lesson from a tramp.

"Jesus is all the world to me,
My life, my joy, my all;
He is my Strength from day to day,
Without Him I would fall."

II. The Heart of the Lesson

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin, verse 15. The writer says Christ our high priest is touched with "the feeling of our infirmities"—our great temptations, trials and sorrows. He is sympathetic towards us because of his love for us, and because he desires our salvation; our freedom from the guilt and bondage of sin. In becoming as man, the blessed Son of God identified himself with the human race, and underwent human experiences, such as the great temptations of the Devil, but never did he commit sin. He knew what it meant for persons to suffer under great trials, therefore he was able as the holy Son of God to sympathize with everyone burdened under the weight of sin. Though "tempted in all points" like the races of men, yet Jesus our perfect high priest was not only free from sin but also was able and willing to bear our infirmities. What a loving Saviour to mankind!—The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Vs. 26. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27. who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. These verses speak of the purity and holiness of Christ. His life could be nothing less than the highest and purest of heaven, for He was God. The Levitical priests were men, and needed to

offer sacrifices for themselves as well as for the people. Christ did not need, and does not still need, to make daily sacrifices for Himself nor for the people. For Himself He needed no sacrifice, for He was sinless. For the people, He had offered an all-sufficient sacrifice for all time. He offered Himself on the cross, and that sacrifice remains constant and sufficient for all who accept it as God's plan for their salvation.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

14. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

"A man said to me not long ago, 'Do you think there is any justice in my being condemned because a man sinned six thousand years ago? I don't believe a word of it.' Now let me say, there will be no one lost on account of Adam's sin. But I hear some one say, 'That's a plain contradiction. You have said we should be, and now you tell me we shall not be.'"

"Let me see if I can illustrate it. Suppose I am dying of some terrible disease, say consumption, and I am given up by the physicians, who say I must die. But there comes a man whom I have known for years, and he says, 'You are a dying man?' I say to him, 'I know it; I don't want anyone to tell me that.' He says to me, 'But there is a remedy.' I say, 'I don't believe there's any remedy; I have tried all the leading physicians, and they say there is no hope.'"

"I tell you there is a remedy!" says he; 'twenty years ago I was as far gone as yourself, and I was given up by all the physicians to die, but I took that medicine' (and he holds it out to me), 'and it cured me. Listen now, there is the medicine, it shall not cost you a farthing; just take it, and you will get well.' But I do not take it, though I have every reason to believe the man is speaking the truth. To be sure I shall die of consumption, but that is not the reason Why I die; it is because I spurn the remedy. And if men die eternally, it will not be God's fault, but because they have despised the remedy. They are not lost because they are sinners, but because they rejected the Saviour."—Selected.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

The Western Conference of North Carolina is to hold its annual session at New Sandy Hill Church, Wilson County, Wednesday and Thursday, after the second Sunday in October. This church is located about one mile south of Bailey and good roads leading to the church.

We are hoping to have every church in the Conference represented. Church letters have been sent to the clerks of every church and please have them properly filled out and sent to the Conference by your delegates.

R. N. Hinnant, Clerk

"WHERE ARE THE NINE?"

Of the ten lepers who went to Christ for mercy and healing, only one returned to give Him thanks for what He had done for him. So, Christ asked, "Where are the nine?"

Only one out of the ten took the time to give thanks for the wonderful things that Jesus did for him. The others went on their way, forgetful or heedless of their duty to return and to give thanks to Christ for his loving mercy shown to them. They were healed equally as well as was the one who humbled himself at the feet of Jesus because he was healed of his dreadful disease.

How many are thankful today to God for their manifold blessings which He gives to them day by day? Is the number one out of every ten, or is it one out of every twenty? As a matter of fact, do people in general take the time to thank God for what they receive through his bountiful hands? Or are they too busy with the affairs of the world to turn unto the Lord for thanksgiving and praise to His holy name for all the good things which they receive from His loving care?

Is it not time for people to come to themselves and meditate upon God's wonderful blessings, and be more submissive to His holy will? Are there not too many people today going their own way, and doing those things which are detrimental to their own soul salvation? Why do they

do those things, and why are they so careless with their lives. Do they not know that they will have to pay the price some day? Why do people go wild when times are good?—The Examiner.

"AN HIGH PLACE"

The God of Jacob is an high place for us.—Psalm 46:7, margin

By Sara Ann Wilson

Above the noise of earth,
Above its woe and dearth,
Above its toil, or mirth,
I have a place;
'Tis found in Christ alone,
Who now is on the throne;
In Him I hide—at home
In this high place.

Above the things that vex,
The burdens so complex
That harass and perplex,
I have a place;
'Tis found in Christ, my Lord,
And in His precious Word;
True peace He doth afford
In this high place.

So high above the din
Of conflict, and of sin,
And thoughts of self within,
This sweet high place;
'Tis there I find my peace,
My freedom, and release,
And all my fears do cease
In this high place.

—Selected

Home-Coming at White Hill

There will be observed a home-coming celebration at White Hill Church in Beaufort County, on Sunday, October 5. The former pastors and all members of the church, neighbors and friends of the church and community are cordially invited to attend this occasion. There will be church services and an interesting program given for the day. Come and let us have a good day together.

Yours for the Master's cause,

Mrs. J. R. Cayton

PROGRAM

of the

Albemarle Conference

The following is a program of the Albemarle Conference of North Carolina which will be held with the Mt. Tabor church near Creswell, N. C., Wednesday and Thursday, October 8 and 9, 1947.

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 8th

- 9:30—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer, Oscar Webster, Pinetown, N. C.
- 9:45—Welcome Address, Isaac Furlough, Creswell, N. C.
- Response, J. A. Harris, Pike Road, N. C.
- 10:00—Moderator's Message, Rev. W. A. Hales, Norfolk, Va.
- 10:15—Seating of delegates and appointment of committees.
- 10:30—Business Session.
- 11:15—Music arranged by the local church.
- 11:30—Introductory sermon by Rev. M. C. Roscholer, Norfolk.
- 12:00—Lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:15—Worship Scripture, Prayer, W. A. Willoughby, Ahoskie.
- 1:30—Business Session.
- 2:30—Youth Period—Address by Joseph Ange, Norfolk.
- 3:30—Remarks by Host pastor, Rev. Herman Wooten.

Wednesday Evening

- 7:00—Congregational singing, Special music and prayer.
- 7:30—Missionary program.
- 8:00—Special message on Missions by Rev. J. W. Alford.

Thursday Morning, Oct. 9

- 9:00—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer, Robert Spencer.
- 9:15—Reports:
 1. Board of Education, Joe Ange.
 2. Board of Missions, D. R. Harris.
 3. Sunday School Board, D. H. Furlough.
 4. Field Representative, Rev. T. F. Davenport.
- 10:15—Business in General.
- 11:00—Report of Executive Board.
- 11:30—Conference Sermon, Rev. R. C. Alexander.
- 12:00—Lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:15—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer, Rev. H. E. Harden.
- 1:30—Business Session.
 1. Report of Resolutions Committee, J. A. Harris.
 2. Petitions.
 3. Round Table Discussion for good of the Conference, Rev. A. L. Reynolds, Rocky Mount, N. C.
- 3:00—Closing Message by Rev. L. E. Ambrose.

This program was arranged by the committee,

Rev. R. P. Harris, Kenly, N. C.

NEWS FROM OHIO

I want to report about our Ministerial Conference and Yearly Conference, which was held on September 4, 5, 6, at Union Free Will Baptist Church. Our Ministerial Conference was the largest and the best since its inception, and that's the fact that the older members of our Conference have related to me.

Rev. Doll was selected again this year as our moderator, and he did a splendid piece of work. Rev. J. A. Kemper, one of our oldest members, was the assistant moderator.

Our discussions on the various verses of Scripture were enjoyed and some timely sermons were too.

Rev. Clarence Herles, preached on Thursday night and Rev. Selven Percell, preached on Friday night.

Large crowds attended the evening services.

Eight new members were added to our membership. We now have a membership of 54 members, the largest of any time, and 46 of these reported in person.

One of the highlights of our Conference was that we have a good many rules and regulations, and this year they were strictly adhered to and everything went along smooth and business like.

I would like to suggest to all ministers who read this, who don't have a Ministerial Conference, that you should form one, for the greatest of all our meetings is when all the ministers unite themselves, discuss their problems, and the various verses of Scripture which will be edifying to all.

Our Conference is several years old, and it gets better all the time, and if any one would like to have a copy of our minutes, and our Constitution, and rules, I will gladly send one of the same.

Our Yearly Conference, which is composed of 3 Quarterly Conferences, was one of our best, and largely attended. This is comprised of 34 churches and 54 ministers who are in good standing with the denomination. Rev. W. J. White was elected moderator, and he did a good job for his first time as moderator. Rev. Melford Riddlebarger preached in the

morning, and in my estimation it was one of the best sermons I have heard in many a day, on the text John 11: 25, "I am the resurrection and the life."

A great time of fellowship was enjoyed after the sermon. In the afternoon the usual business was the order of the day, and all Quarterly Conferences reported.

In the evening service, Rev. Edward Percell brought the message, and a large crowd was present. Rev. Earl Rankins preached on Sunday morning and your reporter preached on Sunday night.

Some of the churches have purchased a public address system for me to use in my meetings, and for other services too and during this Conference \$75.00 was raised to help pay for it.

We feel we are holding our own and progressing some, as we have the prospects for 3 new churches soon, so pray for us that we will grow, and most important of all that lots of souls might be saved.

Homer Nelson, Clerk of both
Conferences, and State
Evangelist

A VISIT TO FRANKLIN COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

On September 13th, I had the privilege of attending the Franklin County Quarterly Conference, which is one of our new Conferences. This Conference was held at the Columbus Church on Ennis Ave. This church at present is in a store building, but they have bought 2 lots, and have quite a sum of money raised to build a new church in the South end of Columbus.

They now have 4 churches in their Conference. One new church was organized at Springfield. They also have a lot, and are raising money now to build a new church.

Rev. D. A. Hays was the moderator, and a nice delegation was present. I had the privilege of speaking in the morning, and also Rev. Mitchell spoke. Their Clerk, Rev. C. W. Hayes is in a Colorado Hospital for his health, and he was missed in the service. One of our lackings here in

Ohio is the fact that we don't have any churches in the larger cities, most all of them are rural churches. Our doctrine and belief is fundamentally sound, and what I am trying to say is this, that we have left home missions drag, and failed to support it.

We have put on drives, and special efforts for foreign missions, and all other departments, why not put more emphasis on home missions, if we expect to get anywhere.

In my travel among the various churches here in Ohio, as State Evangelist, the conditions in some places are deplorable, and are in need of help, so we solicit the prayers of all the churches everywhere that we will meet the need that is ahead of us, and we will work faithfully for the one who hath saved us.

Homer Nelson,
State Evangelist,
Box 288,
Wheelersburg, Ohio

BEAUTY OF GOD'S HAND

Along the paths that lead to home
Are footprints in the sand,
The flowers, here and there, are
strewn,
'Tis beauty of God's hand.

The trees are gently bowing their
Most humble thanks to God;
You seem, almost, to hear their pray-
er,
As underneath you trod.

The birds that nestle 'mongst the
leaves
Are formed a chirping band.
Within the blossoms, honey bees
Show beauty of God's hand.

The butterflies that flit so gay,
Grasshoppers jumping there;
They all are thankful, in their way,
They have some sort of prayer.

We, too, can be a masterpiece,
A picture, we could stand;
A thankful heart that'd never cease.
'Tis beauty of God's hand.
—Mrs. Venie M. Carney

A National Balance Sheet

Expenditures for Alcoholic Beverages Contrasting with Expenditures for Education, Public Health and Social Welfare

By MISS LAURA LINDLEY

A comparison of our national expenditure for alcoholic beverages with those for some constructive purposes shows what a tremendous impetus could be given to education, religion, and culture in general if this sum were spent for social welfare. On the debit side are not only the actual sum spent for alcoholic beverages, but the direct and indirect costs and damages due to their use, as shown below:

Total expenditures for alcoholic beverages in the

United States, 1946 (1) -----\$8,770,000,000

914,919 reported arrests for drunkenness, 1945 (2)

44,832 reported arrests for driving while drunk, 1945 (2)

247,255 reported arrests for disorderly conduct, 1945 (2)

21,144 reported arrests for violating liquor laws, 1945 (2)

Jail costs for persons committed to jail. In Washington, D. C., this is \$2.50 per day (3)

Court costs for crimes connected with alcohol.

Juvenile delinquency of neglected children, many of whose parents are liquor addicts (4)

Broken homes, due to alcoholism in one or both partners (4)

ONE out of every FOUR fatal accidents in 1945 involved a driver or a pedestrian who had been drinking (5)

In 1946 there were 33,500 deaths from motor vehicle accidents, and over 1,000,000 persons were injured (6)

(The Lansing, Mich., Safety Council and the Nat. Conservation Bureau report average cost of traffic accidents per person, injured as follows:

Drivers not injured, \$73; drivers injured, \$408; passengers injured, \$206; pedestrians injured, \$468.)

Accidents and injuries in industry due to the use of alcoholic beverages

Mental disease due to alcohol. First admissions to state, veterans', county and city and private hospitals in 1944, due to alcohol, 8,062. In addition there were 210 alcoholic patients in psychopathic and 5,071 in general hospitals. The average cost of maintenance in state hospitals was \$366.35 per year; in veterans' hospitals, \$860.46 per year; and in the psychopathic hospitals, \$3,056.57 per year (7)

Venereal disease contracted in connection with the use of alcohol. 7,727 first admissions to state, veterans', county and city, and private mental hospitals in 1944 were due to venereal disease. The average cost of maintenance of these patients was the same as for other mental cases (7)

Diversion of grain, fruit, and other food products to the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, instead of providing food to meet human need (8)

Total expenditure in the United States for public and

private schools—elementary, secondary, colleges, universities, and professional schools; teachers' colleges and normal schools; schools for delinquents, the blind, the deaf, the mentally deficient, and for Indians, 1943-44 (9) -----\$3,522,007,441

Libraries: Public, 1945; public schools, 1942; college and university, 1943-44 (10) ----- 92,679,702

Gifts and bequests to churches and religious purposes 1945 (11) ----- 1,035,000,000

American Red Cross, 1946 expenditure by 3,754 chapters and 5,578 branches (12) ----- 133,273,634

U. S. Public Health Service, 1946 expenditures, including \$6,030,181 for control of tuberculosis and \$11,546,873 for control of venereal disease (13) -- 122,494,606

National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, expenditure in 1946 (14) ----- 7,573,715

Expenditures by governments of the 48 states for certain benefits to their citizens, 1945 (15)

Public safety ----- \$131,260,000

Health ----- 94,412,000

Hospitals and institutions for handicapped ----- 283,918,000

Public welfare ----- 608,277,000

Correction ----- 82,028,000

Recreation ----- 8,906,000

1,208,801,000

Federal government grants to state and local units, 1946

Under Fed. Security Agency

Old age assistance ----- \$439,132,384

Unemployment compensation ----- 54,546,709

Pub. health service ----- 24,891,000

Vocational rehabilitation ----- 10,839,002

Training of nurses ----- 37,423,648

Under Dept. of Labor Maternal and

child health, crippled children, and

child welfare services ----- 47,555,907

Under Dept. of Agriculture

School milk and lunch program (16) - 50,050,478

664,439,129

Veterans' pensions, 1946 (17) ----- 1,261,414,607

Aid to Greece and Turkey, 1947, P. L. 75 (18) ---- 400,000,000

Total for educational, religious, cultural and social

programs named ----- \$8,447,683,834

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CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

"LIKE A CROW"

Margaret Hilkey

Pearl Haines lived in a tall, old-fashioned, brick house. In the yard giant cottonwoods and other trees waved their leafy arms.

"What an odd, ugly house," said the passer-by. But to Pearl it was home, and she loved it. To her it was a palace fair, or that is it used to be—until three weeks ago. Now, well things all seemed strange and wrong. Night after night she had cried herself to sleep with, "I'll never, never be happy again, never!"

There was just one place that seemed the same as it always had. That was the woods just west of the house. There for a time she would forget the present. Memories of other happy days would come. When Father and Mother lived in the tall brick house they had been happy. First Father had been taken away to the army. He was a dentist and had to go. Then Mummsey, her own dear sweet Mummsey was taken away to live with Jesus. Strangers had come, relatives from the East. Pearl was afraid of them. Not that they were cross with her. Oh, no, not usually! One even had a sweet face, but the others wore scowls. Every place Pearl went it seemed that she would run into a group of them talking things over. She knew they were trying to decide what they should do with her. "Wish they'd let me be I can take care of myself!"

Then it was morning. "Oh, dear, another day," she sighed. "I know what I'm going to do. I'm going to the woods first thing this morning. Maybe I can slip out."

In a jiffy she was dressed. Glancing at her desk she saw the little Bible Mummsey had given her. For some reason she had not been reading it much lately. "I'll take you along, little Bible," she said, tucking it away in her pocket.

Softly, ever so softly, she crept out of the house. After a bit she sat

down on a fallen log. And right there through the trees she saw the strangest sight. It was gypsies; already they were breaking camp.

"I wish I were a gypsy! Maybe they'd let me be. Those folks back at the house are trying to decide what to do with me. Well, I'll just save 'em all that bother."

Up she jumped; she must hurry or they would be gone. But just then she noticed that she had dropped her Bible. It had fallen open at the Book of Isaiah. Her eyes caught the words, "I will trust, and not be afraid." She stopped a moment, then said, "Humph, that's kind'a hard to do, not to be afraid when everything is all wrong."

Suddenly she started running, not toward the gypsy camp, but toward the old brick house. She did not want to be a gypsy after all. When almost there she looked at the old tennis net that had been thrown down by the side of the house. Suddenly something on it moved! Something black. Very quietly she made her way toward—whatever it was. "Why it's just an old crow caught in the net. Poor thing! Wait a minute, I'll get you out. Here, here, you don't need to struggle so. Why your poor little heart is beating so fast. Don't be scared though. I'll help you out. You've tried to get loose all right, but you couldn't by yourself. Just hold still. That's the way."

As soon as the bird quit struggling Pearl untangled the feet. After trying his wings the crow flew up, up, up, and away out of sight.

Pearl sat there a moment, thinking, "That's like me, all tangled up. And the harder I try to get loose the worse I am. As soon as that bird trusted me I got it loose. Guess maybe God wants me to trust Him. Yes, yes, I will trust, and not be afraid."

At the door of the house the sweet-faced woman met her. "We were wondering where you had gone, Pearl. Here, eat your breakfast, dear. As soon as you're through I'll

tell you something." Soon she was beside the woman, and for some reason she didn't feel afraid at all.

"Pearl, dear, I have a little secret to tell you. I am happy about it and hope you will be happy, too. Word has come from your father that he will let you live with us. Until your father comes home again you will be our daughter. How about it! Will you come?"

"Come? I'll say I will." Then she told her friend about the crow. "And I'm just like that crow," she added, "because when I quit fighting and trusted Jesus, He made it all come out all right."—O. P. Boys and Girls.

SOME CHURCH STATISTICS

There are over 225 Protestant denominations in this country, reports Christian Herald, in its annual review of membership statistics. But 82 per cent of all church members belongs to thirteen of these denominations, and 97.4 per cent of all church members are found in fifty-five denominations. Net Protestant membership gain for the year was 507,167. Net Roman Catholic gain, more than the Protestant gain, was 543,970.

There are 216,710 Protestant congregations, having 42,100,271 members, and 14,302 Roman Catholics having 23,693,671 members. Jewish congregations number 3,728 with 4,641,290 members. The country has 71,700,142 religious believers in 235,816 congregations.

From 7,913 congregations variously known as Churches of Christ, Christian churches, and Disciples of Christ, were reported 1,691,374 members, a gain of 19,020. The Churches of Christ, non-instrument, reported 309,551 members in 10,000 congregations; the same as a year ago.—The Outlook.

Time is well spent when beneficial results accrue from meditation.

A warm heart and a cool head make an excellent combination.

Proper recognition of a kindly act is a sign of good breeding.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

WILDER. Mrs. Elva Davis Wilder, age 46, departed this life on July 14, 1947. It was such a shock as she was as well as usual and had just come home from visiting her children when she was taken ill, living only a few hours. She lived a quiet life, never had much to say, but greeted everyone with a smile.

She united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Friendship, Johnston County, when very young. She was a very faithful member at all times. Elva leaves a husband, 2 boys and three girls, two grandchildren, mother and daddy and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral rites were conducted at Friendship Church by a former pastor, Rev. M. E. Godwin of Dun, and Rev. A. D. Parrish of Zebulon.

The love and esteem which her friends held for her was shown by the beautiful floral offerings beneath which she was laid in the church cemetery.

Elva was a charter member of the auxiliary having joined when we organized. We are deeply conscious of our loss and of that vacant place in our auxiliary, our church, our hearts and in our community in which she lived. Our heart-felt sympathy goes out to her family therefore we commend the healing of their hearts to our loving Father who doeth all things well and who shares our sorrow. She has sailed over the unknown sea to the unseen shore where we soon must go.

Dearest Elva there's much weeping,
When we think of you so dear;
While you're with Jesus sleeping
And we're feeling lonely here.
The shock was hard, oh so hard to bear,
Little tho we knew her death so near,
Only those who've lost can tell
The pain of parting without farewell.

Your sorrows and sufferings are now over,
And your life crown has been won;
May we all meet you in Heaven
To hear the Master say "Well done."
We shall never forget your sweet face
Or your cheery greeting each time you took
your place.

The memory of those happy days
When we all worked together,
Your cheerful ways and hearty laughs
Will live on in our hearts forever.
We loved you Oh so very dearly
You were so kind and good,
Why you had to leave us dear
We have never understood.

It's wonderful to think of heaven
And its joys beyond compare
Then to pray that we shall some day
Enter to see dear Elva there.
God works in many, many ways
And He never makes a blunder,
Sometimes when our loved ones go,
We're left in sadness to ponder.

There's an open gate at the end of the
road,
Through which each one must go alone.
And there's a light we cannot see
But our Father claims His own.
Beyond this gate loved ones find
Eternal happiness and sweet rest,
And we find comfort in the thought,
That our loving Father does know the best.

Oh God grant that we all may live
A life as sweet as Elva did,
That we might meet around that great
white throne
Which will be our eternal Home.

An auxiliary sister,
Mrs. Mary Ella Narron

Eastern Conference Take Note

All licensed preachers, who are in line to take the examination for ordination in the Eastern Conference of North Carolina, will please meet the undersigned at Kinston, North Carolina, at the Court House, on October 15, 1947, at ten o'clock A. M.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon

FOURTH UNION DISTRICT REPORT

Miss Nancy Owens, Secretary

The fourth union district of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with Daniel's Chapel in Wilson County, August 31, 1947. Our scripture lesson was taken from the 28th Chapter of St. Matthew. After the devotions, Mr. Hubert Jomp gave the welcome address and Mr. Joseph Owens made the response. Special music was rendered by the Daniel's Chapel Quartet.

An offering for the orphanage was taken, which amounted to \$36.88. We were then favored with special music by the White Oak Grove Quartet. Rev. L. B. Manning introduced Rev. Stephen Smith to the congrega-

tion, after which Mr. Smith delivered a very impressive sermon. We enjoyed special music by the Dildy Sisters. After the various committees were appointed, we adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing of Holy, Holy, Holy and the devotions were conducted by Miss Josie Galloway, whose scripture lesson was taken from the 14th Chapter of St. John. The Spring Branch Quartet rendered special music. Mrs. Stephen Smith gave a talk on the work that is being carried on at Cragmont.

The business session was entered into by having roll call of the Sunday Schools and Ladies Aids. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The various committees gave their reports and were accepted. The Banner committee decided that both the Sunday School and Ladies Aid banners would go to La Grange. Daniel's Chapel gave a very interesting program, after which we were adjourned to meet in November with Edgewood Church.

WHOSOEVER WILL?

Whosoever will may think that there
is a God;
And whosoever will may have a talk
with Him.

Whosoever will may listen to Him
speak through the Bible;
And whosoever will may hear the
voice of the Holy Spirit.

Whosoever will may keep in touch
with God;
And work, watch and pray unto the
Father.

Whosoever will may love God more
and more;
And may live for Jesus every day.

—Bonnie Adel Deaver

The benefits derived from prayer are so definite and conclusive that there can be no doubt as to its efficacy.

HOME-COMING AT MT. ZION CHURCH

We are inviting the many friends, members of the church, former pastors, neighbors of the church and community to be with us on the first Sunday in October for a splendid home-coming celebration which will celebrate the 26 years of service of the church. It will be a great blessing to those who will come and enjoy the day with us.

The morning message will be at the eleven o'clock hour, after which lunch will be served on the church grounds. The afternoon service will follow lunch with a program which will be arranged by those in charge. We are expecting a great day in the Lord. Come and be with us for this fine occasion.

The former pastors of the church will be given an opportunity to speak and we will appreciate the presence of everyone on that occasion. Again we are extending a cordial welcome to each one, in the name of the Lord.

Mrs. Morton Marriner,
Church Clerk

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TWO OUT OF FOURTEEN

A. R. Flowers

A citizen of an adjoining school district told me recently that he was standing out in front of the school building one afternoon as school closed and the children were getting out; and said He, "I saw about fourteen cars pass down the Highway in front of the school building and only two out of more than a dozen slowed down when they reached the stop sign at school zone."

I still believe there is a way to stop these "Demons of Hurry" from some of their careless driving. Now and then one will come rushing down Main Street in this and other small towns at a speed absolutely unnecessary. Some time ago I saw five people strewn on a highway a distance of nearly one hundred yards. A "Demon of Hurry" did it.

What are the people going to do about these things?

A strengthened body and a broadened mind are wonderful assets to all mankind.

Announcement

This is to state that I have been licensed to preach the gospel by the Moseley Creek Free Will Baptist Church, and that I shall be available to hold services, conduct prayer meetings, and to do personal work if wanted by any church, or community.

The Reverend J. R. Bennett is pastor of this church, and anyone desiring to know something about me, may get in touch with Brother Bennett.

Rev. W. H. Willis,
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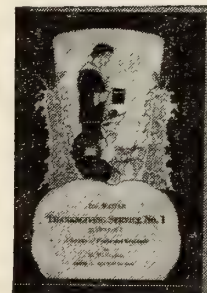
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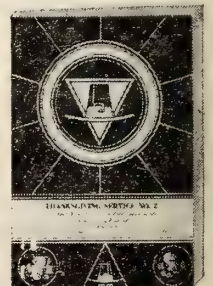


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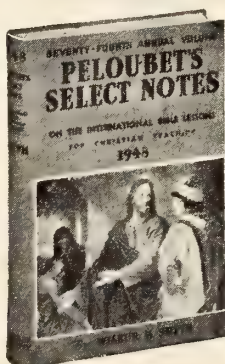
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God Knows Best

He took them from me, one by one,
The things I set my heart upon;
They looked so harmless, fair, and blest;
Would they have hurt me? God knows best.
He loves me so, he would not wrest
Them from me if it were not best.

He took them from me, one by one,
The friends I set my heart upon.
O did they come, they and their love,
Between me and my Lord above?
Were they as idols in my breast?
It may be. God in heaven knows best.

I will not say I did not weep,
As doth a child that wants to keep
The pleasant things in hurtful play
His wiser parent takes away;
But in this comfort I will rest:
He Who hath taken knows best.

—Anon.

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THE BODY IN HEAVEN

Will Christians be the same physically and mentally in heaven as here? Will there be male and female? Was Christ's the same body after the grave as before?—A. C. B., Campbell, Calif.

We will certainly not be the same physically in heaven as we are here. We will not be physical beings at all, as we understand the word. The terms physical and spiritual are the

best we have at the command of our limited understanding and expression to describe the difference between our form here and in heaven.

In I Corinthians 15:35-50 we are expressly told that these forms are different. The apostle also calls our heavenly form a body, but it is a spiritual body (v. 44). The only way to reconcile such mutually opposite terms (as they seem to us) as "spiritual" and "body" is to consider body as a form. This heavenly "body" is an incorruptible one in that it does not see death or decay.

It follows then that there is no marriage in heaven. There is no need of such a relationship among those who live forever, and it is expressly stated in Matthew 22:30 that there is no marriage there.

That the body of Christ was different after the resurrection is evident from the mysteriousness of His various appearances to His followers. There was something about Him which, while it identified Him, rendered Him not so easily recognizable, to the women at the tomb, to the disciples on the way to Emmaus, and at His appearance through closed doors. The presence was corporeal, but it was changed, and they thought it was a spirit.

—In Moody Monthly

CATHOLIC CONVERSIONS

Joseph Zacchelo was in New York to win Italians to the Roman Catholic Church. Born in Italy, he had been trained there for the priesthood, and had done so well that Cardinal Raffaello Rossi sent him to the United States.

One day he sat listening to his radio. The voice of William Ward Ayer, New York's best-known gospel preacher, carried to him. He listened intently to his message, and was so impressed that later he went to see Ayer at his office. He was soundly converted and renounced the priesthood.

J. H. Musto had a somewhat similar experience. He had palled with a Roman priest in New York for several years, but found no peace of heart from the ritual of the church. One day as he stood in a subway sta-

tion, he saw on a gospel placard, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." As he read, Musto felt compelled to leave all his past life and come to Christ.

Inevitably Joseph Zacchelo and J. H. Musto met. Today they are secretary and president, respectively, of the Prayer League for the Conversion to Christ of Roman Catholics. Dedication service for the new organization was held in Dr. Ayer's Calvary Baptist Church, Sunday, July 27.

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Editorial

Young Men Entering the Ministry

It is indeed gratifying to observe that there is quite a number of young men who have been licensed during the past several months in North Carolina, and in some of the other states where Free Will Baptists are operating, for entrance in the gospel ministry. This is a good sign of interest and calling for this most needy field of work in our denomination. The several churches that have granted license to those worthy young men have done, we believe, a splendid thing for the cause of our denomination.

It is hoped that the majority of these young licentiates will avail themselves of adequate religious training at some good Bible school. The Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, offers splendid opportunities for young men and young women to go there and take training for the ministry, and for other Christian services. Certainly, adequate preparation is essential today in the religious field for those who are aspiring to be able to do the best work for the cause of Christ. In some instances, great sacrifices will probably have to be made in the securing of proper training for such noble calling, nevertheless those who shall be willing to pay the price for such training will be greatly benefitted during the coming years. Preparedness for a specific calling in life is certainly necessary in this age in which we are living.

May the church as a whole greatly benefit during the coming years from the Christian services of those young men who are called to preach the Word of God to a lost world. May they catch the vision of seeing the need of adequate preparation for the task which stands out before them. As they are to take, in only a little while, the places of the older ministers now actively engaged in pastoring churches, may they never stop or be satisfied with their training until they are fully qualified, educationally speaking, as well as from the spiritual point of view,

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Giving the Children a Better Chance

The church is becoming more and more concerned about giving the children a better chance in the Sunday School. The church people have come to realize the fact that the Sunday School teachers need to be better trained for the teaching of the Bible in the Sunday Schools. They know that unless the Sunday School teachers become better qualified to teach the Sunday School lessons, their children will be unable to learn, as they should, the Bible truths in a way that will be of the most good to them.

In the public schools of the country teachers have to be well trained and prepared to teach the subjects required for a liberal education. Years of training in colleges and Universities are required before young men

and women are prepared to enter the school room to teach the children of America.

Is it not reasonable to think that the same children should have as well trained teachers in the Scriptures for their Sunday School teachers as they have in the public schools? Should they not be as well taught the Word of God as they are the subjects of a liberal education? We believe they do deserve well qualified teachers of religion so that they will have the Word of God presented to them in the best manner possible.

The truth is, more young people should attend Bible colleges and Seminaries for religious training so that when they return to their home communities and churches they will be better prepared to become efficient Sunday School teachers. It is certainly pathetic in a great many rural churches, to say the least, that the present Sunday School teaching is very poorly done by d'sinterested, poorly prepared and inefficient teachers. It behooves the church people, therefore, to arouse interest in many of the young people and to encourage them to take religious training in some good Bible school or Seminary, after they have finished high school.

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Churches Catching New Vision

In this age of stress and strain, distrust and bitter contention all over the world, there is opportunity for the Church of the true and living God to catch a new vision of its responsibilities. And this vision is not confined to the highly organized church leadership of the various Protestant denominations of the country. The local democratic church, either in the rural district or in the city, has opportunity for meditation, vision and a greater understanding of its duties and responsibilities unto the people living within its scope of activities as a religious body.

We know of some local congregations, for example, who have sensed the need of having more preaching services each month. This is true of some rural churches that have moved up from having only two preaching services to four, and some to having six services each month. These country churches have become half-time, or two Sundays to the month in which they hold preaching services. This gives the people of those communities a greater opportunity for church going, and it is serving also to the advantage of those Sunday Schools, due to the fact that more of the local people attend the Sunday Schools and are bringing their children to the Sunday School. The results are gratifying because those church communities are showing splendid improvements in religious matters.

More of the rural churches should move up from one Sunday to two Sundays a month in which they might have preaching services. The more religious services a church community has the better it is for all the people concerned.

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

In the fall of 1942, I began my work with the church which was then known as Union Grove in Durham County, North Carolina. Before I was there very long, I found that I was in the midst of a very industrious group of people who were eager to do something for the glory of the Lord.



Shady Grove Church, Durham County

Still in the early fall of 1942, we the people of Union Grove met with the people of South View to discuss the future of both churches. While in this meeting both churches agreed to unite and make one church. The vote was unanimous by both churches. After the vote they agreed on the location and appointed a Finance Committee, and sent them out to start the work immediately.

We had our first meeting the following Wednesday night at the home of J. W. Carpenter, and the Finance Committee placed \$1,500.00 on the table before us assembled in the house, and at this time a treasurer was appointed and also a Building Committee elected, and I was appointed as the general chairman. This was a great undertaking, and I started the second brick building in the rural district of our denomination that I know anything about in the eastern part of North Carolina. I did not hesitate because I knew that I had a fine people to work with and that everyone was willing to do his or her part on this great work.

In mid-summer the building was

almost completed, and in July, 1945, we had an open-house service which proved to be a great blessing to everyone present, and the people were still eager to give to this worthy cause. Mr. Barrage of the First Baptist Church, and one of the leading citizens of Durham asked me if there was anything that he and his wife could give to have a part in this work. I told him the only thing he could do would be to buy the Com-

Mount Zion. I want all Free Will Baptist people to know that no one knows better than I the sacrifices which have been made in this work day by day. I hauled brick masons, plasterers, electricians, and other workers from Raleigh to build this church which you see in this picture with this article.

Mind you, this people have not stopped working, for they are still on the march by paying \$700.00 for a piano and \$1,000.00 for cemetery grounds, and they are still deeply interested in all of our work.

Rev. Herman Wooten

HINDRANCE

I feel that it has been clear enough to any thinking man or woman that we have been hindering the outpouring of God's richest blessings by just blocking the channels through which they come. One writer, some months ago, said that spiritfilled writers were not so dictatorial in their teachings as formally, and much less sectarian in their living.

There are too many people who thought they were justifiable in building up a wall around their feeble conceptions and then insist that others with whom we fellowship must meet us there.

David said "O, magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together." I am quite certain that if our different Christian brotherhoods had been doing this along down the years, they would have been much better than they are. No one can get over our Master's words, when he told his disciples to love one another.

A. R. Flowers



Rev. Herman Wooten

munion set, and he bought a beautiful set and gave it to the church.

In January, 1946, we had another meeting at which time we burned all papers which had record of debts against the church. Now we have a building which cost us \$9,873.00 with a happy people standing there rejoicing and praising God as if it were

When character is placed on a higher plane,

Sober thought will increase and evil will wane.

The value of a gift lies not in its price, but in the spirit which prompts it.

WOOTEN'S CHAPEL

This church is located in the southeastern part of Wake County, and is in one of the finest farming sections of the county. The church started from a very small tabernacle. We continued our work until we now have a nice brick building but we owe three thousand dollars (\$3,000) on the building.

There are some of the people in this community who are really interested in the work, and I fully be-

lieve that some day it will be one of the greatest churches of this section. If we can get the debt paid off the church I believe we will have a good start in making it a great church for the glory of God.

We started with approximately fifteen members, and Oh how hard we had to work, but through faith and love we continued the work. The Cape Fear Union meeting held its

first session with this church in March, 1946, and we had a glorious time with a large crowd rejoicing and praising God. If the Free Will Baptist people who read this article, and who look at this picture of the church could only know how much sacrificing and praying the writer has done, I do feel sure that the debt would be soon paid and the building could be completed at an early date.

I cut logs, hauled bricks, drove nails, sawed and fitted the woodwork



Wooten's Chapel, Wake County

on the inside, gave money, and served without any aid because the people were giving all they could. The people of the conference and union have given at different intervals.

Herman Wooten

SAINT'S DELIGHT MOVING FORWARD

We are happy to state that Saint's Delight Church in Craven County has now gone on half-time services in each month. The preaching services are on the first and third Sundays, and the Reverend K. W. Gaskill is our pastor. He is doing a splendid work in this church. The church is full at each service, and we have around 80 to 100 in the Sunday School. Brother Whitford Gaskins is our superintendent of the Sunday School. At our prayer meeting we

have from 100 to 150 present.

We are trying to enlarge our church for more room for the Sunday School. We want to build Sunday School rooms, and if there are some people who would be very glad to help us on the building of the rooms please send your donations to Mrs. Sadie Rice, New Bern, N. C., Route 1. She will be very glad to receive whatever amounts the good people want to give for this worthy cause. The Lord will richly bless all who give in his precious name. We are earnestly desiring the prayers of all Christian people for this most needy work. We are hoping that this

will be a great year in our church work everywhere.

It has been said by Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. J. R. Bennett and others that the gospel of Christ will occupy all lands and nations, and peoples and tongues, if it progresses at its present rate. Not all men will become believers in Christ but everywhere the good effect of the gospel will cover the whole earth. May the Lord keep us Free Will Baptist people humble in spirit, active in labor, full of consecrated zeal in good works so that we may share our responsibility in the conversion of the world to Christ. We are not to feel ashamed to appear among the people of God. We Free Will Baptist people must never forget that peace and love should ever be found blending with His great Faith and Hope. Let us live peaceably with all men. When we enter into combat for the defence of the truth, we should do it in love, not to subdue our opponents, but to convince and sanctify them by the truth of the Word of God.

We need consecrated church members, and liberal brethren, and the more wealthy members of the church should set examples for all by their cheerful gifts unto the Lord. We are to be faithful stewards, and may God help us all to honor Him with our substance and our sincere services for this worthy cause. We are to be instructed out of the great Book as to the way to life, to serve and be prepared to die.

May God richly bless us as a church of the true and living great heavenly Father. May our minds be broadened with greater vision for the work of the church.

B. F. Ringgold,
New Bern, N. C.,
Route 1, Box 2

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This is to state that Brother Willie E. Stilley was licensed to preach the gospel by Saint's Delight Church, Craven County, the third Sunday in September 21, 1947. Anyone desiring his services may write to him at New Bern, N. C., Route 1, Box 5, or telephone 2871.

B. F. Ringgold

WHITE OAK CHURCH

In 1945 I began my work at White Oak Church in Bladenboro, North Carolina. This church would have been condemned if the Welfare Department had known the existing conditions. The people were anxious to begin building a new church, therefore, we began planning and working toward this goal. We discussed and planned for a year before the actual work began.



White Oak Church, Bladen County

The foundation for this new church was begun in January, 1947. These church people have always been cheerful givers to the Lord's cause, and they were duly entitled to a real nice church in which to worship the true and living God. The work was continued from the foundation to a brick veneer church of 36 by 60 feet, with 7 Sunday School

rooms, and a basement. It has a seating capacity of 450 people, with a hot air heating system. There is a memorial window located directly behind the stand which is given in memory of D. E. Hester.

There were many times when we thought that we would have to stop the work but the Lord continued to open the way for us to carry on the work to completion. There were people of all denominations who gave to

this most worthy cause in effort to assist in this great work.

We shall greatly appreciate any help that anyone might be led to give for this worthy cause. There are many words which I could write concerning this work, but I am closing by saying to the Free Will Baptist, "Arise and let us move up to the front for Christ.

Rev. Herman Wooten

STATE LINE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The State Line Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with Howard's Grove Church, August 31, 1947, with the president, Rev. G. W. Nobles, in charge. We opened by singing "An Old Account Was Settled," "Send the Light," and "The Valley Won't Be Dark," after which Rev. T. B. Mellette led us in prayer. Mr. Jones, Supt. of Howard's Grove Sunday School, gave a welcome to all Sunday Schools represented. Rev. T. B. Mellette then gave a very inter-

esting Sunday School lecture. We then sang, "Work Where You Are."

The Convention sermon was then rendered by Bro. Willey from Blakeley, Ga. We sang "Are You Washed in the Blood," and were dismissed for the noon hour by Bro. Houston.

We returned to the afternoon session at 1:15 P. M., after a very enjoyable noon hour. The congregation sang "Standing On the Promises," and "Why Do You Wait." Rev. P. B. Brackin then gave a 15-minute devotion.

We then entered into the business session. There was a move and second that Rev. Nobles appoint a com-

mittee to decide who would receive the S. S. Convention Banner. The committee consisted of Rev. T. B. Mellette, Rev. John Golden and Bro. Houston.

There were 12 Sunday Schools represented: Howard's Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Magnolia, Shiloh, Prospect, Spring Hill and Springfield (being represented by program report and delegation), Union Springs, New Harmony, Cowart's Creek and Corinth by delegation and report, and Hickory Grove by delegation only.

The programs were then rendered which were all inspiring and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The minutes of the last convention were then read by the Secretary and approved.

The Banner Committee then gave their report of decision, which was that Magnolia Sunday School receive the Banner.

Officers were then elected for next year as follows: President, Mr. A. C. Womack; Vice-President, Rev. P. B. Bracken; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary Edna Brown.

The Sunday School reports were then read by the Secretary and accepted.

Shiloh, Prospect, Spring Hill and Springfield extended invitations for the Convention to convene with them next year. By popular vote Springfield Sunday School received the convention.

There was a rising vote of thanks given Howard's Grove Church for the hospitality shown.

Announcements were made and with no further business we were dismissed.

Mr. A. C. Womack, Pres.,
Miss Mary E. Brown, Secy.

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This is to advise our people that my address from now on will be Leeds, Alabama, instead of Cordova, which was my former address.

Also I wish to announce that I will continue my radio program over WRAX 900 KC, Birmingham, Ala., at 7:00 A. M., each Sunday, Central Time.

K. V. Shutes,
Box 123,
Leeds, Alabama

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Protestant Churches Between Two Enemies

It is an evident fact, as set forth by the Pope and his cardinals, that the PROTESTANT church is hated by the Catholic organization. However, all catholics do not hate the Protestant church and its ministers. I have found some catholics who have manifested to me that they did not believe that "catholics" were the only people who are right, but these are not counted to be "good catholics" by their church officials.

Not only does the Catholic church oppose the Protestant church, and condemn it to eternal perdition, but Communism is a deadly foe of the Protestant church. Catholicism wants to rule the world from Rome. It is a great political machine. This is known to those who observe facts as set forth by the different periodicals published both in Rome and in other countries.

Communism is opposed to all democratic governments. Communism is totalitarian, and the desire of Russia is to make the whole world totalitarian. It would stamp out democracy from the world to day if possible, and it will never be satisfied until it has accomplished its hellish purpose, so the Protestant church is confronted with the two enemies, Catholicism on the religious side and Communism on the infidellic side. Both would wipe out the Protestant church if possible. Dr. L. H. Lehmann writes in the September issue of "The Converted Catholic Magazine, as follows:

"AMERICA today is threatened by two forces whose ideologies, aims and ways of life are subversive of all that made America great as a religious and industrial nation. They would completely destroy what we cherish and which to date has made America the most prosperous and most Chris-

tian nation to develop out of the agonies and strifes of other nations in the past."

"One of these is Communism, the other Roman Catholicism. Communism, the newer and more uncertain of these two dangers, little need be said, for its methods are admittedly totalitarian and non-Christian. Of Roman Catholicism, we have more definite knowledge, since nothing could be more clear and unmistakable than the announced goal of its teachings and activities, especially as regards its plans for the conquest of America. A clear example of this is the following public pronouncement by the Jesuit Francis X. Talbot, former editor of AMERICA, as published in the N. Y. Globe on December 14, 1930."

"The old Protestant culture is about at the end of its rope. The first settlers of our country established this distinctly Protestant culture, being chiefly from Protestant countries, so that our history from the beginning of the republic has been predominantly non-Catholic. It has given the complexion to the country, entered our legislation, sociology and economics, is the basis of our commerce and industry, and in fact, has formed a great part of the American people. For 150 years the Protestant element was strongest, and we admit it."

"This Christian culture is a wave receding, and we Catholics are living in a most important day, with our culture vanishing, another gaining strength. Why can't we raise a tidal wave that will bring Catholic culture into the United States? Why can't we make the United States Catholic in legislation, Catholic in justice, aims and ideals? We are the greatest numerically in the country, strong and growing in the arts and education. We are now ready to expand. Now is the time to strike hard to put the Catholic idea before all."

Thus ends the letter as written and published according to Dr. Lehmann. Dr. Lehmann was a Roman Catholic priest at one time, but he saw the truth of the Bible and left off his Roman connection and has published a magazine for several years in which he condemns the tactics of Rome.

Presbyterians Pass Laws Against Marriage to Catholics

At a recent Synod meeting of North Carolina Presbyterians, a resolution was passed, according to reports, discouraging and barring the marriage of Presbyterians to Catholics, on grounds, as we understand, "That Catholic matrimony in which "non-Catholics are being united to Catholics the children are bound before birth to be brought up in the Roman Catholic faith." This takes the right away, completely, from one accepting Christ Jesus as his personal Saviour, as the Catholic must dominate not only the will of the non-Catholic but also of the unborn child. Salvation is an individual work. "Whosoever believeth on Christ, hath everlasting life."

The Presbyterians are right in their resolution. If Catholics are to discard and condemn all marriages that are not Catholic, then all denominations ought to object to marriages of their members to Roman Catholics.

I knew a Catholic who married a good Methodist girl and after they had lived together for several years and children had been born, and she was about to become a mother for about the fifth time, he said to his wife, who was married by a Methodist minister, "I want us to go and be married by Father" . . . (calling the name) "so that we will have one legal child." This Catholic absolutely told his wife that all their other children were bastards." This is the doctrine as taught by Rome. **All Protestants are living in adultery.** All our children are bastards. This is taught by the Roman Church. Some will deny it but the facts will stand.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The South Georgia Association of the Original Free Will Baptist Church will meet with Pine Level Church, 8 miles north of Alma, Ga., on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in October, Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend this association.

E. B. Joyner

ON THE ALTAR

The picture on this page is the choir at King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist church, a group of young people as fine as you will find anywhere. This choir was organized a little over a year ago and has made splendid progress under the leadership of Bro. David Wooten, and ably assisted by his sister Rachel. A few of the adults who are members of the choir are not in the pic-



King's Cross Roads Choir

ture, neither is Miss Rachel Wooten the pianist. Most of the young people belong to the league which is doing also a splendid work. Many in this group pray in public and make inspirational talks.

At all of the morning services they have complete charge of the preliminaries, one has charge of directing the song service, another making announcements, taking the offering, reading the scripture and in this way

relieving the writer of the responsibility of all details, leaving him free for a silent prayer and full concentration on the message.

The writer is giving them a course of study on the theory and practice of vocal music and at present they are studying harmony and expression.

It is an inspiration, beyond words to express, to have the support of such a group of young people whose young lives are all on the altar be-

of his romantic courtship and marriage to a lovely Kentucky girl, how God smiled upon them, and three little boys had come to cheer their hearts and home. He said, "Ray, I am praying God to call all three of my precious boys into the ministry. Wouldn't that be wonderful if all of them should preach?" It was about this time that he wrote the song from which I have quoted. One of the stanzas was as follows:

Though sometimes He leads through
shadows deep,
Trials fall across the way,
Though sometimes the path seems
rough and steep,
See His footprints all the way.

When one knows what happened later, those words seem prophetic. How little did Luther Bridgers dream that soon he would have to pass through deep shadows. In after-years he told me the tragic story. He left home one morning to conduct a revival campaign in a neighboring Kentucky town. His wife and children walked to the gate and kissed him good-bye. When he was about to turn the corner of the block, he looked back, and there stood his wife with the baby in her arms, and a little fellow on each side, and they were all throwing kisses and saying, "Good-bye, Daddy." He waved them a last good-bye, and then ran to catch the train. He was gone two weeks, and the last Sunday night of the revival he went to his room after the closing service and fell asleep. About one o'clock in the morning he was called to the telephone, and a voice asked, "Is this Mr. Bridgers?" "Yes," he replied. "Mr. Bridgers, we are sorry to tell you, but your house caught fire tonight and burned, and you wife and children have been burned to death."

I said, "Luther, what did you do?" He said, "It seemed to me that the devil laughed at me and said, 'God doesn't love you. You were away from home and couldn't protect your family, and now they all have been swept away by the flames. Are you going to worship a God like that?' I dropped on my knees beside that telephone, and prayed, and said,

hind you in the great work of leading souls to Christ.

When you encourage the young people in your church you are laying a firm foundation for the future and starting a movement that will, one day, make glad the City of our God. I want to thank the entire membership of the church for unstinted co-operation.

Rev. D. A. Windham, Pastor

THE HEART OF THE SONG

Condensed from "The Missionary Worker"

The congregation was singing that song which begins:

There's within my heart a melody,
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
Fear not, I am with thee, peace be
still,
In all of life's ebb and flow.

My mind went back through the years to the time when I met the author, Luther Bridgers, in a little country church in North Carolina and heard him sing with wonderful sweetness and power. There was something so radiant and beautiful about the faith of this strong and attractive young man, and something so winsome and potent in his preaching, that the occasion of our first meeting is indelibly stamped on my memory. Some years after our first meeting I saw him and heard him tell

'Lord, I have preached this Gospel to other people, and have told them it would comfort them in every hour of sorrow. Grant that this same Gospel may comfort me.'"

In spite of that mighty sorrow that broke over him like the surge of a sea, there came to him a great sense of the nearness of God, and the almighty arms were about him. But the next day he had to go back to Harrodsburg and stand in the ashes of what had been their home. He saw them pick up a few little bits of charred bone—all that was left of the little family—and put them into a coffin. He saw something shining in the ashes, and stooped and picked up a melted piece of a watch that he had given his wife on her last birthday. He remembered how happy she had been, and how she had put her arms about him and told him that he was a good husband and a good father to her children. Then he said, "I couldn't bear it any longer. I turned away from that scene of desolation and started out to face the world again with an old suitcase and a broken heart."

Six weeks after the tragedy Brother Bridgers was conducting a revival meeting in Broad Street Methodist Church, Richmond, Virginia. The pastor, Dr. Sam Hatcher, entertained us in the parsonage. One night we were sleeping in the same room when I was suddenly awakened and Brother Bridgers was saying, "Yes, Sallie, I'm coming," and he leaped out of the bed. Then in the darkness of the room I heard him as he knelt by his bed and began to weep, and then he yet that was the greatest year's work he ever did.—Young People's Weekly.

Announcement

This is to announce that my future address will be as follows:

Rev. J. B. Bloss,
311 West 5th Street,
Columbia, Tennessee

A material gift, however costly, can never be comparable to a spiritual gift.

TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTISTS

There is a reason for directing this message to the F. W. B. of South Carolina and Illinois. The reason is as follows: Each state has been asked to designate one month during the associational year as special missionary month. These two states named above happened to both take the month of October. Therefore just at this season I am directing this message to our dear Free Will Baptist folks of these two states. Rev. H. J. Sawyer of Rock Hill has been appointed Foreign Mission Director for the state of South Carolina, and Rev. Wallace Malone of Sesser has been appointed to the same position for the state of Illinois. These two brethren are both doing a good job. I trust you people of these two states will give them your hearty cooperation in this great work. They are launching some special services, doing some advertising, etc. When we get work like that going on in each and every state we are going to see our mission work really begin to climb. I wish it were possible for me to visit each of these states during the month of October; but it is most impossible. However my prayers and interest is with you. I have had some very encouraging communications from both Brother Sawyer and Bro. Malone recently. Also some very fine checks have been coming in from over there for the missions treasury. How much we thank you words cannot express. I am sure by the end of your special missionary month we are going to see the receipts from South Carolina and Illinois mount higher and higher.

Our missions cause is challenging us as never before. We have some fine young people on the waiting list anxious to go to the field. Some of them have their applications already approved. The last thing needed is the money. You have that; but we don't. Will you let the missions treasury have just a part of what you have that we may be able to send these fine young people to the field where people are dying each day and going down to a Christless grave just

because they have not had a missionary. We are deeply sincere in this. This is a reality and a grim one. These souls will meet us at the judgment. Let's do something about it now. Why not resolve to do everything in your power to make a bigger showing for foreign missions during this month of October than ever before. Urge the other fellow to do likewise. If you will do this you will more than likely come to the end of the month with a determination to make every month missionary month from this time forward. Hunt up your Missionary Review and read again all about our Extension Campaign. Read again your state quotas. Read the short article again where we are pleading for churches to take the support of the students in the Cuban School. Several of these students have already been taken. I am sure there is going to be a gratifying number of them taken ere many more weeks pass by. If you desire to take the support of a student for this school term of nine months then write to us about it. We will answer you promptly. I wish I were able to impart to you some of my enthusiasm for the dear missionary cause. I can't do it in person just now; but I am thankful for the privilege to write to you. I will be praying for you in your campaign, and will certainly be expecting to hear from you.

Yours for the gospel to the whole world,

Winford Davis
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

REVIVAL AT ROSE OF SHARON

The revival meeting will begin at Rose of Sharon Church on October 12 and continue on through October 22. Reverend D. A. Windham will be the evangelist, and Reverend C. D. Hamilton, the pastor, will assist him in the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

We are hoping that the church and the community will be drawn closer to the Lord as a result of the meeting.

M. S. Cowan



THE CREATIVE POWER OF FAITH

(Lesson for October 19)

Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-8, 39, 40; 12:1, 2.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1).

If you read the Bible in its various versions and translations, you have noticed how the different scholars have translated this great text with a minor variation. The King James Version reads, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The American Revised version makes a slight change in the rendition, which does not affect the meaning or teaching of the text, and renders it thus: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Another version reads, "now faith is the giving substance to things hoped for, a method of testing things not seen." The exact sense of the statement is the same in each variation of the reading, they all agree that faith is not some nebulous factor which deludes and dupes its possessors, but a reality upon which one can depend.

The reason of the slight differences in translation is rooted in one of the minor difficulties scholars face in New Testament vocabulary, and the solution of the difficulty is one of the minor romances of research. Sir William Ramsey is the hero of the affair, and all Christendom is the beneficiary of his strange discovery. The reader knows that the New Testament language was called "the common dialect," because it was the daily speech of the people. It passed out of use in about the fifth century after Christ, and many of the words became lost to later scholars. One such word is the Greek *hypostasis*—

translated "substance" in the Authorized Version of the English Bible, and "Assurance" in the American Revised Version. The discrepancy came from the fact that no modern student knew exactly what the word meant. But in his excavations in Asia Minor Sir William Ramsey came across the ruins of a small village which had been destroyed about 60 A. D., and in one of the sites he uncovered a small casket containing papyrus documents, which were inscribed on the outside with the identifying statement that they were the *hypostases* of Dionysia. When they were examined, they proved to be title deeds to certain property, recorded legally and hence indisputable as evidence.

So we read this text anew, and find out that "Faith is the title deeds to things hoped for, the legal proof of things not seen." So both the earlier translations were right; it is "substance" and gives "assurance" or "conviction" to the promises of God.

Our Lord has said, "In My Father's Country are many abiding places . . . I go to prepare a habitation for you." If one should ask the Lord, "How do I know there is a Home in Heaven awaiting me?" he would find the answer in our text for to-day, "Now faith is the title deed to things hoped for . . .," and with that assurance could and should be content.

—Selected

A person's faith in God is an acknowledgment of the existence, divinity and power of a supreme Being. The writer to the Hebrews asserts the fact that such faith is a solid reality present in the heart of the believer. It represents an attitude or frame of mind in the sense of assurance, confidence, or firm conviction concerning things that are in the future. It is the proof or the conviction that things unseen, as hope, love, spiritual life, etc., are real, useful and satisfying to the human soul.

Wm. G. Morehead says, "Faith is a confident assurance and a settled conviction respecting things hoped for, though unseen. It is the soul's eye that sees the invisible. It is the soul's

hand that grasps the promised blessings and makes them its very own."

By it the elders obtained a good report, verse 2. This kind of faith enabled the elders—the holy men of old—to receive divine approval of God. Their deeds and actions in spiritual matters were so governed by this holy faith that their records of Christian service and spiritual devotion were indeed very good. God was the object of their faith, the assurance of their hope, and the fulfillment of their love. Accordingly, God should be the object of our love, devotion and praise, because he is the divine giver and sustainer of life itself. —Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Looking Unto Jesus. Hebrews 12:2.

The late Dr. George F. Pentecost told me about one of his parishioners who had lost her husband and only son within a week. Following this calamity, she suffered a complete collapse of faith. She doubted God's love. Dr. Pentecost visited her frequently for several weeks, trying to help her out of her gloom and sorrow. One day he found her doing some fancy-work, and in the course of the conversation she dropped the embroidery in her lap. The doctor, pointing to it, said, "I am surprised that a woman of your intelligence should be working with a foolish thing like that! I never saw such a jumble of yarns and colors; there is no pattern, no plan. It is perfectly absurd."

The lady was highly indignant. In her amazement she even forgot her sorrow. Turning the work over quickly she replied, "I am surprised at you, Dr. Pentecost. You are looking at the wrong side. Isn't there a pattern now? Isn't there a blend of colors?"

"Yes," he answered, "there is. But, my dear sister, you are looking at the wrong side of God's work and it is all darkness and confusion to you. On His side there is perfect harmony. He has a plan and a purpose, and He is working them out."—P. W. Philpott, in Job.

SEVENTH ANNUAL
CONVENTION

of the
Oklahoma State Women's Auxiliary
convening with
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Wewoka, Oklahoma
October 20-21, 1947
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Monday Evening

- 7:30—Song Service, Host Church
—Scripture Reading, Mrs. Alma Gammon, Wewoka
—A Special Song, Wewoka Quartet
—Introductory Message, Rev. Cleo Purcell, Bristow, Okla.
—Alternate, Rev. Leona Mayfield, Tulsa, Okla.
—Convention Song, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
—Benediction, Rev. Dennis O'Donnell, Wolf, Okla.

Tuesday Morning

- 9:00—Registration
9:30—Song service
—Devotional, Mrs. Lynn Hamilton, Tulsa
—Invocation, Mrs. Edna Crisp, Wirt
Welcome Address, Mrs. Daisy O'Donnell, Wewoka
—Response, Mrs. Merel Wilson, Pretty Water
10:00—Letters called for Delegates seated
—Appointment of Committees
—Election of Officers
—Prayer of Consecration, Rev. Leona Mayfield
10:50—Recess
11:00—Song Service, Mrs. Reford Wilson, Bristow
—Prayer, Mrs. Nettie Barnett, Oklahoma City
—Special Song, Rev. Bert Rogers, Drumright
11:30—Sermon, Rev. John West, Tulsa
12:00—Benediction, Rev. Paul Purcell, Bristow

LUNCH

- 1:30—Song Service, "How Firm a Foundation"
—Scripture, Prayer, Mrs. Ethel Armstrong, Drumright
1:45—Report of National Convention
2:00—Message of President, Mrs. Verdun Bingham, Oklahoma City
—Reports:
First Vice-President, Mrs. Glenora Staires, Tulsa
Second Vice-President, Mrs. Eileen Melton, Healdton
Third Vice-President, Mrs. Hattie Newman, Jennings
Fourth Vice-President, Rev. Cleo Purcell, Bristow
Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. Bertha Barker, Ada
—Special Song, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.
—Recording Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Everett Keifer, Tulsa

- Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Bessie Staires, Pryor
—Field Worker, Mrs. Mildred Cash, Shawnee
3:00—Play
—Offering
—Reports of Committees
—Miscellaneous Business
—Closing Hymn, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Ada
—Benediction, Rev. Ward Wood, Shawnee

PROGRAM
of the
WESTERN CONFERENCE

The following is a program of the Western conference of North Carolina which will be held with the New Sandy Hill Church near Bailey, N. C., October 15 and 16, 1947.

Wednesday Morning, October 15th

- 9:30—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer, Rev. T. W. Choplin, Jr.
9:45—Welcome address, Rev. J. F. Parrish
—Response, Rev. M. L. Johnson
10:00—Moderator's Message, Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
10:15—Seating of delegates and appointment of Committees
10:30—Business session
11:15—Special music
11:30—Introductory sermon by Rev. Henry Melvin
12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:15—Worship Scripture, Prayer, Rev. J. B. Ferrell
1:30—Business session
2:30—Evangelism through Christian Education, Rev. Burkette Raper
3:00—Remarks by host pastor, Rev. J. F. Parrish

Wednesday Evening

- 7:30—Congregational singing, and special music

- 8:00—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Ivey

Thursday Morning, October 16

- 9:30—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer, Rev. W. E. Anderson
9:45—Reports:
1. Board of Christian Education
2. Board of Missions
3. Board of Superannuation
4. Orphanage report
5. Church Finance Association
10:30—Business in general
10:50—Report of Executive Board
11:00—Report of the Ordaining Council
11:15—Congregational Singing and special music
11:30—Conference sermon by Rev. J. A. Evans
12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:15—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, prayer, Rev. Willie Renfrow

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Announcement



This is to announce that I shall be available for evangelistic services, or pastoral work for the coming year.

Rev. Lester English,
Mills Rural Station,
North Carolina

THEY NEVER QUITE
LEAVE US

They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above;
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love.
The work which they left and the books which they read
Speak mutely, though still with an eloquence rare,
And the songs that they sang, the words that they said,
Yet linger and sigh on the desolate air.
And oft when alone, and oft in the throng,
Or when evil allures us, or sin draweth nigh,
A whisper comes gently, "Nay, do not the wrong,"
And we feel that our weakness is pitied on high.

—Margaret E. Sangster

Condensed truth is the essence of wisdom.

A VERY GOOD REVIVAL

My motto is this: When I have good news I like to pass it on to others. On September 18, Rev. L. B. Manning began a series of protracted meetings at Piny Grove Church, Beaufort County, N. C. There were a few nights that were rainy and our dirt roads were very slippery, but the rest of the time we had fairly large crowds.

I believe Rev. Manning's custom is to preach a few nights direct to the church members, or at least that is what he did out our way. The first few nights that he directed his sermons to the unchurched people he used some of his small ammunition, but when that did not take any effect, he switched over to his larger guns that carried heavier ammunition. The results were seven young women and three young men accepted Christ.

On Sunday evening, September 28, Rev. Manning baptized the ten converts. That night we met back to the church and received them in full fellowship. Then the church observed the Lord's supper and washed each others' feet. As the custom of our church is to spread dinner on the ground on 4th Saturday in September, which is our yearly, or annual meeting, after Rev. R. C. Proctor, our pastor, delivered his sermon on Saturday, 11 a. m., the ladies spread a bountiful dinner which we think all enjoyed.

After dinner we assembled back in church for our annual business meeting which was transacted in a very Christian like manner, I would not like to forget to say that Rev. Manning endeared himself in the hearts of the little children by teaching them some new choruses to sing each night. During the revival we had with us for two nights a girls' quartet with guitar music. This scribe endeavored to sing a special on two occasions.

J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C., R-5

Do your duty to God and man and the world will be transformed.

REVIVAL AT OAK GROVE

These days in which we live revivals are not as popular as they were in the days when Peter stood and declared the words of the prophet Joel to be fulfilled. The church appears little concerned for the condition of the world and people who are not seeking Spiritual things, but who are seeking excitement, romance, and thrill. The church does not live in the midst of a revival as it did with its leaders having witnessed Christ, "the chief corner stone" walking among its members. The average Christian today does not realize that Christ is here in spirit—the same as the person, but not "flesh and bones." Christ is in the life of the Christian doing his office work just as He was when he was in the world doing the will of the Father before the crucifixion.

The revival actually began on Sunday morning, September 21, when our pastor, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, entered the Sacred stand and used for his text "and Jonah paid the fare." Many were made to rejoice and some were reduced to tears when it was explained how Jonah made the wrong choice when he paid the fare to ride the ship that sailed in the wrong direction: taking the hard way when God had planned his voyage and had given him an easy road to travel. On Sunday night the church was almost filled and the pastor brought another message which was the final introduction to the revival. Some one said, "It is the best beginning for a revival that we have had in a long time here at Oak Grove," and another said, "I had rather go to Oak Grove than anywhere that I have ever been, so lets all attend service this week." Can you say that about your church? When we go to our church we mean business because we do not believe that the Lord wants a half-handed service from any of his children.

On Monday night Rev. M. H. Mellette, of Turbeville, South Carolina, who was pastor of the church in 1930, arrived to do the preaching. The weather was not very favorable for the first three nights, but the con-

gregation was still glad to see the time come to go to the house of the Lord. (You might ask me if Mr. Mellette is a good preacher and I would say without hesitating, "Yes, I have never heard a man do any better preaching.") One of the brothers in the church said, "When you confess to have religion under such preaching you will have it."

How many were saved? This question is one that only God himself can answer. The word says to "cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt find it after many days." There were no conversions neither any additions to the church that we could deter-do believe that the Lord wants a in some good soil. We do not know all that our evangelist has said to lost people here in Bladen County, but a word spoken at the right time and in the right place will bring results. A minister once said to me, "One sentence from a man of God is what led me to Christ." We do know one thing: here at Oak Grove we are striving to send the Gospel to all parts of the globe.

We are happy to report also that two of our boys; namely, Wade T. Jernigan and Allen B. Bryan, have finished their schooling in our Bible college, in Nashville, Tennessee. Wade is continuing his school work in Shawnee, Oklahoma, while doing pastoral work there: preparing as fast as he can for the Mission field in India and Allen is leaving us to take up his work as pastor of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina. We bid them God's speed in their work. By special request we are asking all praying people to join us, if you have not already done so, in prayer that the Lord will call from our churches more men and women to whom He can trust the shepherding of His flock and that they will not stop until they have put forth sufficient effort to be able to serve our people and that our churches stand behind them and see them go over the top for Christ's sake.

By a member of the church

Time, like money, can be wisely or unwisely spent.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSO.

The South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists will hold its 1947 session on November 13 and 14, beginning at 10:00 A. M., with Salem Church, 4 miles west of Cowards, S. C.

The early bus entering Cowards will be met on the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth. Anyone coming by car can enquire at bus stop in Cowards, and get directions.

It is hoped that each minister of our convention in the State, each conference or association, or local church in South Carolina, will remember the date and let us have a good representation, and to expect a great time in the Lord.

H. J. Sawyer, Cor.-Secy.,
of S. C. State Association,
452 Railroad Avenue,
Rock Hill, South Carolina

RUTH'S CHAPEL REORGANIZED

We want to give a sketch of the work and schedule of services of Ruth's Chapel. Our pastor is Reverend Herbert Tripp of Vanceboro, North Carolina. This church had gone down for several years, and there had been no services in it for about eleven years. There had been no Sunday School there for about four years.

Reverend J. R. Bennett began services in the church on December 2, 1946, and on December 11, 1946, it was reorganized. A Sunday School was also organized. We now have 26 members in the church, and there are 70 in the Sunday School. We are now ceiling the church inside and we want to paint the outside of the church. In the future we are planning to add more to the building for Sunday School rooms.

Our former pastor, Rev. J. R. Bennett, resigned on the first Sunday in September, and we elected Rev. Herbert Tripp as our new pastor. He began his services with us on September 28. Please remember this church and its co-workers in your

prayers that we may be a bright and shining light for the Lord.

Our schedule of services is as follows: Sunday School at 9:45 A. M., Brother Lee Purifoy, superintendent; 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., sermon by the pastor, Rev. Herbert T. Tripp, on every first and third Sundays. Ladies Aid meets every Thursday at 7:30 P. M., in the homes of the members. Prayer meeting every Friday night at 7:30 P. M., and on every Monday night at 7:30 P. M., after the second Sunday, Reverend J. R. Forrest conducts prayer meeting at the church. It is a little church with a big welcome for all.

Yours in the name of Jesus,

William B. Glover,
Church Reporter,
New Bern, N. C.,
Route 2

SECURE IN HIM

By Inez Brazier

This morning I opened the Good Book to find counsel for the day: As I turned its pages, the words of Romans 8:31 seemed to stand out in larger print. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

"Who can be against us?" Who, indeed, I mused as I read the verse again. Troubles? Misfortunes? Grievances? Is God for us in them? Or do we allow them to so darken our spiritual sky that we cannot see Him?

God is for us. Of this we may be sure. "Fear not, for I am with thee." This being so, all the troubles and griefs and loss are not against us; they are only part of His plan for us. And what looms so dark and forbidding will not be so dark if only we read the message of His love in its presence. It is a part of the "all things" which come for our good.

God is for us! Nothing can change that fact. It is as eternal and unchangeable as the Father Himself. The troubles that touch our lives are not "troubles" to Him. They are opportunities for Him to manifest His love and care for us.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or

nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Romans 8:35-37. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Since all the varying scenes of time
God's watchful eye surveys,
O who so wise to choose our lot,
Or to appoint our ways?
Good, when He gives, supremely good
Nor less when He denies;
E'en crosses, from His sovereign
hand,
Are blessings in disguise.
Why should we doubt a Father's
love,
So constant and so kind?
To His unerring, gracious will
Be every wish resigned.

God is for you, troubled heart.
Nothing, in His providence, can be
against you.

—In Free Will Echo

TO BE LIKE HIM

Worship is a blessed privilege, not only because it brings supreme joy, but because it also brings likeness to God. It is by communion with God we are made like Him. When Moses came down from beholding God, his own face shone with a strange and awful glory; and Paul says that "we all, reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory." Our complete transformation into His likeness will come through the complete and undivided vision of Him. "We shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is."

—R. A. Torrey

REVIVAL AT WATERY BRANCH CHURCH

This is to announce that the revival meeting at Watery Branch Church will begin on the second Sunday night in October, and the Thursday of that week has been set aside as Harvest Day. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the revival services each evening, and to come for the Harvest Day festival.

By a member of the church

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

A LESSON FROM A COW

Dorothy C. Haskin

The stone building stood by itself in the sun. No one could see a house for miles, but they were there. Little farms nestled between the mountains, like green handkerchiefs spread on the brown earth.

On Sunday morning, pick-up trucks with boys and girls dressed in their best, darted out of the farms, and down the gravel roads to the stone building that was their church.

Pete and Anna Simpson were proud to bring their cousin, Gloria Leavitt, to see their church and to meet their friends.

"This is Miss Hudson," Pete introduced his Sunday School teacher.

"Gloria's from the city," Anna chimed in.

"She doesn't know anything about a farm, much," Pete added the last word to be polite.

Miss Hudson smiled from behind her glasses and welcomed, "I know you're enjoying the country."

"It's different," Gloria admitted.

"She'll be in our class."

"We're glad to have you, and today is an excellent time to start," Miss Hudson continued as they took their places beside the other children in the front row. "We're going to have a contest."

"Tell us."

"Later. Shush!" Miss Hudson warned as the superintendent raised his hand for attention.

During the class Miss Hudson explained, "I believe that we should hide God's Word in our hearts. I've prepared a list of verses for you to learn. Next Sunday, whoever knows not only the most, but knows them the best, shall have a prize."

Pete's eyes gleamed. A prize! He would have to win it.

After Sunday School, Miss Hudson walked out to the pick-up with the Simpsons. She pressed Gloria's hand and murmured, "Dear, watch nature and learn all you can of God and His ways. The Bible says, 'The

invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made' (Rom. 1:20)."

"I will," Gloria promised and jumped into the truck with Pete and Anna.

After dinner the children got out their Bibles, looked up the verses and began to study. Pete studied only a few minutes, then decided, "I'll do mine later. I want to read."

Anna studied one verse and then another, but Gloria memorized only one verse.

The next morning Gloria asked, "Pete, may I go with you while you do the chores?"

"Okay," Pete grinned at the fun of showing her the animals.

They walked out to the barn. Pete picked up a battered bucket and filled it with ears of corn. He explained, "Some farmers shell the corn for the stock, but Father says, let them do their own work."

They stepped into the yard. The chickens came clucking up to Pete. He scattered the corn on the ground. Gloria watched the chickens. They would pick at an ear of corn, but the slightest noise distracted their attention, and they would look up. It took them a long time to eat.

Pete filled his bucket again. Gloria walked with him to the pigsty. The Simpsons had two pigs. Pete threw the corn into the sty. The pigs waddled over to the corn, and began to chew, first at one ear, then on another.

"Why don't they stay with one ear until they finish it?" Gloria asked.

"They're afraid the other pig will get more, so they go from one ear to another."

"Oh!" Gloria ambled over to the pasture fence, and watched the cows eating grass. All the cows were busy pulling up the grass and swallowing it, but one. She was lying on the ground, chewing.

"What's she doing?"

"Chewing her cud," Pete explained. "Cows eat for awhile, then they

lie down and chew the cud. But they're always at it.

The week passed quickly, and the children were again at Sunday School. Miss Hudson greeted them with a smile and announced, "You may take turns saying your verses. Pete, you're the oldest. You may be first."

Pete said the two verses he had learned, then excused: "I didn't learn them all. I had other things to do."

Anna said her verses, but she stumbled over them. She admitted: "I tried to learn them all at once last Sunday afternoon."

Gloria said all her verses perfectly.

"You did well," Miss Hudson complimented. "How did you learn them?"

"I remembered what you said about watching nature, so I watched the animals eat. I saw that when the chickens ate, they let everything else interfere, and it took them a long time. The pigs tried to eat everything at once, and didn't finish any one thing. But the cows ate all the time. When they weren't eating, they were chewing the cud."

"I tried to be like the cow. I wrote the verses on a piece of paper and put it in my apron pocket. That way I could study most of the time and when I couldn't read the verses, I could go over them in my mind."

—Selected from Juvenile Pleasure

If we had less commercialism and more spirituality, many of our problems would be solved.

And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.—I Corinthians 13:13.

We draw much out of life. What are we putting into it?

Cease minimizing your blessings and exaggerating your misfortunes.

Adversity is often a stepping-stone to prosperity.

Truth loses some battles, but never a war.

Misfortunes are often blessings in disguise.

SOLD OUT

We regret that several late orders for YOUTH'S BANNER for October had to be returned, owing to the fact that the entire edition was sold out prior to the last week in the month. Our Sunday School and Youth Paper is gaining in popularity throughout the denomination, for which we are grateful. However, at this stage in its development it is hard to "guess" in advance what the demand is going to be, and it is necessary that the paper be printed quite a while before distribution date so that we can be sure of its reaching all points in time.

We plan to increase the number printed for November and thereafter to a figure that will make us reasonably sure of being able to fill all orders. The co-operation of Sunday Schools, classes, Free Will Baptist Leagues, and other organizations using the paper in sending in their orders early will be appreciated. In planning for 1948 we suggest that you consider the matter of making your club subscription to THE BANNER for the whole year. The price is 60 cents per year (52 weekly papers) in lots of five or more to be mailed to the same person for distribution. You can send your remittance for the whole year, or note clearly on your order for the first quarter that you want the order duplicated for each quarter of the year, and we will so enter it on our order cards in the office here, and bill you for the papers each quarter.

We wish to thank all who have co-operated with us in establishing (as we truly believe) our youth paper as a permanent publication of the denomination.

Editor Youth's Banner

GOD WILL HEAR YOU

A little Chinese girl lived in a school where missionaries teach. When praying one night she said to the missionary: "Do you think God understands Chinese?"

"Oh, yes," replied the missionary. "Why do you ask?"

"Because," said the little girl, "sometimes when I feel bad I like to

pray to God in Chinese, and I wonder if He understands, just the same as English."

"Of course," said the missionary, "God knows every language, and it is not the words we say as much as the feeling down deep in our hearts that makes us want to speak of Him. He says in the Bible: 'Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear.' So speak to Him in any language and He will hear."

—World Conquest.

PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT

Joan was just a little girl and she was very frightened. She had lost her way in the big department store. She had walked away from her mother.

"I guess this is the way I go," said Joanie to herself, and she started up one aisle only to find that Mother was not there. She hurried down the next, up and down each one. Big tears started in her lovely brown eyes. "Mama wouldn't go home and leave me here," thought Joanie. "She must be in the store somewhere."

Now Joan didn't have to be so fearful for Mother was busy at a counter from which she could easily see the little girl and thought Joanie was enjoying herself looking at the pretty things. What a surprise it was to her when a tear-stained little face came near and with a glad cry of welcome she threw her arms around her mother.

"Oh, Mother, where have you been?" cried Joanie.

"Why, my precious girl, my eye has been on you all the while," said Mama.

There is a verse in Job 28:10 that tells us about precious things. It says the eye of the Lord "seeth every precious thing."

Joanie's mother had her eye on her precious little girl, so the Lord Jesus has His eye on each boy and girl who is precious to Him, especially those who trust Him. Are you trusting in the Lord Jesus?—Jean in, C. B. H. News.

We need not be steeped in sin, even though we are steeped in debt.

"WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME"

The following letter was written by a sailor to his pastor, the Rev. J. Arthur West, of Bangor, Me.:

"As you preach to the folks from Sunday to Sunday, do stress the fact that there is a wide difference between knowing things about God and **knowing God!** Tell the young folks, especially, that observing a few Christian ideas and practices is not the same as turning their lives entirely over to Him for whatever use He desires to make of them. Encourage fathers and mothers to bring back into the home the 'family altar' and devotions, with all members of the family present. Help the people, younger and older, to clarify the things which they believe so they will be able to give an answer for the faith that is in them. And somehow, (this is so very, very important) **try to get a few really out and out followers of Christ to undertake a constant effort toward winning others to Him and the Christian life.** I do so hope (and am constantly praying) that our people back home will not let us down in the matter of spiritual support when we return. If they should; if our churches fail to keep the issues of Godliness and personal salvation vigorously before us; if we are permitted to return to only a momentary 'flurry' of welcome-home excitement — and afterwards, the dullness and disparagement of indifference, then the church can expect to witness one of the saddest spectacles ever—a generation of moral and spiritual delinquents. That day must never come. After what we have been through already, we could never stand a blow like that."

—Zion's Herald

WESTERN CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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- 1:30—Business Session
 - 1. Report of Resolutions Committee
 - 2. Other reports
- 3:00—Closing message by Rev. R. W. Allman
- 3:15—Benediction

This program was prepared by the Moderator, F. A. Rivenbark.

YEARLY MEETING AND HOME-COMING AT STONY CREEK CHURCH

Stony Creek Church in Wayne County, North Carolina, wishes to announce its annual yearly meeting and home-coming day which is to be observed on the third Sunday in October. All former pastors, church members, and friends are cordially invited to attend these services. Dinner will be spread on the church grounds at the noon hour. Come and enjoy the day in sweet fellowship with us.

On Sunday night, October 12, our pastor, Reverend Clifton Rice, will start a revival meeting here at the church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services, and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

Mrs. Oliver Smith

Joy and peace abound for those whose hope is in the Everlasting.

Wise men do not seek quarrels;
they foresee the tragic outcome.

GOD HEARS WHAT WE SAY

The head of a household at the morning meal had asked the blessing as usual, thanking God for a bountiful provision. Immediately afterward he began to grumble about the hard times, the poor quality of food he was forced to eat, and the way it was cooked.

His little daughter interrupted him. "Father," she began, "do you suppose God heard what you said a little while ago?"

"Certainly," he replied confidently. "And did He hear what you said about the bacon and the coffee?"

"Of course"—not quite so confidently.

"Then, Father, which did God believe?"

Even when we as children of God do remember to thank Him for the blessings He pours into our lives, are we not often like this man? Do not our words and our deeds often contrast sharply with the thanks we utter?

—The Pilot

Announcement

This is to state that I have been licensed to preach the gospel by the Moseley Creek Free Will Baptist Church, and that I shall be available to hold services, conduct prayer meetings, and to do personal work if wanted by any church, or community.

The Reverend J. R. Bennett is pastor of this church, and anyone desiring to know something about me, may get in touch with Brother Bennett.

Rev. W. H. Willis,
Dover, N. C., Route 1

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

STANDARD THANKSGIVING DAY BOOK NO. 1

By Louise Miller Novotny and Ida Lee Wolf

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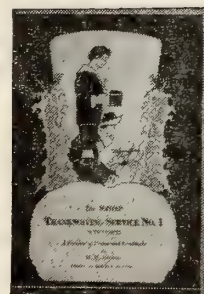
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By M. M. Sturgis

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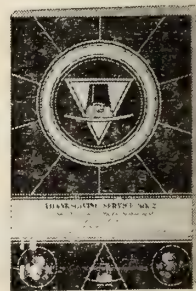


The Master Thanksgiving Service No. 2

By M. M. Sturgis

A suitable program for the celebration of the Thanksgiving Festival divided into two parts. The first part is an exercise for all age children with appropriate music. The second part is a playlet "Thanksgiving Eve at Grandmother's" for 7 characters.

10c each—\$1.00 per doz.



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FOR TEACHERS, PASTORS AND BIBLE STUDENTS

A Commentary on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching

By Wilbur M. Smith

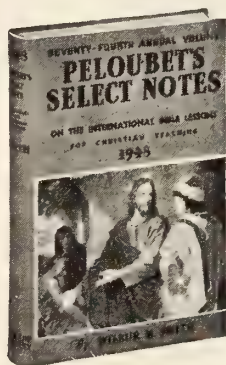
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Truth Never Dies

TRUTH never dies. The ages come and go.
The mountains wear away, the stars retire.
Destruction lays earth's mighty cities low;
And empires, states and dynasties expire;
But caught and handed onward by the wise
Truth never dies.

THOUGH unreceived and scoffed at through the
years;
Though made the butt of ridicule and jest;
Though held aloft for mockery and jeers,
Denied by those of transient power possessed,
Truth never dies.

IT ANSWERS NOT. It does not take offense,
But with a mighty silence bides its time;
As some great cliff that braves the elements
And lifts through all the storms its head sub-
lime,
It ever stands, uplifted by the wise;
And never dies.

AS RESTS the Sphinx amid the Egyptian sands;
As looms on high the snowy peak and crest;
As firm and patient as Gibraltar stands,
So truth, unwearied, waits the era blest
When men shall turn to it with great surprise.
TRUTH never dies.

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GEORGIA NEWS

E. C. Morris

Another year is rapidly passing. Here we are again in the season of our annual district association sessions. As we look back on the past year with all our church activities, there are some things to be regretted, however, there are many things for which we feel very grateful. The State Association of Georgia is a progressive advisory body composed of

all district associations, Union Meetings and local churches of Free Will Baptists which voluntarily seek membership, in the State of Georgia and bordering states.

This body is bound together for the purpose of promoting better fellowship, greater co-operation and all phases of our denominational causes, such as Christian education, home and foreign missions and superannuation. In order to further these causes, the Executive Board of our State Association, one year ago saw fit to employ a promotional secretary for half-time. The person employed was the Rev. H. L. Catrett, of Colquitt, Ga. He entered upon his duties the first of October, 1946. This new endeavor was considered so profitable that the Executive Board soon realized that full time was needed in this particular field, so they fully decided to employ a full time secretary back in June. Brother Catrett could not give full time, therefore he resigned in favor of a full time person. The writer was immediately interviewed with a proposition and after some prayer and meditation the call was accepted with duties to begin October the first.

Now the State of Georgia has a full time promotional secretary for the Free Will Baptist causes. It is the duty of this secretary to visit all the churches, union meetings, associations and other gatherings of Free Will Baptists in this state and present the needs of our denomination in every phase of the Cause. The visitation of this secretary will be arranged upon the invitation of pastors and churches and it is greatly desired that an opportunity may be presented for a full line of activity. He is now on the field for service and may be contacted by writing him at 606 Belmont Ave., Tifton, Ga.

The tactful man knows how and when to avoid trouble.

When wise parents reign they prevent many a storm.

Does the scoffer at you grin?

Let your light shine from within.

Announcement

This is to announce that I shall be available for pastoral services on first and third Sundays for the coming church year. If any church is in need of a pastor on either the first or third Sundays, and desire my services, please get in touch with me at your convenience.

Rev. J. C. Varnell,
700 College Avenue
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Editorial

FACING THE REALITIES

More and more are Free Will Baptists facing the realities of a greater program for the denomination. This is becoming more and more true with respect to Missions, Christian Education, Superannuation, and also to the work for the Denominational orphanages.

Missions

According to the recent reports of Brother Winford Davis, National Missions Treasurer, the different states are making, on the whole, gratifying gains in the support of the Mission cause. For example, for the month of August, South Carolina's figure was \$230 for missions, whereas it was \$850.83 given for September, from the treasurer's reports. This is quite an increase for the support of missions for one month. The record for the state of Georgia ran up to \$125.58 against only \$35.70 for the month of August. Here again is a noticeable increase of support for the cause of missions. Kentucky gave \$53 in September against \$1 in August, according to the report listing states in their mission support. Should the increase continue, where would Kentucky go for the month of October? North Carolina went from \$516.77 in August to \$748.67 in September for missions. The sales of Miss Barnard's book, "His Name Among All Nations," has superceded for September any previous month. The amount being \$212.00 for September. The totals for the states for August were \$2,287.55 with the increase going to \$3,058.26 for the month of September. These figures show an increase for the month of September of \$770.01 over the figures for August. We believe the October figures will reach closely to the \$5,000 mark.

The other states show an increase proportionately, or most of them do, while others in all probability will run up their mission support for the month of October to a very great high, surpassing anything that they have done heretofore. Certainly, the Mission cause is growing steadily, and will gain greater strength as Free Will Baptists move forward in their interest for the spreading of the gospel in foreign lands.

Christian Education

No less are the church people interested in Christian education than they are in the cause of missions. They know full well that religious training is necessary, and that Bible Schools and Seminaries must be supported by all of the church people, from the least to the greatest. They know that no local church can be considered progressive and fully alive for the Master's cause without being willing to support Christian education. Surely, the trend is upward, and new interest is continuing to grow among the church people more and more for better trained leadership of the church. This spirit is catching, and

more and more will the church people give larger sums of money to the cause of the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

The quotas given to each state to be completed by the end of 1948 have already well been subscribed to and large portions of these quotas have already been raised in the different states. Renewed interest is now being shown in the various states, as reported by the Business Manager-Treasurer of the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and it is expected that some of the states will practically complete their quotas by the end of the first quarter of 1948. Since a greater interest is being manifested on the part of students seeking entrance to the college for Bible study, it is an indication that more church people back home are giving more attention to the school than ever. Moreover, when a church sends one or more of its young people to the college for training, it means that the church will certainly render more support to the Bible College. Yes, the spirit is catching among the people and we believe that a greater institution is now in the making for the greater service of the denomination.

Pastors, union meetings, conferences and associations, as well as the Women's auxiliaries, Sunday Schools and the Young People's Leagues, are all looking forward to making the college a greater institution for the future prospects of more students. With every church contributing its part freely in this great work, the college will move forward beyond the present limited conditions and capacity for students who are greatly desiring to enter the school as soon as provisions can be made for them. Therefore, may we urge that each state get busy this fall and winter, and raise their quota, and even go far beyond that mark.

Superannuation

No one would say for one moment that Superannuation should lag behind the causes of Missions and Christian Education. Not at all, but that the disabled and retired ministers must be well cared for by the whole denomination. All of the churches and church organizations are deeply interested in this particular phase of the work of the denomination. It goes without any argument, no church, however small or large, can afford not to support in a liberal way the cause of Superannuation for the cause of the worn-out ministers. In fact, it is not only a joy for the church people to give cheerfully and liberally to this most worthy cause, but also God requires adequate support of the ministry.

Both from a national and states point of view, Superannuation is vitally important for the purpose that no disabled minister of the denomination shall have to go lacking for the necessities of life. God has promised to bless in a wonderful way those who will care for the dis-

(See Editorial on page 15)

The Heart of the Song

Condensed from "The Missionary Worker"

(Note:—This article is being run over in more complete form for this week, since the Make-up Man last week badly mixed it with other type too obscure to be checked and corrected, and a portion of it was also left out.—Ed.)

The congregation was singing that song which begins:

There's within my heart a melody,
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
Fear not, I am with thee, peace be still,

In all of life's ebb and flow.

My mind went back through the years to the time when I met the author, Luther Bridgers, in a little country church in North Carolina and heard him sing with wonderful sweetness and power. There was something so radiant and beautiful about the faith of this strong and attractive young man, and something so winsome and potent in his preaching, that the occasion of our first meeting is indelibly stamped on my memory. Some years after our first meeting I saw him and heard him tell of his romantic courtship and marriage to a lovely Kentucky girl, how God smiled upon them, and three little boys had come to cheer their hearts and home. He said, "Ray, I am praying God to call all three of my precious boys into the ministry. Wouldn't that be wonderful if all of them should preach?" It was about this time that he wrote the song from which I have quoted. One of the stanzas was as follows:

Though sometimes He leads through shadows deep,

Trials fall across the way,
Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
See His footprints all the way.

When one knows what happened later, those words seem prophetic. How little did Luther Bridgers dream that soon he would have to pass through deep shadows. In after-

years he told me the tragic story. He left home one morning to conduct a revival campaign in a neighboring Kentucky town. His wife and children walked to the gate and kissed him good-bye. When he was about to turn the corner of the block, he looked back, and there stood his wife with the baby in her arms, and a little fellow on each side, and they were all throwing kisses and saying, "Good-bye, Daddy." He waved them a last good-bye, and then ran to catch the train. He was gone two weeks, and the last Sunday night of the revival he went to his room after the closing service and fell asleep. About one o'clock in the morning he was called to the telephone, and a voice asked, "Is this Mr. Bridgers?" "Yes," he replied. "Mr. Bridgers, we are sorry to tell you, but your house caught fire tonight and burned, and you wife and children have been burned to death."

I said, "Luther, what did you do?" He said, "It seemed to me that the devil laughed at me and said, 'God doesn't love you. You were away from home and couldn't protect your family, and now they all have been swept away by the flames. Are you going to worship a God like that?' I dropped on my knees beside that telephone, and prayed, and said, 'Lord, I have preached this Gospel to other people, and have told them it would comfort them in every hour of sorrow. Grant that this same Gospel may comfort me.'"

In spite of that mighty sorrow that broke over him like the surge of a sea, there came to him a great sense of the nearness of God, and the almighty arms were about him. But the next day he had to go back to Harrodsburg and stand in the ashes of what had been their home. He saw them pick up a few little bits of charred bone—all that was left of the little family—and put them into a coffin. He saw something shining in the ashes, and stooped and picked up a melted piece of a watch that he had given his wife on her last birthday.

He remembered how happy she had been, and how she had put her arms about him and told him that he was a good husband and a good father to her children. Then he said, "I couldn't bear it any longer. I turned away from that scene of desolation and started out to face the world again with an old suitcase and a broken heart."

Six weeks after the tragedy Brother Bridgers was conducting a revival meeting in Broad Street Methodist Church, Richmond, Virginia. The pastor, Dr. Sam Hatcher, entertained us in the parsonage. One night we were sleeping in the same room when I was suddenly awakened and Brother Bridgers was saying, "Yes, Sallie, I'm coming," and he leaped out of the bed. Then in the darkness of the room I heard him as he knelt by his bed and began to weep, and then he prayed, "O God, I don't know why this sorrow has come on me. I can't understand it, but don't let me fail. Jesus, people are watching me. Help me to be true. Help me to be true."

After he had lain down again and was breathing regularly, I slipped out of bed and turned on the light and looked at him. His head was resting on one arm and the tears were still wet on his face, but he was smiling in his sleep. Maybe he was dreaming of the little wife and the boys once more. The glory of his triumphant faith made that room a holy place. I looked down at him a moment and then said aloud, "Oh, Luther, the greatest sermon you will ever preach to this old world is the way you bore your sorrow when the time came for you to drink the bitter cup."

Last night the congregation was singing that song, and when they came to the chorus—

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus—

Sweetest name I know,

Fills my every longing,

Keeps me singing as I go,

I began to think what that name meant to Luther Bridgers in the bit-

terest trial that perhaps his heart will ever know. Maybe your trial is just ahead.

"The Missionary Worker," Pandora, Ohio.

Wire to President Truman Urgees U. S. Delegation Be Instructed to Back UNSCOP Majority Report

Thirty-five Governors have called upon President Truman to bring about a firm U. S. stand on Palestine at the current session of the UN General Assembly in consonance with the traditional American policy of support for Jewish rights, it was announced today by the American Zionist Emergency Council. The Council also disclosed the text of a wire sent to President Truman by Governors today, which urged that the U. S. delegation to the General Assembly "give full and vigorous support" to the majority report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.

The Council, which has been authorized to release the information concerning the Governors' actions, revealed that 23 State heads joined in signing today's telegram to the President, which read: "In keeping with the traditional sympathy displayed by the American Government and people toward Jewish aspirations in Palestine and with Secretary Marshall's recent statement at the United Nations General Assembly, the undersigned Governors whole-heartedly endorse the majority report of the United Nations Palestine Committee as an equitable compromise, giving at least some satisfaction to legitimate Jewish needs, and respectfully urge, Mr. President, that the American delegation at the United Nations General Assembly be instructed to give full and vigorous support to that report."

The 23 Governors who signed this appeal are Governor James E. Folsom, Alabama; Governor Sidney P. Osborn, Arizona; Governor James L. McConaughy, Connecticut; Governor Dwight H. Green, Illinois; Governor

Ralph F. Gates, Indiana; Governor J. H. Davis, Louisiana; Governor William P. Lane, Jr., Maryland; Governor Luther W. Youngdahl, Minnesota; Governor Samuel D. Ford, Montana; Governor Vail Pittman, Nevada; Governor Charles M. Dale, New Hampshire; Governor Alfred E. Driscoll, New Jersey; Governor Earl Snell, Oregon; Governor James H. Duff, Pennsylvania; Governor John O. Pastore, Rhode Island; Governor J. Strom Thurmond, South Carolina; Governor Jim Nance McCord, Tennessee; Governor Beauford H. Jester, Texas; Governor Herbert M. Maw, Utah; Governor Mon C. Wallgren, Washington; Governor Clarence W. Meadows, West Virginia; Governor Oscar Rennebohm, Wisconsin; and Governor Lester C. Hunt, Wyoming.

In addition, Governor Earl Warren of California, Governor William Lee Knous of Colorado, Governor Robert F. Bradford of Massachusetts, Governor Kib Sigler of Michigan and Governor Roy J. Turner of Oklahoma disclosed that they had each sent individual messages to the President urging United States backing of the UNSCOP majority report. Governor Warren, in his letter to the President, declared: "I am hopeful that the Government of the United States will exercise its prestige to bring about a decision in the United Nations which will be just and in conformance with the traditional attitude of our Government as expressed by resolutions of Congress and pronouncements of every President of the United States in the last quarter of a century."

The Council also announced that Governor Frank Carlson of Kansas, Governor Phil Donnelly of Missouri and Governor Ernest W. Gibson of Vermont joined in sending a letter to the President which stated:

"We, the undersigned Governors, desire to express our fullest sympathy with the national aspirations of the Jewish people, which received the approval of the nations of the world, including our own, at the close of the First World War, and which were embodied in the Palestine Mandate.

"We believe that we voice the sentiment of the people of our respec-

tive states when we express the thought that the Government of the United States should now take the initiative to exercise its political and moral prestige in the world in order to bring about a decision in the United Nations which will be just and in consonance with the traditional attitude of our Government and the opinion oft-expressed by the American people. The rights of the Jewish people under the Palestine Mandate must not be abrogated.

"In any action, Mr. President, which you may initiate in these directions, which will do justice to the deep humanitarian instincts of the American people and which will reflect the earnestness and sincerity of the policies which our Government has publicly and repeatedly proclaimed, you may be assured of our complete support."

Similar letters were sent individually by Governor Millard Caldwell of Florida, Governor Robert D. Blue of Iowa, Governor James J. Mabry of New Mexico and Governor William M. Tuck of Virginia.

In releasing the names of these Governors, the American Zionist Emergency Council also called attention to the fact that Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York had issued a statement on September 11, urging the speedy adoption of the UNSCOP majority report and calling upon the United States to support it.—American Zionist Emergency Council, N. Y.

WITNESS

Not merely in the words you say,
Not only in your deeds confessed,
But in the most unconscious way—
Is Christ expressed.

For me 'twas not the truth you
taught,
To you so clear, to me so dim,
But when you came to me you
brought—
A sense of Him.

And from your eyes He beckons me,
And from your heart His love is shed,
Till I lose sight of you and see—
The Christ instead.

—The Elim Evangel.

Revival at Union Chapel F. W. B. Church In Washington County

Rev. J. A. Alexander, our pastor, began the meeting Monday night, September 15th, closing Sunday night, September 21st. Brother Alexander certainly preached with the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. The attendance of the services was the largest we have had in several years and there was evidence of very deep interest in the Gospel messages.

The surrounding churches gave splendid co-operation in attendance and in special music by the Christian Church at Plymouth and the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. We sincerely believe that as a result of this meeting our church has been spiritually revived. We want to take this opportunity to thank all who co-operated in this meeting.

Mrs. Maxine Bowen

Revival at Grimsley's Church

Our revival beginning September 28th and closing October 5th with evangelist Tommy Steele of Raleigh, was a great inspiration to everyone who attended. We can really say we had a great week with the Lord. The attendance was grand each evening, and all seemed to get a personal blessing from the wonderful message brought from God's Holy Word.

Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes led in our singing. She favored us with a beautiful message in song each evening.

Also we were fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Alsey Luther and Mrs. Malpass with us both Sundays during the meeting. Mr. Luther brought us some wonderful messages in song accompanied by Mrs. Malpass.

Three came accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. Two moved their membership with us, others came bringing personal burdens to God.

I wish to thank many friends in and around the community for their presence, and welcome them back to our church at any time. I'm sure I

can say this also for our pastor, Rev. L. B. Manning.

It's true our revival meeting is over, but pray with us that our hearts may stay revived forever and that we shall work and pray until the return of our blessed Lord.

By a member of the church,
Mrs. Sam C. Hobgood

MILBOURNEY HAS GREAT REVIVAL

The Milbourny Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson County has experienced one of the best revival meetings which it has had in the history of the church. Several members re-dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ, and several unsaved persons surrendered their hearts to God.

The Reverend F. A. Rivenbark, pastor of the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church, did the preaching, and the pastor, Rev. J. C. Varnell directed the singing. Reverend Rivenbark preached every sermon to the church, except one, because he declared that if all church members were living right, sinners would be saved, despite the allurements of the Devil.

Milbourny Church has been revived, for we have every right to believe that it is really revived. Beginning with the month of November, this church will go on half-time basis. The church members have great anticipation that greater things will be accomplished for Jesus Christ than ever before in the history of the church.

J. C. Varnell

HOME-COMING AT CABIN CHURCH

There will be a home-coming celebration observed at Cabin Free Will Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in October, which will be on the twenty-sixth. The church is located three miles north of Beulaville, North Carolina. The Reverend David Hansley has just completed a very successful year as pastor of this church. Under his fine leadership, we have launched a building program to build Sunday School rooms as a project for the near future.

The Reverend L. W. Jernigan succeeds Reverend Hansley as our pastor for the ensuing year. We are soliciting your prayers in the behalf of the church and also in his behalf that both pastor and church may have a successful year in the work of the Lord.

On this home-coming day there will be an all-day program given for the entertainment of everyone who will attend this meeting. The morning session will begin at ten o'clock. There will be special music rendered during the day and special speakers will be arranged to have a place on this program for the entertainment of everyone present. The churches in the surrounding vicinity are asked to arrange their services so as to be able to co-operate with us on the fourth Sunday in October. We are inviting one and all to meet with us and to enjoy the sweet fellowship which Christ has intended for his followers to enjoy, when He said, "For-sake not the assembling of yourselves together."

An old-fashion picnic dinner will be spread on the church grounds at the noon hour for this occasion. Come and bring your basket well filled of wonderfully good things to eat.

Mrs. Flave Mercer,
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We are happy to announce the election of Mr. J. G. Teasley of Edgemont church, Durham, N. C., to the office of Executive Director and Treasurer of Cragmont. Mr. Teasley will direct the acts of Cragmont in its entirety. He will serve as Treasurer to the Corporation. All checks and Money Orders should be made to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., and mailed to Black Mountain, N. C., Route 1. A receipt will be issued and a report of Cragmont will be given in the Baptist Paper each month.

The Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to launch a campaign to raise the total indebtedness and you will be receiving directions on this campaign in a short time.

James A. Evans, President

Board of Superannuation Sends Plea to Workers

Dear Co-Workers:

This letter is being addressed to you as pastor, clerk, or other leader in your church, Union Meeting, Conference, or other organization in our denomination. If you are not the one who should receive this, please see that the right one does get it. **Please do not lay it aside and forget it.**

As you no doubt know, October is Superannuation Month in the Six-Point Program of our State Convention. It is hoped that you will join with others to help make next year the best in all the history of our Superannuation Work. We wish to thank all who had a part in the success of the past year. Our regular receipts for last year were \$4,047.32.

Through our National Board of Superannuation we are able to offer to our ministers, under 51 years of age, Retirement Insurance, at one-half price, that will begin paying a monthly pension at the age of 70. In case of death before 70, it will become plain Life Insurance to be collected by the Beneficiaries of the minister. The amount of this insurance available to each minister has just been increased from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

There are twenty-one (21) superannuated ministers who are now receiving the benevolent checks from the State Board of Superannuation. We were able to increase these checks during the past year, but they are still much less than we think YOU would want them to be. We are depending upon YOU to help us increase these amounts, **Again This Year.**

Our goal for the next year calls for a total of \$8,500.00 to be raised for Superannuation. We have asked the following groups, or departments of our denomination, in the State to raise the following amounts: Churches \$5,300.00; Woman's Auxiliaries \$1,100.00; Sunday Schools \$600.00; Leagues \$125.00; Individuals \$175.00 and the Union Meetings and Conferences \$1,200.00.

Can we count on YOU to help put this over? See that your church, or organization, is one of the number that supports this work with a liberal donation. Send all Superannuation Funds to M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C.

Yours in Christ,

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

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Superannuation Report

September 30, 1947

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State Convention, for September, 1947:

Receipts

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1947 --\$1,737.23
Regular receipts for Sept. ----- 294.56
Total to account for -----\$2,031.79

Disbursements

Superannuated Ministers --\$215.00
Operating expense ----- 39.00
National Board ----- 63.89
Total paid out in Sept. ----- 317.89
Balance on hand October 1, 1947 --\$1,713.90

Receipts Itemized

Friendship (Johnston Co.) ----- \$ 1.00
Second Central Union ----- \$ 9.20
Goldsboro S. S. and Leagues ----- \$10.00
Marlboro S. S. ----- \$ 6.75
Second Western Union ----- \$ 5.00
Carteret County Union Meeting ----\$14.00

2nd Central S. S. Convention	-----	\$ 9.75
Bethany S. S.	-----	\$ 2.00
LaGrange S. S.	-----	\$ 2.50
Shady Grove S. S.	-----	\$ 3.31
King's X Roads S. S.	-----	\$ 4.20
4th Central Aux. Conv.	-----	\$ 2.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	-----	\$12.37
Pee Dee Union Meeting	-----	\$ 2.07
Kinston S. S.	-----	\$50.00
White Oak Hill Aux.	-----	\$ 1.00
White Oak S. S.	-----	\$ 2.00
West Clinton S. S.	-----	\$16.66
Mt. Zion Aux. (Nash Co.)	-----	\$ 1.00
Ayden Aux.	-----	\$ 5.50
Kenly Aux.	-----	\$ 4.00
Sweet Gum Grove	-----	\$10.00
State League Conv.	-----	\$ 5.00
Fifth Eastern Union	-----	\$25.00
Cape Fear Union	-----	\$48.00
Reedy Branch S. S.	-----	\$ 5.00
3rd Eastern S. S. Conv.	-----	\$25.00
Core Creek S. S.	-----	\$12.25

M. L. JOHNSON,
Chairman-Treasurer

Special Announcement

The revival meeting will begin at the Bethlehem F. W. B. Church on Sunday morning, October 26, 1947. The church is located south west of Patrick, South Carolina. For Sunday there will be services in the morning at eleven o'clock, and also the evening services will be at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will continue through the week.

The Reverend R. L. Clark of Hamlet, North Carolina, will do the preaching. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Reverend H. S. Clark, of Laurinburg, North Carolina, Route 2. The public is invited to attend these services, and to enjoy the sweet fellowship with us.

Miss Esther Polson,
Church Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENT

The South Georgia Association of the Original Free Will Baptist Church will meet with Pine Level Church, 8 miles north of Alma, Ga., on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in October, Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend this association.

E. B. Joyner

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

The Heights of Hypocrisy

The big liquor distillers have been offering to cut down on the use of grain for the purpose of making alcoholic beverages, and the newspapers have played up this offer as a patriotic proposition, but I believe that it is one of the most hypocritical presentations of political propaganda ever offered to the public by any person or persons. You may say, "Preacher, you are too hard." The reason that I say it is because about a year ago these very same fellows wanted more grain and their prayer was heard by those in authority, and the liquor crowd received 6 per cent more grain. The people of Europe was hungry then, and the evidence was plain that hungry people would cry for bread more and more, for a while at least.

Here is the reason that they can cry "save grain for Europe." It is because they have millions of gallons of liquor on hand and grain enough already "stored and treated," according to news reports from some who know, to last approximately eight years. These big shots have been wise as to the coming scarcity of grain and have filled their bins and liquor houses against the day of scarcity, if we are rightly informed. Any way I cannot trust those who manufacture, advertise and urge people to drink alcoholic beverages. Intoxicants are against the soul and body of man. It ruins homes, wrecks physical lives, and damns souls in a Devil's hell. So I have no patience with them nor their offer. It is an empty juggle of words filled with hypocrisy to my mind.

Consumption of Liquor Increases

According to some figures in the year of 1934, the last year of prohibition, about 38,000,000 gallons of in-

toxicating beverages were consumed. In 1946 about 173,000,000 gallons were consumed. Now the big liquor men are expecting 200,000,000 gallons to be used next year.

Why can these men be consistent and say we "will cut down on grain," when they are expecting, urging and hoping, I am sure, that people will drink more? Well the reason is that they have a sufficient stock of liquor, plus stored grain to make it possible, while they try to fool the public, by saying, "We will cut down on the use of grain." They can cut down on the purchase of grain and still have enough grain to carry on. America is headed for the rocks with such business.

The Scarcity is Here

A few years back we were advised to "kill off the brood sows, burn up grain, plow up cotton," and in general destroy in order to create a scarcity so as to make prices higher. Finally the scarcity has come. Drought, the floods, the tornadoes, the weevil and other pests and parasites have brought it about. This condition can continue, in spite of man and his knowledge, until a greater scarcity comes and a world-wide famine comes, and not only Europe cries for bread, but this old rich, liquor drinking, pleasure mad, United States of ours can cry for bread. Yes a greater SCARCITY can come, and I believe that it will, unless people turn away from idolatry and seek the Lord while He may be found.

Lovers of Pleasure

The apostle Paul said that in the last days men would be "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." I see this manifested every day. People have just gone fool-headed after the athletic world. Church members will pay high prices for seats in order to see the big games that have no interest in the salvation of the lost. The church does not know that some of these "birds" exist by tracing the files of the treasurer's books of the Mission Boards. I often feel for them and say with Peter, "Thy money perish with thee." Certainly it will. We cannot fool God. We can plead poverty when we are request-

ed to help to carry the gospel to the lost who are sitting in darkness, or the support of orphan children, or the general expense of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but when God begins to collect in reality, some one is going to cry "For the rocks and mountains to fall upon them." Read Revelations the 6th chapter.

In the Near Future, What?

In just a few more days the Board of Christian Education of North Carolina Free Will Baptists will have some plans to offer in regards to raising the balance of the \$20,000 pledged to be paid by the end of 1948. So let those who are interested in the fulfillment of the obligation, Look and Listen! If we have not thought seriously about the future of our church—THE FREE WILL BAPTIST—Let us begin to pray and think seriously as to the future of the cause. If there ever was a time for us to pray "Lord send labourers into the field" more than any other time, since the words were spoken by the Lord Jesus, it is now. There is such a scarcity of ministers in the country. All Protestant churches are suffering because of a shortage of ministers.

The Jew and Palestine

The Arabs are crying and claiming Palestine as their own. But Palestine belongs to the Jew. God has said so, and God's word will stand when all the Arabs are gone. All this talk about the dividing of Palestine and giving it to the Arabs is plain nonsense to those who know the Bible and believe what God has written. Of course, if you do not believe the Bible, I have no time to waste with you nor your communist brethren.

JEHOVAH, GOD HAS SAID "And I will deliver them (the Jews) to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse in all places whether I shall send them. And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence among them (the Jew) till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and their fathers" (Jeremiah 24:9, 10). There are other Scripture references

which affirm that God gave this land to the Jews, but because of their sin and rebellion against God and His Christ, the Jew was removed from the land. Jesus gave the emphatic declaration of these people being driven from Palestine. In these words, Jesus tells their future: "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). This prophecy was literally fulfilled in 70 A. D., when Titus destroyed Jerusalem. But the time of the Gentiles is about fulfilled now, and the regathering is about to begin. Listen again to God.

"Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd doth his flock" (Jer. 31:10). "Behold I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely" (Jer. 32:37). "And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers" (Eze. 22:42).

The fathers as spoken of here are Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Thus, the word of God passes over the Ishmaelites. So the Arabs have no part in the land. It belongs to the Israelites, and when God tells the Arabs to move they will be evicted and God's chosen people will move in to stay. "The fig tree is putting forth his leaves" in this direction. Yes, the Jews will go back home and be ready to receive his Lord and King.

Announcement

This is to announce that my future address will be as follows:

Rev. J. B. Bloss,
311 West 5th Street,
Columbia, Tennessee

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LOOKING DOWN

E. A. Kilbourne

Our best view is from above. Particularly is this true of the Christian who would know the thoughts of God. It was necessary for John to be "in the Spirit," and to "come up higher," in order that he might see the things which were to "shortly come to pass" down below upon the earth; and is it not just as necessary for us who are "raised up with Christ and made to sit with God in the Heavenly places in Christ Jesus" to be "in the Spirit" in order to understand the things which John saw while "in the Spirit"?

We cannot think God's thoughts unless we rise and sit with Him in sweet communion, always "in the Spirit."

Paul, who was "raised together with Christ," and wrote from that visionpoint, cannot be understood by an earthly (or the natural) mind; for he wrote of "the things of God," and without "the mind of Christ" we read in vain; our vision-point must be from above also.

Peter, who became a partaker of "the Divine nature," may only be understood by those who likewise have become partakers of the same, for he writes from the same visionpoint showing forth what is the will of God.

If we may look down upon the earth and see it as God sees it, shall we not be better fitted to live according to the will of God, in the midst of a perverse generation?

Is it not the Holy Spirit's mission to show us what are the thoughts of God concerning Christ and His Church, even the deep things? And is it not true that as a result of the disregard of this Divine method, we are surrounded by the mouthings of "wise" men, and the shelves of our libraries fairly groan under the weight of their books, and the great mass of brain matter corrupted by untruth? And how Satan does delight to use these philosophisms of "great" minds; for the natural mind, they seem to bear the marks of Scriptural truth. Truly in these days, as never before, he is using them with

prolific effect, so that even the very elect are not free from their influences.

Oh, God, let me "come up hither" that I may see myself, that I may look down upon this worm, among worms; show me myself among that vast swarm of beings upon the earth; this miserable worm trying to exalt itself among other worms, living only for its own self!

And, then, oh, God, turn my vision upon Jesus, that One loveliest among ten thousand, He whom Thou hast glorified with Thine own glory, upon whom to look means death, and I fall dead at His feet—dead to self, "but alive to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord," and I see myself "in Christ," no more a worm of the earth, but a "new creature in Christ Jesus," living for Him alone, for the death of self is real and forever, and thanks be to God for the resurrection life!

Truly our identification with Christ can only be real and definite when the Holy Spirit shows us the mystery "which hath been hid from all ages and generations," which is "Christ in you, the Hope of glory."—The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

HIS GREATEST YEAR

It had been a dull year in the little country church. The deacons finally said to the pastor: "We love you, pastor, but don't you think you had better resign? There hasn't been a convert this year."

"Yes," he replied, "it has been a dull year. Yet I mind me that one did come—wee Bobby Moffatt. But he is so wee a bairn that I suppose it is not right to count him."

Years later, when Robert Moffatt came back from his years of missionary work in Africa, the King of England rose and uncovered in his presence.

The humble old preacher, who had but one convert, and who was so discouraged, is dead and forgotten, and yet that was the greatest year's work he ever did.—Young People's Weekly.



RELIGION IN PRACTICE

(Lesson for October 26)

Lesson: James 1:22-27; 2:14-20.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:17).

An old ferryman, a man of much thought and observation, but of few words, a reader of the Bible and a firm believer in its truths, had among his regular passengers two business men, who crossed together on the same day once in a week. Their conversation often turned to this matter of faith and works, one of them thinking he could do without works if he had faith, and the other thinking he could do without faith if he had works. The ferryman's patience was so tried by the frequent and fruitless repetition of "faith" and "works," used as they were in a sense so different from their import and so destructive of their Scriptural harmony, that at last he felt that he felt that he must intervene. He said nothing, but fell upon the following expedient.

On one of his oars he painted the word "Faith," and on the other "Works." When on his next passage across with the two friendly disputants, he reached the most dangerous part, he took in "Faith," and with all his might plied "Works." The boat went round and round, to the annoyance and fear of the two passengers.

"Put out the other oar," called one of them in a loud and angry voice.

"Very well," was the old man's reply, as he took in "Works" and put out "Faith," which he used as he had formerly used the other. Of course this produced the same results, and the two men thought he must be out of his mind. The old man, however, continued his practical demonstration for a little, and then called their

attention to the names painted on the oars.

"I have tried **your** way," said he, "and **yours**; and you have seen the result. Now, observe my way." And as he gave a steady pull to each oar the boat at once acknowledged in its forward course the power of their harmonious strokes, and in a few minutes was at the land place. "Thus it is," he added, that "faith * * work-eth by love." So faith without works, or works without faith, will not suffice to bring us unto our desired haven. But let there be both, and the haven will be safely reached. —Handfuls on Purpose.

II. Heart of the Lesson

V. 26. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. It is suggested here that a person may deceive himself as to his religious state through assumption. He may put on an attitude of enjoyment of discussion of religious and Biblical topics, and may actually become fluent of speech in discussions of men's responsibilities to men and to God. One may attend church regularly and sing in the choir and pray publicly, or even preach, and still be vain in his religious efforts. James suggests here a simple test. If one fails to meet the requirements of this test his religion is empty and vain. Is he able to put a check on his tongue and hold his peace? That is the test. —Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world, verse 27.

Pure religion means that the person of faith must renounce every sinful thing, he must seek divine counsel of God, and then live a separated life before the world. It takes a living faith in the heart of man to enable him to live the true religious life, and to manifest it unto others by his Christian works. "The faith that saves is the faith that serves," just as the true heart that worships God in spirit and truth is the heart that loves mankind for the cause of righteousness.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

The practical admonitions of the Epistle of James are of perpetual need and continual application. Most of us find it entirely too easy to theorize, while at the same time much too difficult to live what we theorize. The call of James is to live that which we profess to believe.

It should be understood that it is possible to live the Christian life only as God's Spirit lives in us and through us. God doesn't save us supernaturally and then leave us to live on the natural level. There is supernatural power for living as well as for regeneration. The soul who submits to God and who believingly steps out with God will experience the very life of God in his own mortal life.

III. The Lesson Illustrated
"What Is Faith?"

Elaborate definitions might be given, but they would probably be less satisfactory than the answer made by a little child to this very question. She simply replied, "Believing what God says, because God says it."

The late Dr. Paton, of the New Hebrides, used to tell that when translating the Scriptures into the tongue of the islanders he failed for some time to find an appropriate word for "trusting" or "believing."

One day, however, he called an intelligent Christian native, and seating himself on a chair he said, "What am I doing?"

"Master, you are resting," said the woman.

The doctor had heard that word before: it was not what he wanted, but a bright idea struck him.

He lifted both feet off the ground, and placing them under him so that they rested on the rail between the front legs of the chair, he said, "Now what am I doing?"

"O master!" said the woman, "you are resting wholly, you are trusting," using a word quite new to the doctor's ears. That was the word he wanted!

Faith is reposing wholly upon Christ—with "both feet off the ground." —Frank B. Hole.

White Handkerchiefs

I was asked to give a message to eighteen women of the Visitation

Corps. They go out in pairs to visit in homes, tell the gospel story, and invite folks to attend church services. At the close of the meeting, their corporal presented each member with a large white handkerchief. "These," she explained, "are to wipe the perspiration from your brows as you run in the service of the Lord."

—Katherine E. Wreick, in
China's Millions

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning on the third Sunday in October, we will start a series of broadcasts over the Greenville Radio Station, WGTC. These broadcasts will feature the Free Will Baptist Church, and they will continue indefinitely. The time will be 2:00 to 2:30 P. M. on Sunday afternoons. The programs will consist of musical numbers.

Please tune in at the Breenville Radio Station WGTC at that time for these musical programs.

Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

NOTICE

The Board of Cragmont decided to offer the forty-three (43) lots on the lease consideration of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year with renewal privileges and subject to the rules and regulations as set forth in the lease. The plat will be on display at each conference. The Executive Director will let you choose your lot and make your deposit for which a receipt will be given until the lease is drawn up and delivered.

J. G. Teasley,
Executive Director

Revival at Whaley's Chapel

This is to announce that the revival meeting will begin at Whaley's Chapel on Monday night, October 27. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. The meeting will be held by Rev. L. B. Manning. We are asking all Christians to pray that we will have a real revival.

R. N. Jarman

The Woman's Auxiliary Department



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EDITORIALS

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For sometime now, enquiries have been made relative to when the new Year Book will be on sale, and to whom must orders be sent. Also the new Guide Book is being asked about. To one and all I have to answer that I do not know, as we have received no information concerning them. I would be very glad to have full information relative to the progress of our National work, especially about these two books. We solicit articles and information for our Auxiliary Department, and truly hope to hear from some, or all of our Officers real soon. Discouragement is hard to overcome sometimes, for "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life." Prov. 13:12.

Our Department was established for the purpose of being an avenue through which the organized women of our entire denomination could feel free to express themselves in a Christ-like manner, upon topics which are vital to the best interests of our Auxiliary work. May we avail ourselves of this opportunity and contribute from time to time inspirational articles and information.

A program is being prepared for the Week of Prayer which is to be observed in our State of North Carolina, and others who may desire, the week beginning Monday, November 17th, and running through Friday. This program will appear in our Auxiliary Department early in November, so it would be well for all of our auxiliaries to be on the alert, and begin to make preparations for this Prayer Week. We have our National Week of Prayer in the Spring, the week prior to Easter Sunday. This has become fixed in our minds,

and we look forward to observing it each year, but realizing that our prayer life is sadly neglected, and that to stimulate a greater desire for more consecrated service unto the Lord in all phases of our work, the North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention in its annual session last May, adopted a resolution to establish a week of prayer in November each year. If we would see the cause of Christ extended and His name exalted above all names, surely we will be glad of a new opportunity to unite in prayer and supplications in behalf of ourselves, and for His glory.

At the Eastern Auxiliary Convention on September 25th, at Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church, the presence of the Lord was felt in the various messages on "The Gospel of the 'Go Ye,'" as it pertains to the auxiliary work as a whole. The Convention message by our State Field Worker, Mrs. Maurice Roach, on the "Go Ye," in Organization and Enlistment, was truly inspiring and enlightening. It should inspire our hearts with greater zeal to enlist more of our women in the work of the Lord. One of the "high-lights" of the Convention, was an appeal from the National 3rd Vice-President in behalf of Miss Zalene Lloyd, who is ready to go to India as soon as preparations can be made. Mrs. Ballard urged the women of our State to assume the obligation of raising the necessary funds with which to equip Miss Lloyd, and pay her fare to India. She stressed the fact that Miss Barnard was needing help right away and that she had written Miss Lloyd to come to her as soon as possible.

As Third V. President for N. C. State Convention, I am endorsing Mrs. Ballard's appeal, and am also calling on the women all over our

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

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Gratifying Response to Support of the Students In Cuban Mission School

We are very much pleased with the response to the appeal we made for support of the Cuban students this school year. So far the following have taken the support of one student each:

Intermediate Class, Mt. Elon Church of South Carolina.

Prayer Band of the Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan.
Young People's League of Hazel Park Church, Hazel Park, Michigan.

T. L. Scruggs, Vet. Hospital, Outwood, Kentucky.

Free Will Baptist Church, Leeds, Alabama.

Ladies Auxiliary, Camilla, Georgia.

Women's Auxiliary, Highland Park, Michigan.

Fellowship Church, Flat River, Missouri.

The Ina Church, Ina, Illinois.

Ladies Prayer Band of Hazel Park Church, Hazel Park, Michigan.

The support of one of these students is \$15.00 per month. The school must have more funds with which to operate this year as there is a marked increase in the student body. The treasury is not able to supply it so we fell on this plan to get more funds with which to run the school. You will be furnished with a picture of your student together with their name and testimony. You will please send the money through the National Treasury designated for that purpose. The money will be sent right on down for the very purpose for which you give it. By sending it through the treasury your state will get credit for the amount on the quota given for this year. Why not more of you join with us on this plan. Please remember we want you to do

this however in addition to what you may be already doing for missions. Yours for the spread of the gospel.

Winford Davis, Treasurer

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We Continue to Move Forward in Department of Foreign Missions

Things have been moving in a hurry concerning our foreign mission work since launching the Extension Campaign at the National Association in July. All the State Directors have been appointed and instructed, several of the states have designated their respective months as special missionary month. A number of the State Directors are busy launching their drives, getting out advertising material, etc. The results so far are very pleasing. We can already notice a difference in the financial receipts. Following is a list up to this date, October 1st, of the states that have already taken their special missionary months:

South Carolina—October

Illinois—October

Missouri—November

Michigan—November

Mississippi—November

Georgia—December

California—December

Tennessee—February

North Carolina—March and April

We are now busy getting out a circular to the Free Will Baptists of the states of South Carolina and Illinois which have taken the month of October. The suggested quota for each of these states was set at \$1,800.00 for this associational year of 1947-1948. Both of these states are off to a good start.

Next, as you will see above, comes the month of November which has been taken by Missouri, Michigan,

and Mississippi. These three states are also moving along splendidly as to meeting their quotas. We will have more to say to the F. W. B. of these states as we further approach the month of November.

Latest reports from the foreign fields are encouraging. Miss Louise Ferettino, who has gone to Cuba to serve as Secretary to our Director of the Cuban field, writes that she is extremely happy in her new work. Miss Ferettino is a very capable Secretary, and promises to be of great value to our work in Cuba.

Mrs. Willey has lately been in the states, having come over to bring Tommie and Barbara to Toccoa Falls, Georgia, where they entered school for this term. Also the daughter of Maximina Sanchez of Pinar del Rio has entered the same school with Tommy and Barbara. Let us keep these dear children on our prayer list as they must be away from parents for the school term. Also remember it is not easy for the parents. Such as this is just part of the life of a missionary. It further verifies the fact as we have said so many times that a missionary's life is a life of sacrifice. Sister Willey has now gone back to the work in Cuba.

Miss Yeley has also returned to Cuba after a visit and vacation in the states through the summer. She returned at the same time as Sister Willey. Miss Yeley has made some very helpful contacts during her stay in the states. We appreciate it very much.

Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey are now in language school at Wolfsburn, Landour, North India. The last word we had from them they were getting along fine. It was voted at the National Association this last time that anyone upon entering the India field as a missionary must enter language school for the first year.

The last word from Miss Barnard brought the good news that all was well. She is of course very busy in the work at Kotagiri.

Following is a table which shows the exact progress made by each state during the months of July, August and September, the first quarter of this associational year:

Quota

1947-1948	Name of State	
\$8,000.00	North Carolina	
6,000.00	Missouri	
1,800.00	South Carolina	
3,000.00	Michigan	
6,000.00	Tennessee	
1,800.00	Illinois	
1,800.00	Oklahoma	
850.00	Georgia	
1,200.00	Texas	
1,200.00	Alabama	
600.00	Mississippi	
850.00	Kentucky	
200.00	Arkansas	
2,000.00	West Virginia	
	New Mexico	
700.00	Florida	
	New York	
200.00	Virginia	
2,500.00	Ohio	
200.00	California	
100.00	Kansas	
Amt. Given	Ahead of	Behind
1st Quarter	Quota	Quota
\$1,822.31	\$ -----	\$ 177.69
1,532.57	32.57	-----
1,180.83	730.83	-----
571.34	-----	178.66
278.08	-----	1,221.92
223.43	-----	226.57
184.42	-----	265.58
184.35	-----	28.15
176.68	-----	123.32
174.15	-----	125.85
64.80	-----	85.20
55.00	-----	157.50
54.05	4.05	-----
53.25	-----	446.75
20.00	-----	-----
11.00	-----	164.00
10.00	-----	-----
5.00	-----	45.00
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Winford Davis,
Promotional Secretary

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REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Given by States

Brought forward from the
month of August -----\$2,887.89
Received during the month of
September by states as follows:
South Carolina -----\$850.83
North Carolina ----- 748.67

Missouri -----	370.55
Michigan -----	171.34
Tennessee -----	113.61
Georgia -----	125.58
Oklahoma -----	78.00
West Virginia -----	53.25
Kentucky -----	53.00
Mississippi -----	38.49
Arkansas -----	37.05
Texas -----	35.09
Alabama -----	27.00
Illinois -----	15.00
Florida -----	11.00
New York -----	10.00
National Auxiliary Convention -----	107.80
Sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations" ---	212.00
Total -----	3,058.26

Grand Total -----\$5,946.15
Disbursements during the month
of September ----- 3,167.63

Balance in treasury Oct. 1, 1947 -\$2,778.52

WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer.

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REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts during the month of Sept., 1947

General Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan -----	\$ 5.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan -----	15.40
Beulah Church of South Carolina	13.16
High Hill Church of South Carolina	10.08
Rev. Miller Mellette, Lake City, South Carolina -----	10.00
Horse Branch Church of S. C. ---	65.67
Horse Branch S. S. of S. C. ---	10.00
Bethany Church and S. S. of S. C.	51.00
Salem Church of S. C. -----	32.48
New Town Church and S. S. of South Carolina -----	23.35
Camp Branch Church of S. C. ---	11.56
Lebanon Church of S. C. -----	7.89
Effingham School of S. C. -----	10.00
Liberty Church of S. C. -----	9.63
Service held in a Mr. Baggett's home of South Carolina -----	10.00
Mt. Elon Church of S. C. -----	100.00
Rev. Rash, Lockhart, S. C. -----	5.00
Tabernacle Church of S. C. -----	6.50
Service held in Mr. Ed Brown's home of S. C. -----	7.00
Hicks School of S. C. -----	12.51
Weatherford Church of S. C. ---	5.00
Little Star Church of S. C. -----	10.51
Rev. Bullard of S. C. -----	5.00
Sandy Hill Church and S. S. of South Carolina -----	35.31
Darlington Church, S. S., and Young people of S. C. -----	60.67
Gastonia Church, Gastonia, N. C.	15.00
Mt. Carmel Church of S. C. -----	8.50

Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rock Hill, South Carolina -----	10.00
Lockhart Church of S. C. -----	15.61
Whitney Church and S. S. of S. C.	21.82
Saxon Church of S. C. -----	21.65
Rev. John B. Elliston, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma -----	5.00
Bethlehem Church of Tennessee -	18.90
Miss Fay Gilbert, Cordova, Ala. -	1.00
Huntsville, Texas, Church -----	16.00
Mississippi State League Rally --	12.00
Tulsa, Okla., First Church -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Firestone, Vandyke, Michigan -----	20.00
Hazel Park Church, Hazel Park, Michigan -----	28.31
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treasurer -----	99.45
National Auxiliary Convention, by Mrs. Huey Gower, Treasurer --	107.80
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WINFORD DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

When we implore evildoers to desist, and they refuse, they should not complain when pain and suffering overtake them.

Of the many things we may mold character ranks the highest.

State to rally to this urgent call. While we are waiting and deliberating on ways and means of providing the necessary funds, souls over there are dying without salvation. May we begin NOW to raise funds for this purpose, as it is necessary that Miss Lloyd be on her way by, or before May 1st, if possible. In the way of information, it is requested that all funds raised for this purpose be sent direct to our State Treasurer, Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C., ear-marked, "for equipment and transportation of Miss Zalene Lloyd," who will hold it in reserve until the necessary amount has been acquired, then she will send it to the State Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Alford, of the State Convention, who will send entire amount to Rev. Davis, at Monett, Mo., the National Treasurer. In this way the State Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina will receive the blessing of sponsoring this worthy cause, and the State will be credited by the National Association with the work it has done.

Mrs. Ballard and I are looking forward prayerfully to the consummation of our hopes and desires, in having necessary funds on hand by April, 1948, at least. Please do NOT fail, for you will not be failing us, but Miss Lloyd and the Christ we represent.

I am enclosing a message from Miss Lloyd, "ALL FOR CHRIST," in which she gives her testimony regarding her call to India.

Read it prayerfully, and on your knees before God, ask Him what He wants you to do about it. You will catch a greater vision of the need for Missionaries, and be willing to say as Paul did, when he exclaimed to king Agrippa, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Acts 26:19. May the Lord help us and bless us in our giving and in our sacrifices.—Ed.

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ALL FOR CHRIST

(Testimony of Miss Zalene Lloyd)

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

Through the wonderful grace and love of the Lord Jesus, I was saved at the age of fourteen, the day when at the age of fourteen. The day that Jesus came into my heart is a memorable one in my life. The satisfying peace and joy that I had not known before, now flooded my soul.



MISS ZALENE LLOYD

For several years I took an active part in the work of my home church and I found it a joyful privilege to serve the Lord. There I felt the call of God upon my life for some definite Christian service, for which I needed preparation. Under the leadership of the Lord, I entered a well known Bible school to prepare myself for some humble part in His service.

It was while there that God laid upon my heart a burden for the souls of India. I realized the need of spreading the Gospel of Salvation throughout the world. I visualized many souls going out into eternity without God, because the message of salvation had not reached them. I also realized that it is the responsibility of every born again Christian to be obedient to the command of Christ as He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." To each of God's children, He gives a responsibility in carrying out this great commission. Some to go, others to send, and all to pray.

Although I heard the voice of the

Lord as He spoke to my heart and bade me GO, I really didn't want to go myself. I tried to evade the issue by proposing to do all in my power to see that someone else went to the land of India. I felt there was too much to give up. Surely God would not require me to forsake all that was dear to me in life to carry the Gospel to a land so far away! I had plans well made for the future, but how soon was I to learn that God had a different pattern for my life!

I left school and went to work, but God still dealt with my heart. How I praise God that He kept His hand upon my life!

It was while I was working at the Orphanage in North Carolina that God dealt with me so definitely, yet so tenderly, about giving MYSELF to Him for India, that I yielded all to Him. His sweet will became my choice and my life is His completely. My greatest desire and deepest joy is to be in the center of His will, do His bidding and go wherever He leads, no matter what the cost.

I know that God has called me to service in India, and I believe with all my heart that He wants me there soon. I am ready to go when He opens the way.

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already unto harvest."

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

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ANNUAL REPORT OF KINSTON AUXILIARY

By Mrs. Milton Lovick, Secretary
The Woman's Auxiliary society of
the First Free Will Baptist Church,

Kinston, North Carolina, met in annual session on Monday, September 29, at 8:00 P. M. The meeting opened with the women singing the Doxology, and the hymn, "Love Divine." Mrs. Ed Harris led in a word of prayer, after which the members present sang hymn, "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me."

The scripture lesson was read from the second chapter of Philipians. A general discussion was entered into by the different members present. Mesdames W. S. Oliver, and F. M. Register rendered special music

following the discussions of the lesson. The title of this special number was "My Heavenly Home." Following the special music, the Nominating Committee made their report with the following officers to be elected as follows: President, Mrs. W. S. Oliver; First Vice-President, Mrs. Alton Hill, Jr.; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Ike Wiggins; Third Vice-President, Mrs. L. C. Venters; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Alton Suggs; Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. Clifton Rice; Sixth Vice-President, Mrs. Swift Jones; Secretary, Mrs. Milton Lovick; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. B. S. Speight; Treasurer, Mrs. Harry Bain.

The new members were given a welcome with the society singing the hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be." There were sent to Home Missions \$7.50; to Miss Zalene Lloyd, \$10.00. One new member was added to our society, and we enjoyed the service which was conducted in the meeting in the name of the Lord.

We always desire the prayers of all Christian people that we may continue on in the Lord's work, and be able to do more in the future than we have in the past for the glory of His kingdom.

The Way to the Western Conference

We are giving here the description of the way to the Western North Carolina Conference. Those going to the conference from the West and from the East go to the town of Bailey, and then go to the underpass of the railroad at the Lumber Mill; turn and go through the underpass, then go straight two (2) miles, and you will come to Sandy Hill Church at the cross roads.

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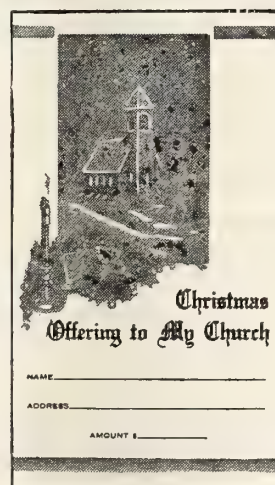
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Orphanage Work

All are interested and are friends to the cause and work of the orphanages of the denomination. These

institutions are growing and meeting the needs of hundreds of orphan children in the various states. Increased support will ever go to these institutions as they require more and more help for the adequate support of ever increasing numbers of children to be admitted in these homes.

THEIR BOY

There were two of us in the bus, a soldier and myself.

The soldier was not a general. He was not a colonel. He was not even a corporal. He was a private.

"Home on leave after being away for seven months," he volunteered.

"You'll be excited," I said.

He nodded. "It's grand coming back. I've been traveling 15 hours and now," he took a deep breath, "now I've only another mile or so, and I'll be back in my own village."

He flushed. "It makes you feel kind of queer, you know, coming back like this. I'll be glad to see the old dad; and my mother—she's not been too well lately. There'll be Mary, too, my sister; and old Bob, the carpenter who made me a rabbit pen years ago. I'll be looking in at Sunday School on Sunday—I used to have a class of boys . . ."

So he went on till we turned a corner and the bus began to slow down. Suddenly I saw him change color. The flush gave place to pallor. His eyes were oddly bright. The bus came to a standstill amid repeated bursts of cheering.

A dozen boys were waving flags. A white-haired man with a frail woman leaning on his arm came towards the door of the bus. A tall quiet-faced girl was close behind. There were a score of other folk, among them a man with a carpenter's apron.

He gathered up his kit and stepped into a wild hubbub of cheering. The white-haired man gripped his hand silently. The frail woman put her arms about his neck.

We moved on again and as I looked back I thought: he's not a general; he's not a colonel; he's not a corporal; he's only a private; he's their lad home again.—Anon.

MIND OR MONEY

A. R. Flowers

If people could learn early in life that mind is more valuable than money, they would then be in position of a knowledge that would be a priceless asset. Please help your children to fill their minds with valuable thoughts on some worthwhile subject, and when they are digested,

then take on others. A rich mind is of more value than a large bank account. The Scripture says, "What is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

We must learn that our world rests upon a spiritual basis, and that the whole universe is on the side of the man who is trying to do the right thing. This little message was written in Selma, North Carolina.

If you want to use profanity charter an airship and visit an uninhabited island.

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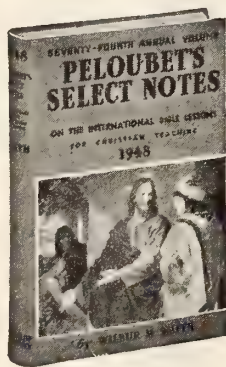
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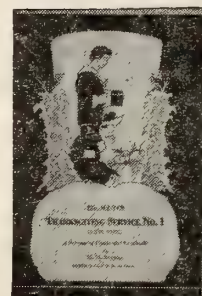
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A Business Man's Prayer

Dear Lord, I do not hesitate
To thank Thee for things truly great;
The universe is Thine, and all
Accomplishment is at Thy call.
Lord of each mountain art Thou, still—
Art Thou of each little hill.

It pleases me to know I may
Receive Thy backing every day
In all the larger things of life,
Howe'er gigantic be the strife;
But this thought pleases best of all—
Lord art Thou of the very small.

No matter how great be my goal,
'Tis little tasks make up the whole,
And the sure knowledge that Thou art
The Lord of each gives to my heart
The strength to face them one by one
Until the larger task is done.

When 'tis completed, I agree
The finished product's due to Thee;
I thank Thee for it as a whole,
But deep down in my toiling soul
My gratitude the greater clings
To Thee as Lord of little things.

—William Ludlum

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Radio Station WGTC at that time for these musical programs.

Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

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The Board of Cragmont decided to offer the forty-three (43) lots on the lease consideration of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year with renewal privileges and subject to the rules and regulations as set forth in the lease. The plat will be on display at each conference. The Executive Director will let you choose your lot and make your deposit for which a receipt will be given until the lease is drawn up and delivered.

J. G. Teasley,
Executive Director

HOME-COMING AT NEW HAVEN CHURCH

There will be a Home-Coming Day at New Haven Free Will Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday, October 26. All former pastors and church members are cordially invited to attend. Lunch will be served at noon. Come and bring all the family and enjoy the day in the Lord.

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Editorial

A NOBLE UNDERTAKING—

Free Will Baptists of the State of Georgia have gone another step farther with a noble undertaking. They have moved up from a part-time Promotional Secretary for the State to a full-time Promotional Secretary. After trying out the work with a part-time secretary for a year, or such a matter, they saw the greater possibilities of a greater work to be done by electing a field worker for full time.

The Reverend E. C. Morris, formerly of the Glennville Church, and originally of the State of North Carolina, has been elected to this full-time position for the State work in Georgia. We think it is a splendid move for the Free Will Baptists of Georgia, and our church might expect many good things to be done by those churches in that State during the coming months. We feel that Georgia is to be congratulated in the wise step which she has taken. May the great heavenly Father bless Brother Morris, and the good church people of Georgia for their forward step in this great work.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CRAGMONT—

In a recent meeting of the Stockholders of Cragmont Assembly provision was made in the By-Laws of the Charter by which an Executive Director was elected to take the place of the formerly known Resident Manager-Treasurer. This Executive Director is also the treasurer of the Assembly, and has the same duties as the Resident Manager-Treasurer had, with additional duties placed upon him. He will have charge of financial campaigns for Cragmont, be the publicity manager of Cragmont news, reports, programs, etc. He will make visits in the interest of Cragmont to the conferences, associations, Sunday School and League conventions, Auxiliary conventions, etc., to make speeches, interest people in purchasing Cragmont lots for summer cottages, solicit funds, and give first-hand information concerning the aim, purpose and plans of the Assembly, and its future outlook for the denomination.

Mr. J. G. Teasley, of Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, has been elected to this position as executive Director for one year. He will move his family to Cragmont as soon as feasible. The stockholders feel that Brother Teasley is quite capable for this position, and will do a splendid work among the church people for the Assembly.

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ANOTHER GOOD MOVE—

According to recent reports, the Executive Board of Missouri State Association has made, we think, a good move. They have chosen the well-known national figure

in our denominational work, the Reverend Winford Davis, of Monett, Missouri, as Editor-Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem. Brother Davis is a man of fine qualities, has a splendid personality, and we believe a deeply consecrated Christian gentleman. With the State of Missouri behind him, supporting his efforts and good business judgment, and also with the denomination at large who have come to love Brother Davis, we believe that he will do a splendid work in editing and directing the business management of the Gem.

We say God's blessings upon you, Brother Davis, and may you have the hearty support of the entire denomination with you in your endeavors to make the Gem a great paper among Free Will Baptists everywhere. With the State of Missouri with you, as well as other Free Will Baptists over the country, you should feel happy and confident that in God's grace you will be a great blessing to the cause of the Gem Printing establishment.

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FIELD SECRETARY FOR N. C. LEAGUES—

For quite a while now North Carolina Free Will Baptists have keenly felt the need of having a Field Secretary to direct the Young People's League work in the State. In fact, we have stressed this need in the Editorial Column of the Baptist paper for the past several years.

Just recently the Executive Board of the State League convention elected Miss Alethia Etheridge, of Columbia, North Carolina, for this most needy work. Miss Etheridge is a former student of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and last year she successfully conducted a Kindergarten School for the little folks in the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist Church, under the good management of the pastor, the Reverend Rashie Kennedy.

Miss Etheridge is quite well qualified for this position, and will, we think, do a splendid work among the Leaguers of the State. She is deeply interested in the youth of our church, and will seek to establish new leagues in churches where there are none, and work with old established leagues to stimulate new interest and a greater concern among the young people for the league work. May the young people of our churches in the State look forward to having Miss Etheridge to visit them, and give them new inspiration and new ideas for the league work.

The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must as a Christian, turn away from it.—J. Wilbur Chapman.

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What a blessing is the Christian home where daily a portion is read from the Holy Book, as husband, wife, and children pray to their Heavenly Father for daily supplies of grace, with thanksgiving for every good gift of His love and care.

Perhaps of all Robert Burns' pictures of old-time Scotland, none is more familiar than that of the prayer hour in the cottage when, "the cheerfu' supper done,"

"The priestlike father reads the sacred page.

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Then kneeling down to Heaven's Eternal King,

The saint, the father, and the husband prays:

Hope 'springs exulting on triumphant wing,'

That thus they all shall meet in future days,

There ever bask in uncreated rays,
No more to sigh, or shed the bitter tear,

Together hymning their Creator's praise,

In such society, yet still more dear,
While circling Time moves round in an eternal sphere."

Well does the poet of the Highlands add:

"From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs."

For years I have preserved the story of the establishing of the family altar in one newly-founded home.

It has seemed to me one of the finest pieces of prose writing I have ever seen. By the accident of an editorial connection I knew the writer as a quiet, earnest Christian man with graying hair. He took up the pen to tell this sacred memory of starting the new home many years before:

"How We Started Our Married Life"

"Mabel's people were old-fashioned Methodists, and mine were Lutherans.

"Mabel's people were dead when I met her. She was living with an aunt at the old home. When we were married, the aunt left, and we went back there to begin our life together. I shall never forget the feeling that came over me when the friends were gone, and I realized that we were actually alone together in our own home.

"Mabel stood by the table in the center of the room, and by some chance my eye fell on a large Book that lay near where her hand rested. I went over and picked it up. It was an old, stiff-covered, well-worn, much marked Bible.

"Is this yours, Mabel?" I asked quietly.

"It is now," she answered. "It used to be Grandfather's."

"Do you read it much?"

"Every day," she said.

"I was thumbing the pages through, and trying to find words for an idea that was taking shape in my mind.

"You know," I finally said, "we always used to have worship at home. I was brought up that way."

"So was I," she answered softly.

"I always liked it."

"I did, too. It seems a long time, though, since real worship was held in this house—not since Father died. I've tried to pretend, just by myself, sometimes; but I couldn't make it seem just as it used to."

"We're just starting our home, Mabel," I said after a while. "It seems to me it would be nice if we could

plan for worship night and morning. How would you feel about it?"

"I'd be glad if we could."

"You would really be pleased?"

"Yes, Arthur, I would."

"Would you like to start to-night?"

"Yes, to-night."

"We sat down, and I turned the pages till I found a Scripture; I don't know what the verses were. I've often wondered, and wished I could recall them. I read, and then we knelt side by side, and both prayed to God to make us a strength and help to each other in doing His will, and to make our home a blessing."

"That was the way we started our married life, and that was the way it always was. Everything that came to us we took together to the Lord.

"That first time was many years ago. We kept up the morning and evening prayers all through our married life, and God surely did reward us.

"Now I am alone, except for three of our five children. The other two sleep with their mother, and we who remain are waiting to see them at the coming of the Life-giver. We hope we shall not have long to wait."—Signs of the Times.

Is Your Rent Paid?

Northcote Deck

Though God does give absolutely freehold title to Heaven to all His own, yet He only gives a leasehold of blessing for the enjoyment of salvation on the way to Heaven, and some of us have not been paying the rent! So we have been evicted from the needed shelter of "the peace of God" till we do. Let us "bring all the tithes into the storehouse." Let us pay all our dues of love and devotion that we may prove our God if He will not at once admit us again into the haven of the "peace of God"!—The Christian Reader's Digest.



News From India



BEGGING IN INDIA

Paul Woolsey

All the important religions of the world recognize the obligation on the part of the more favored people toward the poor and needy. In some parts of the world this has tended to make the begging occupation one of the most profitable and lucrative of all the trades and professions. "Captains of Industry" knowing the credulity of people in general and the benevolent spirit of the truly religious in particular have—in some instances—organized huge syndicates with thousands of beggars working for them. However, these large parasitical concerns, controlled by unscrupulous men, are of necessity limited. Many "two by four" operators have from one to a dozen unfortunate or deformed persons working for them. Nowhere on the face of the globe does this vicious practice flourish more than it does in India. Beggars are numbered by the millions. There are professional beggars, religious beggars, those reduced to begging because of the famine or communicable disturbances and the unfortunate persons who are unable to work. Almost everyone is a beggar in the sense that he either tries to get something for nothing or more than the fair price.

Soon after his arrival in India, one became disillusioned in regard to a "set price" or wage. In addition to the price or wage there usually is "a dearance allowance," so many "annas" on the total amount, "expense money" and a "Tip" called "a buckshi." For example, the fee for one of our language tutors is 17 rupees for twenty lessons, plus a dearance allowance, plus a percent increase, plus our contribution to the provident or pension fund, making a total of 29 rupees instead of the original 17. In addition he wouldn't be above hinting for "a buckshi." This type of begging is universal in India.

The railway stations are the prom-

ised land for beggars. Even in the small towns literally hundreds of beggars swarm around the various coaches of the train. These beggars are of all ages and conditions. I have seen mere babes between two or three begging, a greedy master is probably hidden nearby to grasp the "winnings," and to reward the baby with a cuff. The blind, the halt, the lame, the deaf, the lepers, the sick of palsy, they are all here. Many of these unfortunate people bring in a most luxurious income to their cruel masters who are always careful to keep them in hunger, thus insuring their best efforts. It is said that parents and masters deliberately maim and disfigure boys and girls for this nefarious business. Needless to say that, due to filth, all kinds of sins, ignorance and malnutrition, there are millions that need no artificial "deforming."

Possibly the most successful of all of the millions of India's beggars are the "sadhu" or the so-called "holy men." These men who are too "holy" to take a bath or don clean clothes, are professional mendicants. They are feared by the people as if they were very demons. For fear that they will bring their families the most dire calamities, the housewife will give them the last morsel of food in the house and the poor coolies who work for a few cents a day will give them their last cent. Many of these "sadhus" are literally rolling in the wealth they have obtained from the poor, ignorant and superstitious people. It is officially estimated that twenty-million free rides—some of them for long distances of hundreds of miles—were stolen by these "holy men" due, at least partially, to the dread in which they are held by the people and even many of the train crew, in 1946.

There are laws against some of the worst types of "begging" but none of them are or can be enforced in the least. Even the ordinary beggar who makes no pretense to religious powers or gifts are thought by many to

have the power to curse or bless. Of the great multitude of the common people, there are indeed few who would have the smallest scruple against turning beggar "at the drop of the hat." In fact it is considered by many as the "highest calling." There is no remedy for this appalling condition, but the general acceptance of the truth of the saying of the Lord Jesus Christ: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." An intellectual acceptance is not enough. It takes the personal experience of "the free grace of the Saviour within the heart of the individual. This is only one of the numerous ills of India for which we see no cure apart from the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

It's doing your work the best you can,
And being just to your fellow-man;
It's making money, but holding your friends,
And staying true to your aims and ends.
It's figuring how and learning why,
And knowing where the pitfalls lie.
It's dreaming a little and doing much;
It's keeping always in closest touch
With what is finest in word and deed;
It's being thorough, yet making speed;
It's daring blithely the field of chance;
With making labor a brave romance;
It's going onward despite defeat
And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet;
It's being clean and playing fair;
It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair;
It's looking up at the stars above,
And drinking deeply of live and love;
It's struggling on with a cheerful grin,
It's heeding the cry in the tempest's din;
And making better this good old earth;
It's sharing sorrow, and work and mirth;
It's serving, striving, through strain and stress;
It's doing your noblest—That's Success.

—Anon.

THE DEVIL AND HIS CHILDREN

Eld. A. J. Jenkins
McArthur, Ohio

Jesus Christ certainly did give Bible readers plenty of information, and with plain language, concerning the person, character and quality of the Devil, and of his children's fellowship and activities with their Father.

1. Of the devil Jesus said in John 8:44, middle clause, "He was a murderer, he was a liar, and the father of lies, he had no truth in him." Luke 10:18 is information where his origin was, and what took place with him; he was cast out of heaven. 2 Thess. 2:9 says, "The devil worked lying wonders." 2 Cor. 11:14 says, "He appears as an angel of light." Gen. 3:13 says, "He led the people to commit murder." Gen. 3:4-5 says, "He falsely persuaded sinners to believe they will escape being punished." Zech. 3:1 points out, "He opposes God's work to aid the needy." 1 Thess. 2:18 brands him as a hinderer to all that good people do working effectively. Jude 1:6 tells us heaven soon finished with him in these words, "He was cast down to hell." Rev. 20:10 tells of the devil's end, "He will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, to punish for ever."

2. Of the devil's children Jesus gave us much information on their activities in different places. In Rom. 6:16 says that they are all slaves to the devil: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his slaves ye are to whom ye obey." Matt. 13:38, last clause, "He is the father of all sinners whether they be church members or murderers. In John 8:44 Jesus makes all intelligent observers understand that of sinners, "Ye are of your father the devil." In 1 John 3:10 the difference between Christians and sin committers shows that his (the devil) children are all marked. In Acts 13:10 Luke shows us that his children are all enemies of righteousness. This accounts largely for the fact of father's making war against sons, and mothers against daughters. In 1 Tim. 5:15 Paul re-

lates some experiences he had with the devil's children, that He (the devil) has turned his children by families aside from God, and holy worship. In 2 Cor. 4:4 Paul again says, "He blinds the eyes of all who are slow to believe." No wonder we have so many who are blind to Gospel truth, and to Jesus Christ as Saviour; they are so slow to believe in holy life.

3. The Saints of God, like Jesus did, suffer under the devil's power. In Job 1:12 saints say they are afflicted by the devil's power. What a pity they (Saints) have additional sufferings from the devil's children, like Job had to suffer from the sinful acts of the "three comforters." 1 Chron. 21:1, and 1 Thess. 3:5 tell us, "They (Saints) are tempted by the devil to do sin." In Jas. 4:7 we (Saints) are told that the way to win victory over the devil is to resist him. Remember, as long as he is invited into homes and hearts, there will be no more use of crying than there was for Mrs. Gail, when she was informed that her daughter had been ravished, and doctors said she would die from the crime committed on her, and the brutal beating one of the devil's sons gave her daughter. Eph. 6:11-16 informs all saints that they must be armed against all attacks, if the person saves himself from being overcome, and instead win the victory for self. 2 Cor. 2:11 tell us we have to be watchful against the devil's tricks, and we should remember that he, the devil, will attack any one, any place, and always with the power, if possible, to overcome the Saints. 1 John 2:13, and Rev. 12:11 give us specific warning that we must overcome him, the devil, to save our soul. 1 John 3:8, they make it clear, and understandable that we must submit wholly and allow the Holy Ghost power to destroy the devil's work in our hearts, before there can be any real overcoming over our worst enemy, the OLD MAN SIN within. We just as well tell you another truth, if you want the old man sin to have a place in our hearts, you can count on it, but Jesus Christ will not live in that heart, for the old man sin will always defeat you unless you turn to Jesus for pardon of your sins.

4. The character of the devil's intent. Look up Job 1:6 and Matt. 4:11 and get a first hand glimpse of the devil and his pride. In 1 Tim. 3:6 note the character of his pride, which is to destroy all good influence that may be effectively wrought. In Eph. 2:2 note the pride of his sinful nature, and by the power he thought he would win. Remember friends, if you have been regenerated and **Born Again**, it was God who made it possible.

In 1 John 2:16 we are informed that his wicked ways betrayed his pride. Job 1:9; 2:4 tell us the devil is malignant in action. Gen. 3:1, and 2 Cor. 11:3 tell us the devil is subtle in deceiving and on this grounds we are all deceived by him, unless we know the Holy Spirit abides in our souls. Eph. 6:11 exposes him as being deceitful and a deceiver. How can people idle their time away with him, and show their ignorance? Luke 8:29 shows the devil to be fierce and cruel, and this is manifested before our eyes so many times a day, and no one can be excused for playing with him. Job 1:7, and 1 Pet. 5:8 show him active doing evil all the time, and what a pity while the devil works "as a roaring lion," so few ever get a bit alarmed at his approach. Jas. 2:19 informs us all that he is bold enough to attack anyone, anytime, any place, with the plan to ruin. Jas. 4:1-4 makes it plain, he is the author of all wars, and he has just about persuaded some of our Federal Officials that it is time for another war, and unless people who know different don't rise up and protest, it won't be long until we are in another war. In 2 Thess. 2:6-9, Paul gives us all intelligent warning that he the devil is the father of the man of sin." 2 Thess. 2:8-10 tell us that the devil is the leader of all apostates and as I write I am praying that people will wake up, and then denounce him; Thank God Jude 1:6 tells us that the devil is condemned for God's judgment. Matt. 25:41, and Rev. 20:10-14 inform us God's ever burning fire is already prepared to set him afire, and all of his children, and the fire will never cease to burn full blast.

5. The devil's children, their ig-

norance, less than a horse, and activities. 1 Sam. 2:12 informs us that the devil's children know not God with a Spiritual understanding, because of their sins. Prov. 7:7 says, "They are all void of the wisdom of God's mercy and love! Isa. 3:5 informs us, all of the devil's children are proud of their sinful character. Prov. 15:5 tells of their actions. They despise good religious advice, and in 30:11 says, they often curse instructors, and speak lightly of God; John 8:24 informs us, all of the devil's children will die in their sins for unbelief. Rev. 21:8 says they will all go to hell, be burned in the lake. Remember, all sinners have only one that can save. He just has one way, the way of holiness. He just has one plan, **Regeneration and the New Birth.**

LEAGUE CONVENTION ELECTS FIELD SECRETARY

The Young People's League convention of North Carolina is happy to announce that a full-time Field Secretary has been secured. The Committee for the selection of a Field Secretary, consisting of Reverends W. K. Jordan, F. A. Rivenbark, and A. L. Reynolds, have recommended to the Executive Board of the State League convention the services of Miss Alethia Etheridge. The Executive Board in session at Mt. Tabor Church, Washington County, October 9, 1947, approved the action of the committee.

I wish to thank the committee for the job well done. We are indeed fortunate in securing the services of Miss Etheridge, for she is a fine Christian lady who has given her life in the service of the Lord. She has secured an education which will fit her for the work she is to do among the leagues of the State.

We do feel that a great step has been made in the right direction for the progress of League work in the State. God has seen our need and has answered our prayers that this all-important part of our League work might again become active.

Do you have a Free Will Baptist league or group of Leaguers in your

church? Or does the League that you have in your church need improving? In either case please let me hear from you. Here is something for the ministers and church leaders to do: Send to me the name of your church, its location and the name and address of your pastor, and the date that you would like to have a League Institute to be held in your church. Miss Etheridge will notify you in advance the dates she will be with you.

What will it cost you? Simply give her whatever amount you feel led to give as a love offering. The State League convention has set a figure for her salary, and will guarantee her this amount each month.

To the churches that have active Leagues, I want to urge you to be sure to send ten percent of your offerings each month, or Quarterly, if you had rather do so to our State Treasurer. This money is used for the expense of the Field Secretary. The State Treasurer is Miss Alethia Etheridge who is now our Field Secretary. Her headquarters will be 1409 North Pasteur Street, New Bern, North Carolina.

Miss Etheridge was retained as treasurer of the State League convention for the purpose that the necessary work between the Field Secretary and Treasurer might be reduced and simplified. She consented to do this on one condition; namely, that the money of the convention be held in joint account with the treasurer and the president of the convention. The president, therefore, countersigning all checks drawn on the treasury.

Now, let us be up and doing, working while it is day, that the kingdom of God may be first in the hearts and lives of our people, both old and young.

Yours to serve,

Oscar Webster, Vice-President,
N. C. F. W. B. L. Convention,
Pinetown, N. C., Route 1

If there was a cause, if ever there can be a cause, worthy to be upheld by all of toil or sacrifice that the human heart can endure, it is the cause of education.—Horace Mann.

REVEREND J. C. GRIFFIN GOES TO MOREHEAD

Brother J. C. Griffin is moving to Morehead City to pastor the Morehead City Free Will Baptist Church. His work will begin on the third Sunday in November. His residence will be in the parsonage there, 204 11th Street. He is following Reverend W. E. Anderson who has pastored the church for twelve years.

Brother Griffin has pastored a large number of churches in eastern North Carolina for the past several years, and has done a good work in an official way in the church organizations of the State. He served the Bridgeton Church for around eighteen years in all and at three different periods. He has helped to erect two buildings at Bridgeton, the first one in 1920, and the second, 1944 to 1945, the later one is a brick veneer building with seven classrooms and a baptistry. The bells or chimes were installed recently, and were dedicated on the second Sunday in September.

He served as pastor of Black Jack Church for fourteen years in succession. This year this church under Brother Griffin's leadership as pastor has built three Sunday School rooms which are to be dedicated on the third Sunday in November. Brother Griffin is to have part in this dedication on that occasion.

Rev. J. R. Davidson follows Brother Griffin as pastor of this church. Brother Davidson will begin his pastorate beginning with the month of November this year.—Editor.

Successful Revival at Spring Dale Church

By Rev. W. H. Fondren

The revival meeting at Spring Dale Church in Lafayette County, Mississippi, was a great success. It closed just a few days ago with Rev. J. S. Frederick, the evangelist who did the preaching. The meeting lasted for two weeks, and there were thirty converts who were to have the rites of baptism administered unto them. There were ten persons who joined the church by recommendation of the church members. The services were well attended by a large crowd of people each night.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

A State League Representative Employed

Miss Alethia Etheridge has accepted the place of Field Representative for the State League Convention of North Carolina and is now on duty, her time of service beginning the 13th day of October. Miss Etheridge will make her headquarters in New Bern, at 1409 North Pasteur Street.

We feel sure that the State Board has acted well in the securing of the services of Miss Etheridge to this much needed field of service. Alethia as we have known her since she was quite a small girl is well fitted for the work, having graduated from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., and had one year in teaching in the public schools of Tyrrell County and one year as teacher of a very successful Kindergarten school in the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist church. And having loved and served in local and State positions as officer very successfully, we can recommend her to the Leagues of North Carolina. When it is the privilege to have Miss Etheridge in your League work, be sure to secure her services. She has recently taught a week in the Bridgeton League of our church and the results are gratifying. The League has new life by the week's study course given by Miss Etheridge.

The Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education as it stands since the 3rd day of October, 1947, has as its Chairman, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C., and J. C. Griffin, as Secretary-Treasurer, 204 11th Street, Morehead City, N. C. All correspondence with the Secretary-Treasurer after the 25th of October should be addressed to the Morehead City address. Christian

Education money raised should be sent to the same address, and should be sent in U. S. Money orders, or bank drafts, or other safe method of sending money. No currency or silver should be sent though the mails.

Our Desires

It is the desire of the Board to raise the balance of the "\$20,000" of the pledged allotment of the \$100,000 "Expansion budget" as set by the Free Will Baptist College, of Nashville, Tenn., which time ends with the close of the year of 1948. So we most humbly solicit the cooperation of every member of the Free Will Baptist church of North Carolina in raising the amount, as allotted to us and pledged by our State Convention.

In another issue of the Baptist we hope to tell you the exact amount yet to be paid, and shall count on our brethren and Sisters in Christ to help us to go "over the top" before our time limit has come to a close.

Intoxicating Beverages Stocked in Great Quantities

We said in last week's issue of the Baptist that "the liquor distillers had a great stock of liquor and grain already on hand, and that their offer for a shut down for awhile was a case of HYPOCRISY. We still say that that is a political hypocritical cry. Here is my reason, since writing on the subject last week: I have received these figures which is an estimation that the liquor crowd has approximately 525,000,000 gallons of liquor, and counting whiskey, brandy and other intoxicating beverages that the amount has increased over last year about 100,000,000 gallons. These distillers are looking out for their own selfish desires. After all, they have not offered anything.

The "wet crowd," which includes not only the distillers but the politicians who gather for their benefit by standing with the liquor crowd along with the poor dupes who sell their souls and the health and happiness of their families and loved ones are all darkness. I am sure the tax from the stuff that damn souls and wrecks lives is an abomination in the sight of God. And the question comes to me, "Can a Christian advocate reve-

nue from liquor in any way? I answer for myself and say NO. Since God saved me I cannot endorse intoxicants at all, in any way, or any form. Sam Jones said "It was good in its place, but its place was in hell."

Christians will not drink it. Church members do but real Christians do not. Real Christians cannot stoop to such a low estate in sin as to indulge in the damnable stuff, knowing that it destroys both soul and body. A real Christian does not want to "defile the temple of God."

The "UN" Better Think Seriously

Before the "UN" starts to divide Palestine into states to satisfy the whims of the Ishmaelites—"Arabs," a lot of thinking better be done. When man tries to change the plan of Almighty God, man gets into trouble. The people tried to change God's plan in that they said "Let us build us a tower up to heaven." Let us build us a name. God sent his judgment down upon them and the inhabitants of the earth were made "babblers," and they were scattered over the earth. So went the Babylonian government, because of the sin of old Nebuchadnezzar and his crowd. Then the Meads and the Persians came and went into their idolatry. Then the Grecian government went down in utter defeat. The Roman government went to the bottom and all of these downfalls were due to the fact of sin and open defiance of God, so as the "UN" is not the friend of God and has operated from the very first day without the council or the blessings of God, now I say that when they go to subdividing that which God has promised to the Jews, and which by the Word of God belongs to the Jews, that man is defying God. So the "UN" better be prepared for an event that is soon to come. "Magog" which is Russia and the Russian government which is "Gog," according to Ezekiel, has got to run its course some time and the sooner the better. When "he" Stalin, for as he has stated often, "I am Russia," so Ezekiel refers to him always as "He" meaning the one man government. But Stalin will meet his destiny. Listen to what Ezekiel says: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will

give unto Gog a place of burial in Israel, the valley of them that pass through on the east sea; and it shall stop them that pass through: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude" (Eze. 39:11).

THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The picture on this page is the church at King's Cross Roads where the Central Conference meets on November 12th and 13th.

This church is among the older churches of North Carolina, and is a



KING'S CROSS ROADS CHURCH

very progressive church. It has an average size membership of splendid people.

The entire membership has looked forward with delight to have the conference meet with them this year.

As many who plan to attend may not know the way we are glad to tell you how to get there.

Those coming from Wilson and Wayne counties, and in that general direction, come to Saratoga and take highway to Fountain and on through Fountain about five miles, watch for and follow the blue arrows.

Those coming by the way of Tarboro, come to Fountain, turn left at Stoplight and watch for and follow the blue arrows.

Those coming by way of Rocky Mount take highway 43 to and through Falkland about two miles, watch for and follow blue arrows.

Those coming by the way of Greenville take highway 43 towards

Rocky Mount for about 8 miles, look for and follow blue arrows. If for any reason you get on highway to Farmville you can go that way and follow the directions given below turning right at the second stoplight in Farmville. It is about five miles farther by Farmville.

Those coming by the way of Kinston and Snow Hill take highway to Farmville and through Farmville about four miles watch for and follow blue arrows.

We have routed you over the least possible amount of dirt roads, which are good ordinarily, and hope you

will have no difficulty in reaching the church.

Let us work and pray for the best session we have ever had.

D. A. Windham

HOME-COMING AT JUNIPER CHAPEL

There will be a home-coming celebration observed at Juniper Chapel on the fourth Sunday in October. Everyone is invited to attend this service, especially the former pastors, friends and members of the church.

We are expecting some special music to be rendered on this occasion, and among these special numbers we are expecting the Gospel Quartett from Reelsboro to be with us.

Velma G. Morris

REVIVAL AT WHITE HILL

The quarterly church conference at White Hill was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. Our pastor, Rev. Charlie Hamilton, was present and delivered for us a splendid sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. Following his message the church entered into the business session. After the business was over, we entered into the Communion Services and the Washing of the Saints' feet.

On that Saturday night we met and had another service in the name of the Lord. We enjoyed another good sermon. On Sunday morning we met at the church again for the home-coming day services. We had a large crowd with many visiting friends being present with us. After our pastor had opened the service, he turned over the service to Elder Austin who brought us a wonderful message. Following the message we went out on the church grounds and had a fine dinner, feasting together in the name of the Lord. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the occasion very much, for it was a bountiful dinner of many good things to eat.

Following the dinner hour we gathered back into the church and had some very interesting testimonies and some good singing. We desire to thank the people from the different churches of the different denominations for their interest shown in this home-coming occasion. Their co-operation was fine and everyone seems to have been in the Spirit of the Lord.

Brother Wiley Ferrell started a series of meetings which lasted through the week. He did some very fine preaching, and the attendance was good during the week, considering the bad weather. We trust that God will bless Brother Ferrell in his work of preaching the gospel to the lost.

Let us pray more earnestly that lost souls may be born into the kingdom of God.

Annie Gillikin,
Edward, N. C.



CHRISTIAN STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

(Lesson for November 2)

Lesson: James 3:1-6; 4:4-10.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer" (Ps. 19: 14).

I was made very happy a while ago. A little niece, a child about three years of age, and her sister were passing through Chicago, the child was one of the handsomest little things I ever saw, but she was one of the ugliest little things when she got angry; she had a temper that it seemed almost impossible to break. My mother took her into a room one day, and told her that Jesus could help her; this seemed to impress her very powerfully, for afterwards, when I was playing with the little one in the room, and beginning to show her temper. "Oh," said I, "Guess Nannie's mad, something's the matter." Said she, "I think I will go and pay." She meant she would go and pray; she went into her room, and fell on her knees, "Oh Jesus," said she, "won't you take all the naughty out of Nannie's heart, and make Nannie a good little girl, for Jesus sake." She asked in faith, and came out smiling through her tears. "Uncle Harry," said she, "it's all gone"; and threw her arms round my neck and kissed me, one of the happiest little girls I ever saw.—Selected.

All things are possible with God. Only as we cooperate with Him can we realize the fulfillment of this prayer of the Psalmist which should be our prayer also. If we think on good things we will not have time for things that are low and vile.

II. Heart of the Lesson

For many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body, verse 2. How true these statements apply to a great many people today. Most people make mistakes even when they seek to do right. We are cautioned, therefore, against saying or doing things that are harmful to ourselves and detrimental to others. A great many people have said and done things which ruined their character and brought shame and disgrace upon themselves and their families.—Adult Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

This passage of Scripture (it is true of the entire chapter) may well be read by God's people frequently. These tongues of ours, how loose they seem to be, how much they seem to have to be used. James would remind us that horses have bridles in their mouths that they may be directed by man. The whole body, the course which the horse itself will follow, is dependent on the pull of the bridle one side or the other. Says James, "This fact reminds us of the power and authority of the tongue" (cf. v. 5). The tongue may well point the direction in which we shall travel.—Moody Monthly.

V. 5. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

It appears that the spirit which lusteth to envy is the spirit which dwells in people and moves them before the Holy Spirit takes possession. The same truth is expressed in unmistakable language in Matthew 15: 11, 18-20, and in Mark 7:15, 20, 23.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Paul gives similar warning in Galatians 5:17-26. Did you read verse 16 also. Here is proof that inbred sin is not eradicated in this life. See Philippians 3:20-21.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Dangers from Worldliness

Some years ago a young girl, fourteen years old, who had consecrated

her life to Jesus Christ, stood as it were within the portals of a church. Her uplifted countenance recorded sweet childhood, and promised noble womanhood. Her heart was thrilled with the idealism of innocent girlhood. As she looked upon the Church her eyes were bright with eager expectancy.

None but God knows the reverses, the intricate details of this child's life in the few years that followed. But at the age of nineteen she was a remorseful, broken-hearted, sin-crushed girl. She wrote to one of the high officials of a well known Christian society for young people, begging the privilege of reaching the ear of youth through him. Her letter for the most part was a heart appeal to boys and girls against carnal pleasures, and a prayer to be true to their Saviour despite the allurements of the world. However, one paragraph was directed to the Church in general, for she said it was at a dance given in a church parlor when she was only fourteen years old that she took her first step away from God:

"Where is your Christ? Is He an idol? Is He an image? Is there not enough real joy in religion to make young people happy without these things?" (referring to the card parties, dances and so forth). **"Oh, when will the Church awaken and get close enough to her Saviour to feel His heart of love beating, and find in Him her pleasure!"**

Just a few days after sending this letter

She Committed Suicide

Oh, the mute appeal of this girl to the professing watchmen of the Church of Christ! She felt that somehow, somewhere, the Church had broken faith with her, had actually started her on her downward way! She had come to a place where she wanted only to crawl away and end it all! But even with these her last sorrowful thoughts and reflections, she remembered those who were still as pure and innocent as she once had been. For these she stretched forth her arms to the Church, pleading with the under shepherds to conform to her ideals of what the

Church ought to be by letting the great Shepherd have pre-eminence in the midst of His flock.—Moody Monthly (September, 1930).

PROGRAM

of the

One Hundred and Ninety-Ninth Session

of the

North Carolina Central Conference

Convening with

King's Cross Roads Church

on

November 5, and 6, 1947

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First Day, Wednesday Morning

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. R. C. Proctor
- 10:15—Business period
 - Welcome Address delivered by L. A. Fulford
 - Response by Marshal Joyner
 - Seating of visitors
 - Moderator's message, Rev. N. D. Beaman
 - Appointment of committees
 - Enrolling delegates and ministers
- 10:50—Message on the subject, "Present Day Events," by Rev. L. R. Ennis
- 11:25—Song
- 11:30—The Introductory Sermon by Rev. N. B. Barrow
- 12:00—Lunch

First Day, Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Song Service
 - Business period
 - Committee's report on Licensed ministers
 - The report of the Devotional Committee
 - Enrolling ministers and delegates
- 3:00—Adjournment

Second Day, Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Devotions conducted by Rev. L. W. Humbles
 - Business period
 - Reading of minutes of previous day's session
 - Enrollment of delegates and ministers
- 10:30—A message for the good of the conference by Rev. J. C. Moye
- 11:00—Business period
 - Song
- 11:10—The Convention Sermon by speaker to be named
- 11:40—Memorial service conducted by Rev. D. A. Windham
- 12:00—Lunch

Second Day, Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Song service

- Business period
- Report of committees
- Reading of minutes of previous session
- Petitions for the next conference
- 3:30—Adjournment

By the Executive Committee
of the Conference

FREE WILL BAPTIST WORK BEGUN IN NEWPORT NEWS

A good start has been made in the city of Newport News, Virginia, toward Free Will Baptist work in that city. We are looking forward to being able to organize a good work in the coming months among those people.

On September 21, preaching services were conducted at 3:00 P. M., with a small number of people present for this first meeting. There were fourteen present in all for this service, eight males and five females and one child. For Sunday, September 28, services were held at the same hour, and there were seventeen present, seven males, eight females and two children. On Sunday, October 5, the afternoon service was held as usual at 3:00 P. M., with five males and six females and one child present.

On Sunday, October 12, we had 24 persons present for the afternoon service, eleven males, twelve females and one child. We held an evening service that Sunday evening at 7:00 P. M., and there were 27 present, for this service, eight males, eleven females and seven children.

I have made this report for our Baptist readers to see so that they may know the number of males, females and children who attended these services.

Rev. M. C. Roscholer,
Acting F. W. B. Minister,
902 East 28th Street,
Norfolk 8, Virginia

"Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will shew to you to day" (Exod. 14: 13).

Poor judgment is shown when a man criticises another who is spiritually his superior.

A NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN FLORIDA

We are trying to erect a Free Will Baptist Church in Leon County, Florida. The place is called South City which is near Tallahassee, Florida, the capital of the State. We have already organized a church at this place, and are now paying \$25 dollars per month for a building in which to hold services.

This Free Will Baptist church is the only one within the radius of one hundred miles from here. Our membership is small, but we want to have services every Sunday as soon as we can possibly do so. We have a Sunday School organized with around 50 members at the present time.

I do feel that the Lord will wonderfully bless us in this worthy work, but we do need help in this section to be able to establish a good church. If the church people will join with us and help to build a church, it certainly will be a great blessing for our Free Will Baptist cause. We want to get the names and addresses of every person who makes a contribution to this worthy cause, and also the amount which they gave. I want to keep a record of all names and all donations in our church record book.

This church will cost about three thousand dollars; that is, the land and the church building. We now have a beginning of the amount of \$56 dollars raised for this purpose. It is thought that we do need a church here in this place, as much as we do anywhere else in the State. I am planning to have each donation and the giver published in our church papers.

We are thanking everyone in advance for every donation which the good people will help us toward this great work.

Rev. B. E. Coxwell,
Church Clerk,
Woodville, Florida

No man can live unto himself and become the best citizen to his county or state.

Measure your words, for in so doing you experience more joy and less sorrow.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.*

Middlesex, N. C.

SOMEONE IS ALWAYS FIRST!

Our sincere thanks to Swannanoa Sunday School; Bridgeton League; and Holly Springs Missionary Society, for their prompt remittance of clothing money for their "adopted child." Their checks have already reached the office in response to the following letter which was mailed to each organization sponsoring a child for clothing. Won't you let us have your check today?

Free Will Baptist Orphanage
Middlesex, N. C.

THANK YOU FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

To Rev. Burkette Raper, Miss Hazel Dawkins, and Rev. J. C. Griffin, we would like to extend our sincere thanks for a job well done on the field this summer in the interest of the Orphanage. Rev. Raper has covered the eastern part of the state, visiting as many churches as it was possible to schedule and the reports he has turned in each week have been gratifying to us.

Miss Dawkins has toured the western churches and reports that she has had a most enjoyable summer working with the people in that section. Her reports have been very pleasing to us.

Rev. Griffin has made a few appointments in some of the eastern churches where Rev. Raper could not work into his itinerary and his reports are also pleasing to us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the people in the various churches where these representatives have visited for your fine reception. To those families of you, who have entertained our represen-

tative in your homes, we extend thanks—they speak well of each of you.

Sincerely yours,
James A. Evans, *Supt.*

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1947

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organizations through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Miscellaneous

Refunds	\$ 47.41
Young People's Friend Subscriptions	6.00
Greene County Welfare Dept., (through children's relatives) ..	30.00
Veteran's Administration— (through children's relatives) ..	64.80
Cash sales, farm, dairy and garden	1,318.89
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	3.00
Burkette Raper, Field Rep.	86.17
Hazel Dawkins, Field Rep.	149.67
J. C. Griffin, Field Rep.	196.69
Chaplain and Mrs. C. O. Pelt	10.00
L. B. Dunn	20.00
Hugh Rawls	20.00
R. L. Worthington	10.00
Lannis Watson	5.00
H. D. Adkins	5.00
W. K. Ballentine	10.00
Selma Furlough	7.00
State League Convention	5.00
Bessie Carraway	10.00
Mr. Bain	1.00
O. J. Cutter	20.00
Rev. E. B. Joyner	5.00
Offie Proctor	5.00
Mrs. Lillian Everett	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Rutha Hardison ..	5.00
Free Gospel Tabernacle S. S.	6.25
Arrington Heights, Lexington ..	18.00
S. S. Mass Meeting of Johnston County	15.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$2,084.88

Eastern Conference

Beulaville	\$ 18.43
Carteret County Union	26.30
Third Union	50.00
Bridgeton	10.00
Friendship Prayer Meeting of River Neck	\$ 10.71
Mt. Olive	12.00
Rock of Zion	14.77
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Sts. Delight	24.16
Pearsall's Chapel	3.00
Edwards' Chapel	3.00
Warden's Grove	8.50
Macedonia	83.00
Juniper's Chapel	3.40
Fifth Union	139.12
Davis	7.50
St. Mary's	22.49
Gray Branch	5.00
Dublin Grove	5.30
Kinston	34.00
Union Chapel	78.32
Core Creek	30.09
Whaley's Chapel	6.15
Pilgrim's Rest	3.00
Sarecta	3.09
Snead's Ferry	5.76
Mt. Zion, Pamlico County	4.79
Sound View	10.00
Sandy Plain	15.00
5th E. Union S. S. Convention ...	50.00
Oriental	3.74
Wintergreen	7.00

Total Eastern

Cape Fear

Lee's Chapel	\$ 8.81
Yelverton's Grove	5.55
Goldsboro	14.00
W. Clinton	32.27
Shady Grove	3.65
Cape Fear Union	50.00
Tee's Chapel	10.00
Powhatan	5.00
Johnston Union	7.00

Total Cape Fear

French Broad Association

Avery's Creek	\$ 6.00
Marshall	7.13
Old Fort	3.00
Homer's Chapel	9.50
Canton	7.86
Cedar Hill	8.00
Mountain View	9.50
Marshall	3.50

Total French Broad

Western Association

2nd Union	\$ 37.10
Edgemont	7.34
Black Jack Grove	5.00
Oak Grove, Durham County	48.89
Free Union, Wake County	37.25
Hillsboro	4.00

Tippett's Chapel	7.33
King's Chapel	10.00
Sherron Acres	46.38
3rd Union	8.00
Stancil's Chapel	8.20
Elwood Lane	10.00
2nd Union Aux. Conv.	36.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Sts. Delight	8.00
White Oak Hill	7.50
Pleasant Plains	22.30
Total Western	\$ 305.95

Albemarle Conference

Gum Neck	\$ 10.00
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Central Conference

Antioch, Wayne County	\$ 60.00
2nd Union	92.70
Bethany	8.41
Rocky Mount	3.95
4th Union Aux. Conv.	36.88
Elm Grove, Pitt County	35.00
Spring Branch	10.00
King's Cross Roads	13.50
LaGrange	5.50
Edgewood	15.78
Marlboro	3.90
Gum Swamp	3.56
Winterville	10.50
Hull Road	15.86
Aspin Grove	10.00
Greenville	16.37

Total Central **\$ 341.91**

Jack's Creek Association

Patterson's Branch	\$ 6.25
Jack's Creek Association	101.41
Mine Fork	3.50

Total Jack's Creek **\$ 111.16**

Rock Fish Association

Sandy Grove	\$ 25.00
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Pee Dee Association

White Oak	\$ 2.00
Beaver Dam	14.58

Total Pee Dee **\$ 16.58**

Total General Fund **\$3,785.87**

CLOTHING FUND**Eastern Conference**

Union Chapel L. A. S.	\$ 30.00
St. Mary's Aux.	30.00
Dublin L. A. S.	30.00
Moseley's Creek L. A. S.	35.00
Davis L. A. S.	30.00
Malachi's Chapel	30.00
Arapahoe L. A. S.	40.00
Kinston Aux.	30.00
Jr. Dept. St. Mary's	30.00
Snow Hill, L. A. S.	30.00
Sandy Plain L. A. S.	30.00

Total Eastern **\$ 345.00**

Rock Fish Association

Hickory Grove	\$ 30.00
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French Broad Association

Homer's Chapel L. A. S.	\$ 30.00
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Miscellaneous Clothing

Louis Quinn	\$ 15.00
Mrs. W. T. Rose and Mrs. Casey Thompson	30.00

Total Miscellaneous **\$ 45.00**

Western Association

Hansley's Chapel Aux.	\$ 30.00
Edgemont Miss. Soc.	30.00
Marsh Swamp Aux.	30.00
St. Mary's L. A. S.	30.00
Wilson L. A. S.	30.00
Pleasant Plains L. A. S.	30.00
Kenly Aux.	30.00
Friendship L. A. S., Johnston Co.	30.00

Total Western **\$ 240.00**

Central Conference

Ayden Fidelis S. S. Class	\$ 30.00
Antioch L. A. S.	30.00
King's Cross Roads L. A. S.	30.00
Free Union Aux.	30.00
Winterville Aux.	30.00
Sts. Delight L. A. S.	30.00
Daniel's Chapel L. A. S.	30.00

Total Central **\$ 210.00**

Piedmont Association

Goshen Grove	\$ 30.00
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Cape Fear Association

Casey's Chapel L. A. S.	30.00
Prospect L. A. S.	30.00
Tabernacle	50.00
Goldsboro Aux.	30.00

Total Cape Fear **\$ 140.00**

Albemarle Conference

Mt. Tabor	\$ 30.00
Malachi's Chapel	30.00
Sunbeam Bible Class, Malachi's Chapel	30.00
Hickory Chapel S. S.	30.00

Total Albemarle **\$ 120.00**

Total Clothing **\$1,150.00**

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND

Albemarle S. S. Convention	\$ 286.73
Albemarle Union	126.19

Total Albemarle **\$ 412.92**

CHAPEL FUNDS**Western Association**

2nd Union (Memorial Window) ..	\$ 100.00
St. Mary's Grove, Johnston Co. ..	100.00

Selma (Memorial Window)	10.00
Piney Grove L. A. S.	10.00

Total Chapel **\$220.00**

Total General Fund **\$3,785.87**

Total Clothing Fund **1,150.00**

Total Albemarle Cottage Fund .. **412.92**

Total Chapel Fund **220.00**

Grand Total Receipts **\$5,568.79**

JAMES A. EVANS, Superintendent.

Donated Commodities

Mrs. W. L. Moretz (Clothing)	\$ 2.04
Swannanoa L. A. S. (Clothing)	6.14
Josephine Mumpower (Clothing) ..	20.00
Roberts' Grove L. A. S. (Household Supplies)	10.00
Mrs. W. E. Beaman (Clothing)	4.00
Surplus foods through State Hospital in Raleigh	18.40
Mrs. C. H. Pelt (Clothing)	15.00
Marsh Swamp Church (Food)	66.50
D. B. Sasser (Food)	2.00

Total Value **\$144.08**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

September 1, 1946 through August 31, 1947

Balance on hand September 1, 1946 **\$ 1,284.55**

Receipts

Religious Organizations	\$35,885.80
Duke Endowment	2,623.57
Parents and Relatives	2,630.92
Friends	3,333.92
Refunds (food, telephone, farm advances, etc.)	3,880.00
Subscriptions to Young People's Friend	266.00
Field Representatives	8,441.01
Cash sales, farm, dairy, and garden	11,613.24
Receipts from coupons	125.64
Chapel Receipts	2,591.09
Albemarle Cottage Receipts	1,492.33
Annuity Bond Sales	2,000.00
Sale of equipment	8,126.12
Sale of bonds for church	5,351.69
Receipts for MsLeod Loan Fund	10.00

Total Receipts for Year **88,371.29**

Money borrowed from outside sources **14,245.00**

Total Cash to account for **\$103,900.84**

Disbursements

Salaries	\$12,855.39
Office Supplies	819.73
Telephone and Telegraph	361.70
Insurance	2,081.60
Conference Fees	475.69
Expense of Field Workers	1,198.24
Administrative Travel	337.99
Food	6,975.87
Clothing	3,329.31
Refunds on supplies, etc.	111.43
Fuel, lights, water, etc.	3,465.58
General replacement and repair to buildings	6,475.28
Hospital bills	196.00
Laundry Supplies	410.88

Household Supplies	1,003.02
Recreation for children and allowance	1,289.28
Travel relating to care of chil.---	362.88
Health Supplies	159.48
Education Supplies	434.39
Advances to Farm Tenants ----	277.56
Farm Supplies	11,704.96
Farm Insurance	473.91
Farm replacement and repair --	3,234.22
Replacement of livestock	4,956.29
Young People's Friend salary and supplies	742.55
Chapel Labor and Materials ----	34,207.88
New equipment	704.82
Annuity bond payments	140.00
Total Disbursed	98,785.93
Repayment of money borrowed from outside sources	4,880.50
Total cash disbursed	\$103,666.43
Cash on hand August 31, 1947 ----	234.41
Total cash accounted for	\$103,900.84

DONATED COMMODITIES

Food	\$2,227.53
Clothing	520.00
Household Supplies	778.40
Total	\$3,525.93
Money borrowed for Church	\$9,500.00
Money Borrowed for dairy herd and equipment	\$4,200.00
Accounts Receivable	\$2,785.00
Albemarle Cottage Fund	\$5,357.41
McLeod Education Fund	\$ 810.00
Replacement of vehicles (borrowed)	\$1,200.00
(We have renewed during the year 4 vehicles including the school bus, Superintendent's car, Field Worker's Car, and suburban.)	

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE RECEIPTS

Rev. Burkette Raper	\$2,278.08
Miss Hazel Dawkins	1,502.55
Mrs. L. E. Ballard (Fall of 1946)	4,418.23
Rev. J. C. Griffin	242.15
Total	\$8,441.01

Inventories

Livestock

24 Milking Cows	\$4,800.00
2 dry cows	300.00
4 heifers	400.00
1 yearling bull	100.00
9 calves	225.00
Total	\$5,825.00

Hogs

14 hogs	\$1,400.00
61 pigs	2,125.00
Total	\$3,525.00

Poultry

450 Chickens	\$500.00
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Team

3 pair mules	\$2,400.00
1 pony	140.00
Total	\$2,540.00

Food

Canned fruits and vegetables	\$1,875.20
Total Inventories	\$14,265.20

JAMES A. EVANS, Superintendent.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

A WISE CREATURE—THE CONY

Dear Boys and Girls,

Last week we talked a little bit about the diligent ant, how wise she was. The Wise Man in Proverbs 30: 25 told us about her. In verse 26 he speaks of the conies, and says they "are but a feeble folk, yet they make their houses in the rocks." A cony is a small animal something like a rabbit, but it is not a rabbit. It is closely related to the rabbit family. Like a rabbit it can leap a great distance; it is quick, but is classed more with an Oriental animal. Unlike a rabbit it does not burrow in the earth, but builds its home among the rocks. Here it is sure to be safe from other animals' seeking to destroy it. Foxes, hares, and rabbits when pursued by dogs, often take refuge among the rocks. They seek safety in strong places.

As boys and girls, you go to your parents when you are in distress. How often we come to Mother for comfort! Yes, even boys and girls like to find comfort in telling Father and Mother about their troubles. And you should too! Boys and girls should be careful to tell parents everything. If tempted to do a thing that you cannot talk over with your parents, then you may rest assured you should not do it. Another thing, be sure to find your refuge and security in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Rock, the Sure Foundation, a protection and covert in the time of stormy trial on this old earth. We ought to talk over everything with our Heavenly Father as we talk over all things with our parents.

Dogs are about the worst enemy the cony has. The devil is our worst enemy. He can think of and make boys and girls do more wrong things! Well, he is our enemy. An enemy hates. The devil hates our souls and wants to send them to hell for all eternity. God is love. He loves our souls. He gave His Son the Lord Je-

sus to die for us on Calvary to redeem our souls from sin. He helps us in trouble. He keeps us from sin if He lives in our hearts. He hears our prayer and answers, too. Do you like to sing that old-time hymn:

"Rock of ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee."?

It is wonderful to remember that the Lord Jesus is our Rock of Ages, and like the cony, we can hide ourselves in Him, knowing He will keep us in safety. If we cling to the Rock Christ Jesus, and are sure our soul is saved, then we are like the wise man Jesus speaks about in Matthew. A foolish man, a foolish boy or girl says he does not want Jesus for his Saviour. Do not be foolish. Be wise. Even though you feel you are "feeble" yet the Lord Jesus will make you strong if you hide yourself in Him. Will you?

Your own friend,

Leota L. Knopp

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE OF THE
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

(Adopted October 9, 1947)

Whereas, thirty-six years ago, there swept over North Carolina the Holiness movement, which crept into many of our churches, deluding and carrying away many of our people with its teaching and ideals, and

Whereas, a division was caused in the Cape Fear Conference in this State, many of the churches going away and into this said Holiness movement, and

Whereas, these who went away persist in calling themselves "Free Will Baptists," and even call their conference by the name of "Cape Fear Conference" to the confusion of our loyal people and the general public as well, and

Whereas, these so-called "Free Will Baptists" are not a part of the original Free Will Baptists, nor can

they even become members of the State Convention of their doctrine and practices, therefore be it

Resolved:

1st. That we declare to the world at large our adherence to the doctrine, practices and ideals of the **original Free Will Baptist church**,

2nd. That the Albemarle Conference this day place itself on record as condemning the attitude of those who went away for persisting in calling themselves by the name "Free Will Baptists," which is misleading and confusing to the world at large.

3rd. That we pledge our whole-hearted support to the **original Cape Fear Conference**, and the **North Carolina State Convention of the original Free Will Baptists** in any lawful effort they may make to have some distinction made in the name of these two different bodies, so as to save us and the public at large from the confusion we have experienced in the past.

Offered Oct. 9th by Rev. J. W. Alford.

Approved by the committee:

Mr. J. A. Harris, Chairman,
Rev. M. C. Roscholer,
Rev. L. E. Ambrose

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

(Adopted October 9, 1947)

We, your committee on education, beg to submit the following report:

1. Realizing the need for well trained and more efficient leadership, we recommend and urge this conference to support the F. W. B. College to its utmost capacity.

2. Realizing the important place of the laity of the Church, we urge every member of the laity to take advantage of every opportunity of learning more about the operations of a church and a church conference in order that they may lend more assistance to the operation thereof, to the end that they may be operated more efficiently.

3. We urge substantial support for our Orphanage at Middlesex, making it possible for the unfortunate children to have equal educational op-

portunities with the more fortunate children.

4. We recommend to the Ordaining Council that they make and maintain a high standard of educational requirements for prospective ministers. We make this observation; that in a day of enlightenment and cultural advantages the demand is great for ministers who can present the Word of God in its simplicity and in its power, and can present it in an intelligent manner.

5. It has been observed in this and other conferences, conventions and associations that dissensions and disputes arise between individuals and groups of individuals and is very noticeable in the ministerial ranks. These dissensions arise because of policies that are sometimes unsound and words and acts that are sometimes unchristian.

In as much as the lay members are the sheep of a flock and the pastor the shepherd of the flock, we urge every minister in our church to use extreme caution, sound policies, good judgment, and set such examples before their flocks that the church as a whole may be exalted to a higher level; that it may be cleansed of its impurities and selfishness and may be made fit to become the Bride of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed by the Educational Board:

Rev. R. P. Harris,
Mr. R. L. Spencer,
Mrs. D. H. Furlough

GOOD REVIVAL AT EPHESUS CHURCH

By Miss Sallie Griffin
Blounts Creek, N. C.

The revival meeting at Ephesus Church was held during the third week of September. The services started each night at seven-thirty o'clock, and the Reverend J. R. Forrest was the evangelist who brought the messages each night. He certainly did preach some good sermons to those who were followers of the blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

There was only one person who accepted Jesus Christ as her personal

Saviour, and this person was Mrs. Mary Boyd of Chocowinity, North Carolina. She made a profession of faith in Jesus as her Personal Saviour on Friday night, September 26, and was baptized on Sunday, September 28, at Cutler's Landing. Following the baptism all of us went back to the church and Mrs. Boyd was received in the church as a member of Ephesus Church.

On Saturday, September 21, the church people spread a fine dinner on the church grounds and everyone seemed to have enjoyed it very much. The meeting was well attended with large crowds of people each service of the revival. We are asking the prayers of the good Christian people that we may go forward in the work of the Master. Please pray for me and for our church that it might become just what God would have it to be.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

These envelopes are artistically and religiously designed in several colors and are very attractive in appearance.

They may be used by the church or by any of its auxiliaries. They are made in two numbers as follows:

No. 441 A—

"My Christmas Offering"

No. 441 B—

"Christmas Offering to My Church"

— A Limited Supply —

Get yours while they last



Priced as
Follows:

By the dozen
15c

One Hundred
35c

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HOME-COMING AT EVERETTES CHAPEL CHURCH

Everette's Chapel, Free Will Baptist Church in Clayton, N. C., Johnston County, wishes to announce its home-coming day which is to be observed on the fourth Sunday in October. We are inviting the many friends, members of the church, former pastors, neighbors of the church and community to be with us on this day. It will be a great blessing to those who will come and enjoy the day with us.

The morning message will be at the 11 o'clock hour, after which lunch will be served on the church grounds. The afternoon service will follow lunch with a program consisting of special singing by community and out-of-town choirs. The former pastors will be given an opportunity to speak, and we will appreciate the presence of everyone on that occasion. Again we are requesting everyone to come and be with us for this fine occasion and enjoy the day in sweet fellowship with us.

Mr. C. R. Boling,
Church Clerk

A NOTE OF THANKS

I desire to express my thanks to my friends for their kindness to me and my family through the past summer months. I want to thank also all Christians who prayed for me continually. I am praising the Lord for all that has been done, because I know that every good and perfect gift cometh down from God. I am thanking God for He is a prayer-answering God.

We are taught in Hebrews 11:6 this wonderful truth: "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." We are instructed in God's holy Word that they that are sick are to call upon the elders of the church to anoint them with oil, and pray, and their faith shall save them.

May we return to give thanks, for God has answered our prayers. Praise His holy name, for I know He does answer prayer. He does all things well, and He never makes a mistake.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
W. A. Outlaw

HOME-COMING AT ARAPAHOE

Home-Coming Day and Yearly Meeting will be held in Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church Sunday, October 26th. All former pastors, friends and church members are being invited to attend.

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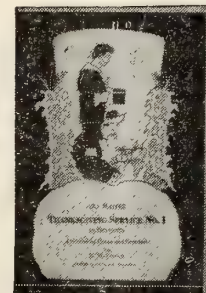
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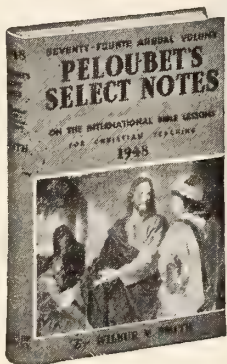
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O for a faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe!

That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Will lean upon its God;

A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear.
In darkness feels no doubt;

That bears, unmoved, the world's dread frown
Nor heeds its scornful smile;
That seas of trouble cannot drown,
Nor Satan's arts beguile.

Lord, give us such faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste, e'en here, the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

—William H. Bathurst

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This is to announce that I, Alton Hill, Jr., have been licensed by the Kinston F. W. B. Church to preach the gospel. I was licensed on August 24, 1947.

I will be available for the conducting of prayer services, or doing regular religious service. If any church should desire my services, please correspond with me or see me in person.

Alton Hill, Jr.,
603 Terminal Street,
Kinston, N. C.

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ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

TURKEY FOLDERS MAILED

The turkey folders have been mailed to all the Sunday School Superintendents in the state and if your superintendent has not received the ones for your Sunday School please notify the Orphanage Superintendent and we will send them immediately.

We are anticipating the biggest Thanksgiving Day we have ever had and extend to each and every one of you a hearty invitation to come and enjoy the day with us. Bring a big picnic basket and have lunch on the grounds with the children and friends.

The Chapel will not be completed by Thanksgiving but we will hold services in it on that Day.

Remember, that if your Sunday School Superintendent has not received your turkey folders to be filled with dimes for Thanksgiving, please let us know immediately.

James A. Evans,
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DEATH TO SELF—

"Christ's death is the pattern of our death, as well as the price of our life."—Rev. A. B. Simpson. A careful study of the life and teachings of Christ plainly set forth the fact that He lived an unselfish life in the world. This thought was for others and for their eternal good. Rev. Seth C. Rees once said, "God help the man who has got through with himself." Too much selfishness is the secret of some people's downfall, due to the fact that in their search for selfish aims and gratifications they forgot the needs and desires of others.

It is all right to have sufficient self-pride to be decent and respectable, and to be energetic enough to work out an honest living for one's own good and that of his family. It is, moreover, the duty for one to think of the "rainy day" and provide for the comforts of old age, but to be covetous and miserly to the detriment of the poor and needy is the evidence of the utter lack of the humanitarian spirit. "If you would be filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered for service, yield up to be emptied of self."—Silent Evangel.

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE TO CONVENE—

The Central Conference of North Carolina will convene on November 5 and 6 with King's Cross Roads Church in Pitt County. It was organized one hundred and ninety-nine years ago out of the old General Conference of Free Will Baptists of Eastern North Carolina. This conference is the oldest existing Free Will Baptist conference in the State, and has some of the leading churches in the State within its bounds.

The people of the community and King's Cross Roads Church are looking forward with pleasure to the entertaining of this session of the conference. Delegates, ministers, friends and visitors will receive a hearty welcome at the conference on the two days which the conference will convene at their church. It is expected that this session will be largely attended by representatives from all of the churches in the conference, and also that quite a number of visiting friends from the sister conferences will be present for this meeting. Splendid Christian fellowship is expected to be enjoyed by those who will attend this great meeting.

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STEADFASTNESS—

Whatever a person sets out to do in life for the acquiring of success and recognition he is to be steadfast, happy in his position or calling, and alert to his duties and responsibilities of the place which he is filling. In line with this truth, one recognized writer said, "We will never amount to much until we get anchored to Jesus."

Go to the Word of God if you want truth which will show you what steadfastness really means.

The father should be steadfast in the home, the one who sets the good examples of faith, prudence, Christian leadership and paternal love for those in the home. The minister is to be steadfast, God's servant with a vision for the spreading of the gospel, and a person who is alert to the needs of lost humanity. He is to be steadfast in the faith if he is to do the most good for the cause of Christ in the world. The Reverend Theodore L. Culer once said, "Love of Jesus is the motive that subdues selfishness; and loyalty to Jesus holds us as a stout root holds a tree amid the blasts of winter's tempest or under the summer's parching droughts."

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NEW CONVERTS—

From the various reports which keep coming to us from the different churches over the country, it is gratifying to note that many of the evangelists are meeting with success in their evangelistic meetings. Most all of them that have been reported to this office show that a goodly number of converts have been won in the various meetings for the cause of Christ. At the same time it has been shown that most of the church people of those churches have been greatly revived through the evangelistic messages brought by those evangelists who labored so faithfully among them in those meetings.

We have come to believe that the time has come, and particularly so in this age of crime, wreckless living and much pleasure seeking, when the churches as a whole should look forward each year to the holding of at least two revival meetings sometime during the year. As a matter of fact, some churches have seen this need and have held as many as two revivals this year. And the results were splendid. We do believe that one revival at a church during the year is not enough, when everyone can see how greatly the promulgation of the blessed Word of God needs to be preached with power and fervency in all of the churches. Yes, let the churches move up to two, or even more, revival meetings each year, and see the added influence and general spiritual good that results from those meetings. Sin must be vigorously opposed with the gospel.

God deserves more than skimmed milk from the cream of your earnings.

The business of a Christian is not to get a following but to set a standard.

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ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME NOW OPEN

Sunday, Sept. 31, 1947, was the grand opening day of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home of Alabama. The day started with a well planned

tional work and progress made in Alabama. The increase is shown in membership, new churches and new associations. A real soul-stirring message was enjoyed by those that heard Brother Crawford. Our services were conducted in the dining

building that could not get in. Sounding system was used to reach the crowds outside the buildings. A well prepared basket dinner was spread by those attending. The Offertory committee received about five hundred dollars during the day, also many nice pledges were made by individuals and church groups.

During the afternoon a very impressive message was brought by the Rev. R. P. Rich of Pell City, Ala. His subject was "Our Responsibility to Our Children." All present seemed to enjoy the message very much. The Rev. Rich was also accompanied with a real good Gospel Quartett. The Quartett also furnished music through the day. Our people rejoiced to see the day that we could open an institution in the name of our Lord and our own denomination right here in the state of Alabama. Those of other states that visited us, praise the work of our Denomination very highly.

We have elected the Rev. W. H. Ryland for our superintendent. Bro. Ryland is formerly of Leeds, Ala., and is now in office and is receiving some applications for children to enter the Home. Bro Ryland has been a very efficient pastor and evangelist in the denomination for the past fifteen years. He states that the Home was opened with eleven hundred dollars worth of food on hand. Clothing about one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and poultry and livestock \$900. The Home is located at Eld-



REV. W. H. RYLAND, Superintendent

program. Visitors were present from throughout the state. Georgia, Mississippi and Florida were also represented. After some good songs and prayer, some good talks were made by the members of the Board of Trustees, then inspirational talks were made by various visitors.

At the eleven o'clock hour the guest speaker was introduced to bring the message for the official opening of the Home. Rev. R. B. Crawford, our national executive, was our distinguished speaker. Rev. Crawford of Nashville, Tenn., is formerly of Alabama, and is very familiar with the working conditions of the denomination, especially in the State of Alabama. We feel honored to have had him as our speaker. He was very pointed in his message and said many good things about the denomination going forward.

We do appreciate our denomina-

hall of the large dormitory building. The congregation was estimated to be about five hundred and it was said to be about that many outside the



ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

ridge, Ala., on Highway No. 78, six miles west of Carbon Hill, Ala. We invite your letters and visits. Address all mail to Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala.

By a Member of the Board

MY IMPRESSION OF THE CUBAN SCHOOL

My life has been considerably influenced by the atmosphere of our Cuban School, and I want to pass it on to you the best I know how. Several weeks ago I had the privilege of visiting the School, and it so happens this visit was during the rainy season of Cuba. Mrs. Willey and I parked the car on the highway, and walked from the highway into the School, because the mud on the road is impassable during the rainy days with the Jeep.

Upon arriving at the School the students greeted us with a very warm smile on their faces. A smile that impresses you so that it will always linger in your thoughts. A smile of appreciation and love to those who have labored so hard to help them.

The students arise at 5:30 A. M. to have prayer before beginning their regular duties for the first few hours in the morning before classes. The fellowship is wonderful, and this spiritual atmosphere among all is so strong that The Spirit of a God has prevailed in everything, and His presence has been so real and so sweet. Never have I been in the presence of such a strong Spiritual Atmosphere. Why is this Atmosphere at Our Cuban School?

Amy Carmichael in her book, "God's Missionary" says,

Love Is the Answer to All Things

"It is possible that all that has been said is wide of the mark where some of us are concerned; we may have few or no temptations to what is known as open worldliness of life, but are we "other-worldly" in the secret center of our soul? Is there no compromise ever there? Does the rush of work never get in between our Master and ourselves? Is there

no failure in this direction, or leakage of spiritual strength? Are we looking at others and what they do, or expect us to do, and are we trying to do it at the expense of time for rest and quiet with our Lord? "Let Me see thy countenance; let Me hear thy voice." Have not these words, so full of wistful love, come to us sometimes, and stopped us in some outward whirl, and bidden us go into inward calm, and let Him see our countenance, and let Him hear our voices?

"For there are forms of compromise—in the depths of our hearts we know it—that pursue the missionary beyond the outward bounds of worldliness. God search us, and try us, and show us if we are living on lower levels than He intends for us, living in the shallows when He meant us to dwell deep in the heart of eternal love.

"Lord, Thou knowest: Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee. "But because I am as yet weak in love and imperfect in virtue, therefore do I stand in need of being strengthened and comforted by Thee. Wherefore visit me again and again; and instruct me by all holy discipline. Free me from evil passions and heal my heart of all inordinate affections; that, being inwardly healed and thoroughly cleansed, I may become fit to love, strong suffer, constant to preserve."

Yes, Love is the answer to all things; love is also the greatest of all gifts. The Missionaries, Miss Yeley, Brother and Mrs. Willey, all have shown their love for the Cubans. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

Yours for Christ and Cuba,

Louise Ferettino

We acquire virtue or vice according to the company we keep.

In virtue there is strength; in vice there is weakness.

The example we set for good or ill is immeasurable.

J E R R Y

(This little poem was among some others written and left unpublished by Dorene Beaman. She died November 3, 1945).

Folks never noticed Jerry much,
Those days when he was here,
His father was a shiftless man,
Too fond of ale and beer.

His family didn't take on well,
With people of the town,
Their name, tho' good in days gone
by,
Was slowly going down.

But Jerry was a comely chap,
And full of pep and vim;
You should have seen his eyes light
up
When some one spoke to him.

There came a day in '43
When he marched off to war,
With other boys of our town,
Some twenty-five or more.

And of this group, young Jerry was,
The first to give his life;
Up on the front in France they said,
He'd fallen in the strife.

The service that we held for him,
Was grave and sadly sweet;
And many worthy things of him
The speaker did repeat.

It was a touching service, too,
And many shed a tear;
By reason of our kindly thoughts—
(Not shown when he was here.)

I thought in vain of friendliness
And love we had not shown;
And all the things we might have
done,
Those years before he'd gone.

I thought of things he'd done for us,
(My spirit strangely low)
And of the gratitude we felt,
And wished that he might know.

—Submitted by

Mrs. John W. Beaman

Are hard knocks exacting their
toll from you? Smile, fight and win.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

The Free Will Baptist Bible College has enjoyed the blessings of the Lord throughout its history. We have been unusually conscious of these continued blessings upon us in the beginning of this, the sixth term of its operation. We believe that it will be encouraging to our many friends to bring to their attention some specific items for which to praise the Lord.

First, we are grateful for the fifty-seven young men and women who have registered for Christian training this semester. Of this number, there are thirty-five young men who have either definitely answered the call to preach or whose lives are yielded to the Lord for whatever service they may render. The twenty-two ladies have also either committed themselves to missionary work or are willing to serve in whatever place the Lord may choose. We are thankful that the Lord is calling so many fine young men and women in our church to definite Christian service.

Secondly, we are most grateful for the congenial attitude of our present student body. In a most unselfish manner, they have adapted themselves to the purpose and the spirit of the institution. This has made possible a most congenial and Christian atmosphere in which to live and work.

Thirdly, we thank the Lord for a faculty and staff who are cooperative and are in harmony with the purpose of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Fourthly, we praise the Lord for the loyalty of the friends of this institution in praying for its success. Continue to remember us in your daily prayers.

Fifthly, for the financial support that many Free Will Baptists are

giving to the college. This, with your prayers, will guarantee the maintenance and expansion of our school. Let us take none of these blessings for granted but be aware that continued success depends upon the blessings of our Lord. We are glad to share with the many readers of our church papers these items of praise that they may join with us in real thanksgiving for His manifold blessings upon their institution.

But, let us remember that every item for praise becomes a challenge for continued prayer and continued work as long as there is an unfinished task. Therefore, we suggest to you some items for prayer.

First, continue to pray with us the prayer of Jesus when he said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth la-

bourers into his harvest;" for we believe that divinely-called young men and young women, trained in an institution consecrated to the will of God, will be the answer to many of the needs of our church.

As the Lord answers this prayer and calls more Free Will Baptist young people into service, there will have to be an enlarged institution of training for them. This then, leads to the second object of prayer, namely, that the Lord may continue to raise up friends to support our college with their gifts. There are many Free Will Baptists whom the Lord has blessed materially who can make nice gifts of money for a greater Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Thirdly, pray for all who are responsible to plan and administer the affairs of the institution.

If you will cooperate with us in praying and giving, we believe that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Free Will Baptists will be able to make a contribution to the world in its hour of direct need. May we ever keep ourselves dedicated to this cause.

L. C. Johnson, President

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Illinois - - - - -	----		10.00	8.33	18.33
Kansas - - - - -	----		1.00	----	1.00
Kentucky - - - - -	----		6.00	----	6.00
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Mississippi - - - - -	----		5.00	----	5.00
Missouri - - - - -	----		31.50	----	31.50
North Carolina - - - - -	----		37.50	546.51	584.01
Oklahoma - - - - -	----		56.50	5.00	61.50
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Tennessee - - - - -	----		43.05	13.00	56.05
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Telephone - - - - -	10.35
Maintenance, Equipment, Improvements - - - - -	143.01
Salaries - - - - -	965.40
Labor - - - - -	257.50
Traveling Expenses - - - - -	397.78
School Supplies - - - - -	34.73
Music for G. I. Students - - - - -	223.00
Total - - - - -	\$2,269.09

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Alabama - - - - -	\$ ----	\$ 21.50	\$ 62.00	\$ 83.50
Florida - - - - -	-----	12.00	-----	12.00
Georgia - - - - -	-----	101.56	10.00	111.56
Illinois - - - - -	-----	19.00	1.00	20.00
Kansas - - - - -	-----	1.00	28.77	29.77
Kentucky - - - - -	-----	6.00	1.00	7.00
Michigan - - - - -	-----	15.00	-----	15.00
Mississippi - - - - -	-----	5.00	12.50	17.50
Missouri - - - - -	-----	20.50	-----	20.50
North Carolina - - - - -	-----	147.75	93.82	241.57
Ohio - - - - -	-----	2.50	-----	2.50
Oklahoma - - - - -	-----	43.00	25.00	68.00
South Carolina - - - - -	-----	25.00	75.00	100.00
Tennessee - - - - -	-----	54.00	28.90	82.90
Texas - - - - -	20.50	4.50	18.75	43.75
Virginia - - - - -	-----	2.50	-----	2.50
West Virginia - - - - -	-----	2.50	10.92	13.42
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention - - - - -	-----	-----	-----	44.79
Sales Tax - - - - -	-----	-----	-----	1.81
Student Fees - - - - -	-----	-----	-----	864.00
Student Room and Board - - - - -	-----	-----	-----	1,477.62
Books - - - - -	-----	-----	-----	345.30
Miscellaneous Receipts - - - - -	-----	-----	-----	18.94
Totals - - - - -	\$20.50	\$483.31	\$367.66	\$3,623.93

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Disbursements

Labor - - - - -	\$ 143.64
Salaries - - - - -	1,012.73
Maintenance, Equipment, Improvements - - - - -	362.46
Traveling Expenses - - - - -	250.75
School Supplies - - - - -	49.52
Telephone - - - - -	24.35
Heat, Lights, Water, Laundry - - - - -	29.91
Groceries - - - - -	311.65
Books - - - - -	115.34
Express and Freight - - - - -	2.52
Room Rent - - - - -	120.00
Miscellaneous Expenses - - - - -	75.00
Total Disbursements - - - - -	\$2,497.87

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THE REVIVAL MEETING AT
MICRO CHURCH, JOHNSTON
COUNTY

On Sunday night, September 21, 1947, Rev. George Dunbar of Chucky, Tenn., began a series of revival meetings. Brother Dunbar preached to the members of the church most of the time. He held to the idea that if the membership of the church became revived and began to praise the Lord in deed and in truth the sinners would begin to weep their way to God. Splendid crowds attended every night and prayers continued to go up to God on behalf of the church and lost men and women. Finally, the Devil began to be revealed and the people prayed more earnestly until God sent a mighty awakening and eight precious souls surrendered their hearts unto the Lord and two others became gloriously restored.

This was the third time in succession that this great man of God had poured out his heart on behalf of the people at this place. I believe that the work of this man and the good that he has done us has increased at each of these annual campaigns.

This church, too, has a thriving Sunday School and Ladies Auxiliary. The young people have been organized in League work and is doing a very fine piece of work under the leadership of Brother H. J. Corbett.

The good people of this church entertained the evangelist and the pastor of the church during the meeting with generosity and good will. The finest they could provide was not too good for them to furnish and they are to be commended for this very fine spirit of co-operation.

This church has a building program launched for the purpose of providing a parsonage for their pastor. More than \$2,500 has been raised and the actual construction of the building has been ordered.

The Micro Church is now paying their pastor \$810 per year for one fourth time services. They are enjoying the improved conditions of the church to the end that shows a splendid spirit of co-operation and interest.

This report is made by R. P. Harris, pastor of the church

The Woman's Auxiliary Department



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THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY WEEK OF PRAYER NOVEMBER 17-21, 1947

Monday

Hymn—"Take Time to Be Holy."
Dedication prayer, by some member.
Leader—

"Prayer is the Christian's vital
breath,
The Christian's native air;
His watchword at the gates of
death;
He enters heaven with prayer.
O thou by whom we come to
God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way!
The path of prayer Thyself
trode:

O Lord, teach us to pray."

Scripture lesson: Luke 11:1-4.

Hymn—"A Charge to Keep I Have."

Topic—The Power of Prayer:

1st—In the Sermon on the Mount, Matt. 5, 6, 7, Jesus set up a new basis for prayer, which embodies the true relationship between God and the earnest petitioner, and which is brought about through the new birth in Jesus Christ (John 3:3). Being born again gives us a direct contact with God, the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, while the natural man is blind to all spiritual truth, and to his own depraved condition. Faith in the Lord Jesus, His life, death and resurrection gives us the divine nature of Christ, and we can "ask what we will and it will be granted unto us."

2nd. **Individual Need of Prayer:** Those who fail to pray, but substitute the "saying of prayers," are powerless, and a church composed of members like these, is a powerless church. The one thing most needed in the life of a professed follower of Christ is more sincere, earnest prayer. If we are to shine as "vessels of honour unto the Lord," we must realize and grasp our great privilege

of prayer in our daily lives, in our homes, our communities and in our church.

The reason we do not have more of the Holy Spirit in our lives is because we have not learned to pray, according to the will of the Father.

3rd. **Conditions of Being Heard of the Father:** 1st, We must humble ourselves before Him; I Peter 5:6, 7. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon Him: for He careth for you." (Unbelief is playing a large part in the lives of many professed followers of Christ.) 2nd, We must pray in faith: Mark 11:24, "Therefore, I say unto you, Whatsoever things ye desire when you pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." 3rd, Obedience to the commandments of the Father: I John 3:22, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." IF WE ARE TO RECEIVE THE Fullness of Joy which can be ours, it will be when we open wide our hearts to Him and live in the center of His will at all times. God has great things in store for us, so that our "cup will run over," so to speak, and the "over-plus" will reach other lives and draw them to the throne of grace.

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Closing prayer, for a "Closer walk with God," and a more definite knowledge of the wonderful goodness of our heavenly Father in giving to us the great privilege of prayer. Amen.

Tuesday

Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Prayer of Thanksgiving unto the Lord.

Hymn: "I am Thine, O Lord."

Prayer of supplication for spiritual blessings.

Scripture—I John 1.

Topic: **Finding and Filling Our Places:**

1st, In the home, as wife and mother; 2nd, In our churches, as "Workers together with God," and 3rd, In the "Highways and hedges" of sin, where the lost are to be found and brought to Jesus.

1st—There is much criticism of the youth of to-day, and our courts are full of delinquent boys and girls under twenty years of age. We are often horrified at the crimes being committed by teen-agers, but after all, much of it can be traced to the home. May we, as mothers, follow the Biblical way of bringing up our children, so that "When they are old they will not depart from it." Teach them to "Remember their Creator in the days of their youth."

2nd—There is always a place in the church for every one. All cannot be preachers, teachers, organists, choir leaders, nor even sing in the choir, but there is a vacant seat there that needs filling. The pastor cannot be at his best when preaching to empty pews. We can be in our places at each service and pray for the preacher, the choir, for the unsaved in the congregation, and we can lift our voices in praise to God for His wonderful love to mankind.

3rd—In the field of Missions; How prone we are to dread contact with sin, and yet we must remember that "Christ came to seek and to save lost souls," and also that once we were lost in sin, "For when we were without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly," and again, "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered" (Rom. 5:6, and Rom. 4:7).

In our own land, right in our own communities, there are those who know nothing of the gospel of Christ. Some of us would not have to leave our own homes, to find a lost soul. To many of us, the foreign field holds a fascination, but there should be a deep-seated passion for the lost, both at home and in other lands at all times. There is nothing fascinating about the hardships that our missionaries are enduring, that they might win a soul to Christ. May we

give careful thought and prayer for those who are engaged in this sacred work of the Lord, and place ourselves at the disposal of the Father, to go wherever He directs in behalf of unsaved men and women, boys and girls, and give of our means to send others.

Hymn: "Make Me a Channel of Blessing To-Day."

Benediction—An earnest petition that we may find our places in the service of the Lord, and "Do with our might, what our hands find to do."

Wednesday

Open the service with praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Hymn: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Prayer—For an unconditional surrender of our lives to the Master.

Scripture—Psalm 96.

Hymn: "Trust and Obey."

Topic—"Exalt ye the Lord."

1st—In a surrendered life to Him; 2nd, in our prayer life, "Thy will be done; 3rd, In an humble walk before Him; 4th, In Christian service. We are to realize that our God is a "jealous God," because man was the climax of His creation, made in His own image. "For I am a jealous God" (Ex. 20:5), and in Gen. 1:26, He said to His Son, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

The name of Jesus is above every name. Phil. 2:9, 10, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him (Jesus), and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth, and things under the earth.

2nd—There should be time for meditation, when we must shut ourselves in with God, and study the opportunities and responsibilities that come to us as Christians. "Psa. 46: 10," Be still, and **know** that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." It is our business to "Exalt ye the Lord," in our daily conversation, in the humble, consecrated life we live, and in regular attendance at divine worship.

3rd—We are not our own, "For ye

are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." We need to realize the responsibilities of the Gospel of Christ, and how much depends on our stewardship. Luke 19: 13 reads, "And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said, "Occupy till I come." When Jesus went back to His Father, He meant for us to "occupy" till He comes again. If we have been faithful stewards, we will hear His commendation "Well done," otherwise we will be among the unfaithful servants that are to be bound hand and foot and cast out." God will hold us to a strict account. Rom. 14:12, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Sentence prayers. For all church activities, at home, and elsewhere.

Hymn: "Jesus Paid It All."

Closing prayer for a deeper sense of our responsibilities as stewards of the "manifold grace of God."

Thursday

Hymn: "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Prayer for an infilled life, for a spiritual awakening in the church, and for a world-wide revival.

Scripture: Eph. 3:14-21.

Hymn: "Breathe on Me."

Topic—Things to do:

1st—With the Holy Spirit in control of our hearts, we need not fear but that "He will guide us into all truth." He controls our movements and fills our hearts with an urgent desire to be a blessing to others. He helps our "infirmities," by helping us to forget self and selfish aspirations and activities. John 6:63, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth—and the words I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." The Holy Spirit bears witness with all believers as to their relationship with the Father. Rom. 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

When the Holy Spirit has full control of our lives, then we know that we shall not be a passive Christian, but we will be eager to ask, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" and then we will do what He says. Many calls are coming to us: We have many vital interests that stand in need of constant attention in our De-

partmental work. We need to make monthly contributions to our Orphanage, to Missions and other objects, instead of making one a year, or maybe not any at all. Each auxiliary should establish a library in their church. Good reading matter for our youth is a vital issue in the training of their minds in Christian living. Our Bible school at Nashville, Tenn., should not be neglected, but every effort possible should be made to promote and support it in every way. Our Superannuated, or our old retired ministers should arouse our keenest interest. (Let some one who is familiar with the work as a whole, give definite information and instructions regarding things we may and should do.) May we bear in mind the words found in I Peter 4:10, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the **same** one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Prayer: That God's grace may be shed abroad in our hearts more abundantly, that His love that "passeth understanding" be manifested in our lives in all of our activities.

General discussion, Bible quotations and personal testimonies.

Closing Hymn: "Trust and Obey." Benediction.

Friday

Hymn: "Amazing Grace."

Prayer, that all the Christian graces may be enlarged and strengthened in our lives, and that we use them for God's glory and for the promotion of His kingdom work.

Scripture: Psalm 116.

Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Some Definitions of Prayer

"Prayer is the voice of faith."—Horne.

"Prayer is a virtue that prevaleth against all temptation."—Bernard.

"Ardent prayer opens the door of heaven."—York.

"A prayer, in its simplest definition, is merely a wish turned heavenward."—Phillip Brooks.

"Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan."—Bunyan.

"Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold upon God's willingness."—Phillips Brooks.

Topic: The Christian's Armour.

1st—After a man enlists in the service of his country, he takes the name of soldier. Then he is given his uniform, and sent to certain camps for training. Even so, when we enlist in the army of our Lord, we are given a "uniform," with every part complete. Eph. 6:13, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." The equipment consists of the following: "Your loins girt with truth, breastplate of righteousness, feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, which will enable us to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." The "watchword" is **Prayer and Supplication in the Spirit**. We must consider ourselves as being on "guard duty," and prove allegiance to our Great Commander and His interests. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and **watching** thereunto with **all perseverance** and supplication for all saints."

2nd—The call to fight. We must consider ourselves in a constant warfare, not against each other, but the enemy within ourselves, against the "rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places, against every evil device of Satan. May we study Paul's charge to Timothy concerning the "fight" we should apply to ourselves. I Tim. 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." Jesus speaks in Mark 14:38, saying, "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." By this, we understand that we need to realize very definitely, that the greatest fight we have on our hands is to keep the enemy out of our own hearts, then we shall, if we follow divine instructions, be able to keep up the fight of faith unto the end, and the battle is won in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Commander and our leader. He does not send us into battle **alone**, but He goes **before** us, removing such obstacles as He sees best, and giving us strength to

win, or overcome all difficulties in His name. Eph. 6:10, reads, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

"At the blessed hour of prayer, trusting him, we believe

That the blessing we're needing we'll surely receive;

In the fulness of this trust we shall lose every care:

What a balm for the weary! O how sweet to be there."—

—Fannie Crosby.

Benediction.

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REPORT OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Secretary

The Women's Auxiliary convention of the North Carolina Central Conference held its semi-annual convention on October 1, with Marlboro Church. The attendance was very good with nearly all of the churches representing. We are also pleased that so many of the ministers were present and showed their interest in the women's work.

The music for the day was arranged by Brother Albert Harris, and it was really enjoyed by every one present. We do thank him for his time and effort in bringing to the convention such fine music, some solos and also some duets.

The reports of the vice-presidents were very good, but there is still much work yet to be done. Our third vice-president requested that we do all we possibly can for the mission cause during the next six months. Our state sixth vice-president was present and gave to us our district quotas which are to be raised for Superannuation next year. This amount is \$250; therefore our district sixth vice-president wishes that each auxiliary seek to do all they can for this phase of our work. Our first vice-president is asking that the auxiliaries keep working on their libraries.

The convention was very fortunate in having Brother M. L. Johnson to bring the morning message, using the theme of our convention: "**Witnessing for Christ**." The message

was very inspiring and it was enjoyed by everyone present. Our president, Mrs. J. C. Moye, spoke concerning the project of the Chapel Fund for the Orphanage at Middlesex. As yet there has not been enough sent in for this purpose. She requested all auxiliaries that have not donated to this fund to please do so right away. It was also suggested that if there were any auxiliaries that could do so, please send some sheets and pillow cases to Cragmont.

The convention had five petitions for the next convention: Hull Road, Greenville, Hugo, Pleasant Hill, and Bethany. It was decided to meet with Pleasant Hill Church. Our convention will always be held from now on the last Wednesday in September and March, and not necessarily on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday, as the case this time. There was some confusion, but everything worked out fine and we had a good day witnessing for Christ.

The convention was dismissed in a word of prayer by Rev. W. L. Moretz.

THE REVIVAL MEETING AT PLEASANT PLAIN CHURCH, JOHNSTON COUNTY

On the eighth of September, 1947, the Rev. Ralph Lightsey of Moultrie, Georgia, came to preach for us in a revival meeting. Wonderful preparation by the local people had been made. I mean by this that God's people had been praying for a successful meeting and they had backed up their prayers with actions which began to bear fruit the very first night of the meeting.

I do not have to tell you that the messages Brother Lightsey brought were fresh and sweet from the inspired Word of God. The speaker, being filled with the Holy Ghost, imparted to us God's messages with power and with authority. There was no compromising or sugar-coating at all. When any one presents the truth from the Word of God with such force and power, results are inevitable.

At the close of the meeting, the members revealed that they had been revived and those who were convert-

ed praised God for their new experience in His grace. There were fourteen who were baptized and four who came in by letter. There were five who were baptized in the spring, being converted during the Daily Vacation Bible School. This gives us a total of twenty-three new members since June 1, 1947.

The church has 187 enrolled in the Sunday School with an average attendance of about 126. The Ladies Aid has an enrollment of about forty members with a wonderful spirit of co-operation and good will shown in all the activities of the church. The young people will be organized into Leagues as soon as our League Field Worker, Miss Alethia Etheridge, can be secured.

The Ladies Aid of the Pleasant Plain church is sponsoring a drive to purchase pulpit furniture for the church. It is generally understood that the men of the church will furnish labor and materials necessary to build an elevated choir loft and new pulpit platform. We are hoping to have this work completed during the winter months this year or next.

The good people of this church know how to make their pastor welcome in their homes and nothing is too good for them to provide for in his comfort. Last Christmas these good folks came to Kenly to see their pastor and brought in loads of meat, lard, canned goods, useful gifts and good things to eat. No one but a preacher who has had this experience can understand what a wonderful joy it is to have such wonderful expressions of love and interest shown them. I know because I am their pastor.

This report is made by Rev. R. P. Harris, pastor of the church

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

I am asking the Christian people to pray for me that I might be well again and be able to be about my Master's business. I am afraid that I will never be well again, but I am praying to God to increase my faith so I can get well, and go back in service again, where I feel that God wants me to be for his glory.

May God bless everyone who will pray that I might get well again and be able to be of further service for my Christ.

S. G. Thompson,
Veterans Hospital,
Columbia, S. C.

IF THE LORD SHOULD COME ON SATURDAY NIGHT?

If the Lord should come on Saturday night,

Would He find you living RIGHT?
Or, would you be over on the Devil's SIDE?

Just to take a little joy RIDE.

Are you expecting Him on some Sunday fair?

When in church you are saying a prayer.

Friend, He's coming when you expect Him not,

If on Saturday night, then what will be your lot?

Is it some shopping you will have to do?

(Much too busy the whole week through!)

Or is it a "Western" you've just got to see?

"Come on neighbor and go with me."

"Church tonight?" The preacher should know

That nobody on Saturday night can go;

We'll go on tomorrow; that's enough for me.

Why he should preach tonight is beyond me.

You want to be broad-minded, you say?

But NARROW is the way to eternal day;

And very few find their way therein, While all the rest travel on in sin.

You had better be found with the "Faithful few,"

And go to church and always fill your pew;

For the Lord might come on Saturday night,

And find your "robe" all spotted—an ugly sight.

When the Bridegroom comes, will your robe be white?

And your lamps all trimmed and

burning bright?

Will your soul be clean when the trumpet shall sound,

And be on its way to glory bound?

Go to church on Sunday, and shine and shout,

But on Saturday don't leave the Saviour out;

For the Lord might come on Saturday night,

And WOULD He find your heart all right?

—Mrs. Berne Stahl

THANK YOU GOD

How shamefully we neglect!
To thank you God each day;
For the many wonderful blessings
That are ours along the way.

Thank you God most of all
For your dear and only Son,
Who bore our sins on Calvary,
And bids us to Him come.

Thank you for the Holy Spirit
The Comforter you sent to stay;
And for your saving grace
That keeps us all the way.

Thank you for your word
For the truth and comfort we find,
Within its sacred pages
That brings us peace of mind.

Thank you, too, for Christian friends,
They're dear to us you know.
Naught on earth can take their place
And help us forward go.

Thank you for their fellowship
So sweet that we enjoy,
And the fervent prayers for us
That their hearts and tongues employ.

Thank you for the privilege
That we can always pray
Any-time, any where
We know you listen away.

O, How our hearts do rejoice
To see what prayer will do;
And how we feel your presence
When we really trust in you.

Thank you God for every blessing
We couldn't name them all,
For truly they're so numerous,
And our finite minds so small.

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters,
Pinetown, N. C.



A CALL TO RIGHT LIVING

(Lesson for November 9)

Lesson: I Peter 1:13-23; 4:1-5.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31).

"Am I my brother's keeper"? To a very large extent, you are! As a Christian you have certain liberties and privileges which nobody can infringe or take away from you; but as a Christian you may not **exercise** those liberties if so doing you cause some other weaker person to stumble or sin. The historical cause of the dissertation was the question raised by the church at Corinth: "Can a Christian eat meat which has been sacrificed to idols?" This problem had two very important aspects, the first being economical. The congregation at Corinth was largely formed of people in the lower income groups, and prices meant a great deal to them. When temple adherents brought animals to be sacrificed to the idols they worshiped, the priests of that cult sold the meat publicly in the shambles and pocketed the proceeds, thus being one of the sources of revenue for the men who served in the various temples. So far this was all perfectly legitimate, and since the carcasses cost the vendors nothing, they were able to sell at a very low figure, the entire price being profit. Thus the poor could buy good fresh meat at a small cost. But to increase the sale, the temple priests advertised that eating the meat sacrificed to a certain idol constituted worship of that idol, hence a person could gain "merit" and enhance his piety by patronizing the priestly meat markets. The idolators believed this: the enlightened Christians scoffed at the idea.

So the poor but pious believers were thrifty enough to buy and eat the cheap meat, giving no heed to the source. But certain of the **heathen** observed the people of Christ purchasing meat in the shambles and concluded they were thus worshipping idols! And others invited Christians to share their feasts, stating that since the meat came from the altar of the temple they could all **worship** together by **dining together**. So the elders raised the question about this practice, and asked Paul if a Christian could eat such meat.

The noted Apostle of grace gave a characteristic answer. He replied in the affirmative, saying that a Christian had perfect liberty to eat meat from any source, since it all came from the common store of the boundless providence of God. He forebade any believer to judge or condemn another for the practice of patronizing the shambles, demanding that tolerance and forbearance which is the Christian norm. Then he approached the problem from the viewpoint of the lost, and laid certain restrictions on the true Christian which prevail and should rule and limit our conduct in all things. These restrictions can be encompassed in a single sentence: **No Christian should exercise his liberty to the detriment of a weaker person.**—Selected.

II. Exhortation for Holy Living

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy, verses 15, 16. The Apostle enjoined upon those brethren holy conversation and clean conduct at all times. It is a lesson for us to observe as well because many are prone today to be careless in speech and conduct. For a person to be holy in conversation, he is to speak the truth, not falsify nor deceive his brother; he is to use good speech, not curse or blaspheme God's holy name; and he is to give correct testimony, not condemn others by use of false words, bad language, or smutty gossip. Peter quotes the words, "Be ye holy, for I am holy," from Leviticus 11:44, 45, and exhorts them, as God commanded Moses to do unto the Israelites, to be pure and clean in speech, in their secular acts,

and in all their Christian ministry. "The Christlike character is thus aimed at and will be ultimately attained by the grace of him who declares, 'I am holy.'"—Dr. Hight C. Moore.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Please study all the lesson material in our quarterlies for helps on each verse of this important lesson and how holy living is possible even if we live in a body of flesh.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

According to Dr. Young the word "flesh" in the New Testament is translated from the Greek *sarx* about one hundred thirty-eight times.

This same Greek word is also once rendered "carnal" and once "carnally" (Rom. 8:7; vs. 6).

The word "carnal" occurs six times in the New Testament as the translation of the Greek *Sarkikos* (Rom. 7:14; I Cor. 3:1, 3, 4; II Cor. 10:4; Heb. 7:16). This word is also translated "fleshly."

The word "carnal" is also found twice in the New Testament as the translation of the Greek *Sarkika* in connection with "things" (Rom. 15:27; I Cor. 9:11).

The word "flesh," translated from the Greek word *sarx*, is used in several different ways, but in the ethical and moral sense denotes the whole natural and unregenerate man—spirit, soul, and body—as centered upon self, prone to sin, and opposed to God. The **flesh** in Scripture is said to be bad. Paul confessed this fact concerning himself (Rom. 7:18).

We note that this evil Paul found associated with his physical being, the members of his body (Rom. 7:23).

In Romans 7:13 the Apostle refers to the body as the source of evil, and associates it with the flesh.

The "flesh" is bad because it is inherited from Adam and is sinful. The body is not only the seat and home of the flesh (*sarx*) but it is identified with it. The whole natural man is sinful, so that there is **no good thing in the flesh** (Rom. 7:18).

It is utterly vain to argue about the **fleshly nature** and **human nature** as if they were separate from the flesh. Scripture never says so. In Scripture the **flesh** is the sum total of the natural man, the being, and whatever

of nature there is in man, it is the flesh, and there is no good thing in the flesh. Obviously, Scripture teaches total depravity.

Scripture teaches that the believer, the regenerate man, is not 'in the flesh' (Rom. 8:9).

This means that the believer is not in the sphere of the flesh. The new birth places the believer in the sphere of the Spirit, and makes him a new creation in Christ Jesus (II. Cor. 5:17).

The believer is in Christ in the purposes of God, and being in Christ, he is in the Spirit as well. But he is also still in the body of flesh, and therefore may be, and, alas, often is, fleshly. Because of this fact there is some very definite teaching in the New Testament as to the attitude of the believer toward the flesh.—Selected.

CARTERET UNION REPORT

The Carteret County Union Meeting of the Eastern Association of North Carolina, convened with Morehead City Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1947. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Griffin and prayer was offered by Rev. W. E. Anderson. After a few remarks by the Moderator, the various committees were appointed.

Rev. J. R. Davidson was chosen to preach the Union sermon. Taking a text from St. Luke 10:1-10, his subject was, "Saving that which was Lost." Following the sermon an offering was taken for the Orphanage to the amount of \$16.30. The union was dismissed for dinner by Rev. W. E. Anderson.

The afternoon session began with song service at 1:00 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Brother Ralph Wilkins. At this time Mrs. Pearl Allgood gave a splendid talk on the Sunday School work.

The minutes were read and approved and the list of churches called. Eleven churches were represented leaving only one not represented.

Following a short testimony session we had special music in song by Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach and

Rev. J. R. Davidson. Mrs. W. H. Kirk gave a short, but timely report on Missions. "Temperance" was discussed by Rev. W. E. Anderson. An offering of \$18.37 was taken for Sisters Lela and Martha Mann.

The next union is to go to Welcome Home Church in November.

The Finance report was accepted as follows :

Total funds received	-----\$128.63
Total funds paid out	----- 116.17

Balance in treasury	-----\$ 12.46
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Benediction was by Brother Robertson.

Elmer Garner, Moderator,
Mrs. Weldon Fulcher, Clerk

THIRD UNION MEETING REPORT

The third union meeting or the Eastern Conference met with Lannier's Chapel, August 30th, 1947. The devotions were conducted by the moderator. Prayer for the success of the union was offered by Rev. Lloyd Vernon, after which the business of the union was entered into. Minutes of the last union were read and approved. Temporary Committees were appointed and the list of ministers were called with thirteen present for this union. The list of churches was called with twenty-eight representing with a contribution of \$233.67. An offering was taken for Rev. H. Perkins, the received was \$42.23. The union sermon was preached by Rev. Sam R. Kennedy, using for his text "Repentance." After the sermon, we all gathered in the yard for dinner after enjoying a fine dinner.

We re-assembled for the afternoon session reports of various boards were accepted. Petitions were taken up for the next union. It will meet with Folkston Church, Nov. 29, 1947. The union was closed with song and prayer.

Rev. D. W. Hansley, Moderator,
Lemmie Taylor, Clerk

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PALESTINE

By Edward L. Crane

Our God once said to Abraham,
Move into Palestine.

For I will make the whole wide world
Unto that place incline.

My name and word of truth will be
To Israel revealed,
Through Moses and the prophets given,
By blood forever sealed.

God's seal upon His holy land
Provided a storm from hell.
The wars and strife of ages past
History tells full well.

The center of the storm cloud broke
Upon the head of One
Who came from glory to the earth,
Our Saviour, God the Son.

The Holy Land is still the place
For which the nations fight,
And will continue till the day
God settles it aright.

Salvation now from Palestine
Is sent to all the earth,
For there the Lord was crucified
To give to man new birth.

Now when our Saviour comes again,
He will to earth bring peace.
For righteous shall His kingdom be,
And it shall never cease.

Jerusalem shall be the place
Our Lord will have His throne,
And all the nations of the earth
Our Saviour's Kingdom own.

—Selected

CENTRAL CONFERENCE TO CONVENE

This is to state that the North Carolina Central Conference convenes on November 5 and 6 with King's Cross Roads Church in Pitt County, and not on the 13 and 14 of November, as some have been thinking was the time for this session of the conference. The church is located about four or five miles from the town of Farmville.—Editor.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE EMPTY SLATE

A Frazer Robertson

It was Jacky Longmire's birthday. For weeks he had been counting the days till its advent, and now it was here! His father always gave him a "topping" present, and this year it was to be a real big boat he could sail by himself. He could hardly keep his feet from dancing up and down the breakfast room.

There—at last—was Father's step on the stair, and surely slower than usual—as if he was carrying something heavy, with care—. The next moment Mr. Longmore staggered into the room, bearing a gigantic boat in his arms. With a sigh of mock exhaustion he placed it on the floor, and with a gasp of delight his son flung himself down beside it.

"I say, Dad," he cried, "what a nice present! At the moment someone came behind him, and he felt a kiss dropped on the crown of his head.

"Many happy returns, darling!" sounded in Mrs. Longmire's gentle accents. Jacky sprang to his feet.

"Oh, Mummie!" he cried, his cheeks glowing like twin peaches. "Look what Dad has given me—isn't it a tophole?"

"She is a beauty!" agreed his mother.

Five minutes later she addressed the enraptured Jacky from behind the coffee pot.

"There's just one thing I'm anxious about—one promise I want you to give me, my son, on your word of honor—and that is, that you will never sail your boat on the Black Loch."

"Righto, Mums!" the boy answered lightly.

But alas! The very next day something happened which put the boat out of the minds of both Mr. and Mrs. Longmore. Mrs. Longmore did not come down to breakfast, and Mr. Longmore looked grave, and said to Jacky: "Better go up to your mother,

old chap; she's not well, and is resting."

There came a day soon after when his father said: "Better not go near your mother to-day! The doctor says she must be kept quiet. The boy was not even allowed into the bathroom to sail his beloved boat, for fear the noise of the running water might disturb the invalid. So it was a sad, solitary little figure who mooned about the house or stared out the window at the familiar landscape. Suddenly his eye caught the glint of water in the distance—the Black Loch! A swift thought flashed to his brain. Why not sail his boat on the Black Loch, seeing that the bathroom was forbidden? With a heavily-beating heart he tip-toed upstairs to fetch his treasure.

Once the Black Loch was reached, he forgot his troubles in watching his little ship glide across the gleaming water, her wind-filled sails so gracefully ballooning!

"Great!" breathed the boy to himself in a burst of admiration. But by and by it struck him he was feeling "peekish." So, slowly, he drew the "Rose Marie" to shore, dried her tenderly with his handkerchief, and started for home.

Half-way there, of a sudden, the sharp pangs of hunger which had begun to trouble him, gave place to another kind of pang.

He recalled, as in a flash, the promise he made his mother—never to sail his boat on the Black Loch! What was this dreadful thing he had done? His little heart seemed for a moment to stand still. Why, he had broken his promise. He did not remember to have felt so bad in all his brief life. Suddenly his feet dragged. The "Rose Marie" seemed as if leaden weighted.

Arrived home, he left his boat in the hall and crept upstairs to his mother's room. As he reached the door it opened, and a stranger stood in the opening—someone in a starched white apron, with a starched white

cap on her head. As he would have pushed past her, she stopped him.

"You mustn't come in!" she said.

"Oh, but, please, I want to tell Mother something!" pleaded Jacky, his face very red, his lips twitching.

"It must keep!" said the nurse.

"But it's something very, very important," urged the boy, his blue eyes misty and appealing. But the nurse only shook her head. At the moment there sounded outside the crunching of gravel. The crunching meant the doctor. Jacky was growing desperate.

"Doctor," he burst out, "mayn't I see Mummie?" He choked here, then bravely forged ahead again. "Please let me see Mummie!" he implored. "There's something I must tell her—something very, very important!"

"Not to-day, old chap!" the doctor told him; then, as Jacky's face fell woefully, he half relented. "Suppose now, you write a letter to Mummie, telling her this very important thing? How would that do?"

At the words, hope revived in the blue eyes. A letter! Well, a letter would be better than nothing! He turned slowly into his room, seized a slate, and sat down.

"Dear Mummie," he scrawled, in half-text, "they won't let me in to see you, so I'm writing a letter instead to tell you that I'm very sorry, but I went and sailed my boat to-day on the Black Loch. Do forgive me, Mummie! I know I promised I wouldn't. If you forgive me, will you wipe out this letter and send me back the slate? Your loving Jacky."

When he had finished he took the slate upstairs and tapped timidly on his mother's door.

"Please give that to my mother!" he brought the starched person who opened it.

After that, he crept back to his room and threw himself face downward on the hearth rug, feeling a very lonely little boy indeed. He must have dozed then, for he woke with a start in the twilight to find someone standing over him with a slate in her hand.

"Your mother sent you this!" said a voice from out the gloaming. A hand thrust the slate into his hand. Jacky sat up hurriedly and rubbed

his eyes. Had Mummie written in reply? No, the slate was empty! But, also, peering closer, he discovered that the slate was wet! Strange! Anyway, one thing was clear, he was forgiven. "If you forgive me," he had written, "wipe out this letter!" Well, the slate was empty. But wet! Why was it wet?

And then suddenly he knew, and the flash of joy he had felt was followed by a stab of pain. His mother had forgiven him, but she had cried because of his broken promise!

Never—even long afterwards—when he had grown to be a man—did Jacky forget the empty slate—his mother's full and free forgiveness—nor that it had been bought with her tears!—Our Young Covenanters.

REPORT OF SECOND UNION OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The union of the second district of the Central Conference convened with the Free Will Baptist Church at Ormondsville, Greene County, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1947.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, our moderator, conducted the meeting. After praise and prayer the following business was transacted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The ministers present were noted, or recognized. We had a splendid crowd, and all of the churches were represented but one. We had several very good talks, one by Rev. D. A. Windham concerning our educational program. Brother M. A. Woodard spoke on the subject of evangelism. Rachel Wooten made a talk on the subject of Juvenile Delinquency. The union sermon was preached by Rev. C. L. Patrick who used for his text Exodus 14:15.

New officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Moderator, C. L. Patrick; Clerk, Miss Gladys Hines. Most of the others were re-elected for another year. There was some controversy over Saint's Delight Churches, therefore a committee was appointed to get this matter straightened out. An offering was taken for the Orphanage to the amount of \$46.15. There was also one taken for E. C. Hines, retiring

clerk, which amounted to \$51.50. The treasurer reported funds raised from all sources to the amount of \$251.54. The disbursements were as follows: Needy Ministers' Fund, \$25.50; to the orphanage, \$82.73; to treasurer's expense account, \$5.00; for Christian education, \$9.20; missions, \$9.20; Superannuation, \$9.20; making a total paid out \$216.95, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$34.59.

The next union goes to Rose of Sharon Church in Martin County, in November. The union gave Ormondsville Church a rising vote of thanks for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. There being no further business to transact, the union adjourned to meet at Rose of Sharon in November. Be sure to meet us there in November, and give these new officers a good start.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Moderator,
Miss Gladys Hines, Clerk

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF TREATISE

At the last session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, held with the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, Highland Park, Michigan, the National body authorized the General Board to appoint a committee to steer the organization of a general committee, composed of one member from each state affiliated with the National Association, whose duty shall be to study the present treatise of the Free Will Baptist church and to recommend to the National Association at its next sitting any revision or changes of the treatise that the committee thinks wise to make.

The committee of the General Board was elected and it was agreed that the committee would meet in the Coffey's Chapel Free Will Baptist church, Nashville, Tenn., in the month of April, just prior to the Bible Conference. (The exact date will be announced later.)

Now it becomes the duty of each State Association affiliated with the National Association to elect or appoint its member for this committee. If you have not done so as yet, please make this appointment as soon as you possibly can and send the name and

address of your state member to Rev. Raymond Riggs, 206 California, Highland Park 3, Mich., who is temporary clerk of the committee.

This is an important matter, so please act wisely and prayerfully.

Rev. J. H. Welch, Chairman,
Rev. Raymond Riggs, Clerk

SPECIAL NOTICE

This is to advise that I and Mrs. N. T. Godwin are planning to attend the South Carolina State Association which convenes on 13 and 14 of November.

We are planning to make the trip on the 12th on the early bus there at Cowards, South Carolina, to go to Salem Church which is about four miles west of Cowards.

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AN EDITOR'S LAMENT

An editor was sitting in his office one day when a man entered whose brow was clouded with thunder. Fiercely seizing a chair he slammed his hat on the table and sat down.

"Are you the editor?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Can you read and write?"

"Of course."

"B—," said the editor trying to spell it out.

"That's not a B, it's an S," said the man.

"Well, it looks like 'Salt for Dinners,' or 'Soul for Sinners.'"

"No, sir," replied the man, "it's not. **That's my name—Samuel Bunners!** I knew you couldn't read. I've called to see you about that poem of mine you printed the other day, entitled 'The Surcease of Sorrow.'"

"I don't remember it," said the editor.

"Of course you don't remember it, because it went into the paper under the villainous title of 'Smearcase Tomorrow.'"

"A blunder of the compositor, I suppose."

"Yes, sir; and that is what I am here to see you about. The way in which the poem was mutilated was simply scandalous. I haven't slept a night since. It exposes me to derision. People think me a fool." (The Editor was silent.) "Let me show you," said the man, "the first line, when I wrote it, read this way: 'Lying by a weeping willow, underneath a gentle slope.' This is beautiful and poetic! But how did your vile sheet represent it to the public? 'Lying to a weeping widow, I induced her to elope.' A weeping widow, mind you! A widow! Oh! This is too much!"

"It is hard sir, very hard," said the editor.

"Then take the fifth verse. In the original manuscript it said—plain as day—'Take away the jingling money, it is only glittering dross.' In its printed form you make me say, 'Take away the tingling honey; put some flies in for the boss.' I feel like attacking somebody with your fire shovel. But, oh, look at the sixth verse! I wrote, 'I am weary of the tossing of the ocean as it heaves,'

and when I opened up your paper and saw the lines transformed into, 'I am wearing out my trousers till they're open at the knees,' I thought that was taking an inch too far. I fancy that I have a right to do up that compositor. Where is he?"

"He is out just now," said the editor, "come in to-morrow."

"I will," said the poetically-inclined individual, "and I'll come armed."

Moral: Write your notices, articles, testimonies, etc., **plainly!**—Unknown.

THE LITTLE THINGS

Many people simply pass along through life and never stop to think of the great stress which Jesus put on little things; things that to other people seemed trivial became of the greatest importance to the Divine Teacher.

I well remember years ago—more than fifty—how I heard the Reverend William Nowell say, "Jesus had a scale of values all His own." At this time I was a Freshman in the University of North Carolina, but how well do I remember that one sen-

tence, and how much it has meant to me down the years.

I often think of the scores of worthy, little underprivileged boys and girls whom I helped along the way of life, and especially in their school days. I bought many a book that most other people did not know about for them. My dear readers, Jesus emphasized the gift of a glass of cold water. Then think how He magnified the widow's mite among so many rich men's abundance, and how her cheerful giving loomed large in the estimation of our Lord.

Too, He keeps His eye on the fallen sparrow, and the lilies that bloom by the way-side. These illustrations or examples He used in a most effective way, when teaching morals and spiritual truths unto the people.

A. R. Flowers

Excesses of work, like excesses of play,
Bring trouble to many on a future day.

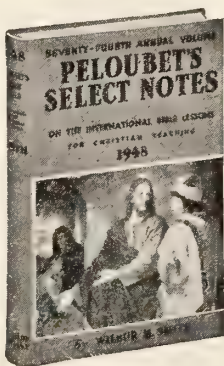
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Walking with Jesus

My Saviour, on the Word of Truth
In earnest hope I live,
I ask for all the precious things
Thy boundless love can give.
I look for many a lesser light
About my path to shine;
But chiefly long to walk with thee,
And only trust in thine.

Thou knowest that I am not blest
As thou wouldest have me be
Till all the peace and joy of faith
Possess my soul in thee;
And still I seek 'mid many fears,
With yearnings unexpressed,
The comfort of thy strengthening love,
Thy soothing, settling rest.

It is not as Thou wilt with me
Till, humble in the dust,
I know no place in all my heart
Wherein to put my trust:
Until I find, O Lord! in thee—
The lowly and the meek—
That fullness which thy own redeemed
Go nowhere else to seek.

Then, O my Saviour! on my soul,
Cast down but not dismayed,
Still be thy chastening healing hand
In tender mercy laid:
And while I wait for all thy joys
My yearning heart to fill.
Teach me to walk and work with thee,
And at thy feet sit still.

—Anna Letitia Waring

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Events are something that all of us are prone to look forward to. Events come, we enjoy them at the moment, but they soon pass out of our memory.

There is one event coming in the very near future that we will enjoy and that will be long remembered. Many people will not hear of this one event and therefore will not be there to enjoy it, but you are an invited guest! Please put the time and place on your memorandum book so you will not forget it. It may be the only opportunity that you will ever have to meet some of your old friends.

Home is one of the most precious words in the English language. Who is it that is not thrilled to the very depth of their soul at the thought of coming home?

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, N. C., Corner Simmon and Lionel St., is having a home-coming day on November the 30th, which is on the 5th Sunday of November.

The program will include Sunday School at 9:45 A. M., worship at 11 A. M., with the oldest former pastor bringing the message. Lunch will be served at 12:30. The afternoon program will include a history of church, special music, and a word from the pastors of the past and other special features.

We hope to have our new hot water heating system installed by that time so you may enjoy it with us.

We will be looking for you!

Yours in Christ,
Rashie Kennedy,
Present pastor

We mount the pinnacle of fame not by looking, but by climbing.

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Speed can be useful or harmful, depending upon the purpose for which it is used.

It is often profitable for a quick thinker to be a slow speaker.

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THE STORY OF "IN HIS STEPS"

Charles M. Sheldon

When I began my ministry in the Central Congregational Church, Topeka, Kansas, I found I had a membership of fifty-seven men and women. The church was organized December 11, 1888, and I began my ministry as pastor the following month. We met for our Sunday services in a small hall above a meat market until our new church building was ready for use. In that hall, the first month I began my pastorate, I organized a Christian Endeavor Society of one hundred and fifty young people, most of them college and high school students.

These young people were the most enthusiastic and wide-awake young folks I have ever known. Out of that society in twenty-five years went twenty-five missionaries and teachers to foreign lands, and today, at this writing, all but one, are scattered around the world doing wonderful work as statesmen and teachers. It was to this young group that the story "In His Steps" was first read.

The second year of my pastorate I became discouraged over the attendance at my Sunday evening service. The church was on the edge of the city in a residential district that was very thinly populated. After many of the young people had served as teachers in the Sunday School and attended the morning service, and their own Endeavor meeting in the evening, they did not seem to want or need another preaching service. So as the weeks went on my audience on Sunday evenings grew smaller and smaller.

I came home one Sunday evening after I had preached my best to a handful of the faithful few, and said to my mother with whom I was then living, "I don't think I will preach any more sermons Sunday evenings."

She asked, "What will you do? You don't mean that you will ask the trustees to close up the church Sunday evenings?"

"No," I said, "I don't think we ought to do that. We ought to keep up a service of some sort. I don't quite know what."

But the next morning I looked

across the breakfast table and said to Mother, "I believe I will write a story and read it to the young people instead of a sermon."

"But you can't do that, can you?" said Mother. "The deacons will not allow it."

"I won't say anything to the deacons about it," I replied. "I will announce it in the morning and read the first chapter in the evening."

Mother looked gravely at me across the table but said nothing, and after breakfast I went into my little study upstairs and sat down to write the first chapter of a story, the first of some twenty-five stories I wrote in the next twenty-five years.

In the fall of 1896 I began the first chapter of "In His Steps," writing a chapter at a time, ending each chapter in some critical place so that the audience would come back. While the chapters were being read, the story was being published in a little church paper called the *Advance* which has since gone out of business. The editor gave me seventy-five dollars for the serial.

When the story was finished, the young people came to me and asked if the story could be published in book form, as they would like to have a copy. We had already organized a group in the church that had agreed to try to live up to the motto, "What Would Jesus Do?" This group continued for several years and a fascinating story could be written about the remarkable experiences of many of the young people who tried to put the principle into daily practice.

I had not thought of publishing "In His Steps" in book form, but the young people kept asking me to see if a publisher could be found, so I took the manuscript to Chicago and tried to find one. I submitted it to two of the town's best publishers, but the editors and readers politely regretted that, as the public was not interested in a religious story, it wouldn't pay to publish it.

Discouraged, I was about ready to return home when I happened to think of the editor of the *Advance*, who had used the story as a serial, and I took the manuscript to him. He at first refused to have anything to do with it, as he said they were not in the book publishing business, but

finally he agreed to put out a ten-cent paper-covered edition of a few hundred copies to see if the readers of the serial would care to buy it. I insisted on a ten-cent book because I had always felt that most books cost too much. I was to receive a one-cent royalty. I then went home, and, busy with my parish work, I had forgotten all about the book when a copy arrived.

I shall never forget one morning a few weeks later. I received a telegram from the editor of the *Advance* saying, "We have already sold ten thousand copies of the ten-cent edition and orders are coming in for more. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could sell twenty thousand copies?"

But before twenty thousand copies were sold, other publishers discovered a defect in the copyright. The editor had filed only one copy of the *Advance*, which contained the serial publication, with the Copyright Department at Washington, instead of the two copies the law required. This threw the book into "public domain" as the lawyers call it, and within less than a year, sixteen different publishers in this country were putting out "In His Steps" in editions varying in price from twenty-five cents to a dollar.

My personal experiences with the book have been interesting. Getting off the boat at Haifa, Palestine, ten years ago, a missionary to the Jews brought me a copy of "In His Steps" in Arabic, with the statement, "Kemal allows this book to be read and it is being read all over the Mohammedan world."

On one of our trips to New Zealand, Mrs. Sheldon crossed a little lake near Invercargot and stopped overnight at a small inn. After she had signed her name in the guest book, the girl behind the desk turned the book around, read her name, and asked if she was related to this man Sheldon. When told she was his wife, the girl said, "I am reading his book."

When in Australia, I went into a bookstore in Melbourne and one of the clerks asked if I had read "In His Steps"—"our most popular sales leader." He went on to say, "We

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≈ Songs in the Night

Frances Maurer Schneider



Grandmother grew old softly. Like a warm breeze stealing in from nowhere. It was such a gentle process that occasionally the grandchildren forgot the family tree was not exactly a sapling at their advent.

She had known pioneer days in the Northwest—cold winter days, when the wind seeped in between the newspapers lining the rough board walls. Grandma was familiar with three wars, and reminiscent of a fourth. She had seen travel develop from a horse-drawn buggy to a powerful four-motored transport plane. And she, who formerly listened to a hand-propelled graphophone, now heard distant symphonies from an automatic phonograph. Life had been variable and abundant.

But it was not a look of worldly wisdom which one saw in Grandma's face. For her spirit had entered the kingdom of heaven many years before her body. And it spoke silently through compassionate eyes and a trustful smile. One misunderstanding but well-meaning neighbor had remarked "Grandmother was surely born an angel." Never realizing it had been a second birth.

The first years of her marriage offered no period of casual adjustments. Babies monopolized her long day, and absorbed her very life blood. Until then, Christ had been an experience of a changed heart, with past sins forgiven. Then, sifting in through her secret thought-chambers came worries, fears, inhibitions. Until finally they ceased to disappear with the night, but rather became more vivid and grotesque.

One evening a pastor friend, on his circuit, sought rest for the night in the home of Grandpa and Grandma. A simple home it was, because there was no money for mere appearance. They revealed the obsessions of Grandmother's burdened soul and mind, and, as this minister laid his hand on her head and prayed for the healing touch of the divine Physician, Grandmother thrust her load into Other Hands. There began the miracle of her life.

Henceforth nothing was too small to commit to God. Sometimes it was a song of gratitude that the burnt pie was only burnt: again it was the earnest request for daily bread, or a murmur that God give her children more patience.

The graciousness of her life was that she loved everyone she met or heard about. Aunt Gertie had taken a Chinese student into her home. His name was Chang Wan. Grandma wrote to her, "I like the sound of his name. I will love to think of him, and pray for him." But, the whole family knew that if his name had been Li Choo, Grandmother still would have loved him—just because he was Chinese.

That love for others forbore a new Easter hat, because somewhere in the world a child of God was sin-possessed and hungry. It made her appear quiet and aloof when others criticized so lightly, because her lips never joined in their reproaches.

Love for God made her live in his promises. And that reliance grew with the years. When one of her children, returning home from school, bemoaned lack of self-confidence, Grandma said gently, "It isn't self-confidence you need. It is confidence in God."

Grandma was a missionary—both at home and abroad. It mattered not that her feet had never trod on foreign soil. Her soul had. And her thank-offering box—in the dining room where all the children could see and be reminded—was a kindly family joke. Just as certain as Paul came home with scholastic honors, Grandmother would say, "Get the little box down, Son, and thank our Heavenly Father." And when Joyce secured a new job she said, "I know what's coming now. Mother's thank-offering box!"

Grandma was most at home in conversation with God. A missionary said of her, "When she prays we are all drawn into the presence of God." For that reason, family prayer was always a holy time. None of the children ate a tardy breakfast or beat

a "hurry-up" foot. God deserved our very best, and the day was not begun until it was begun with him. So reasoned Grandma.

She never "said" the prayer of Our Lord. And always, as she prayed it, an other-worldly radiance diffused her face, and her voice wavered with emotion. At the end, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen," one felt that the kingdom of this world had verily become the kingdom of our Lord. What matter that the world shook with war?

And so it was natural that as Grandma grew older, her life became a gentle light. One could not tell whence it came or whither it went. But it was there.—Selected.

OUR SCHOOL

Proud seat of intellectual power,
Great guiding light for searching youth,
That dares to use each precious hour
In presentation of God's truth,
We all grew sad to bid farewell
To thy green lawns and clean gray walls;
For you had been our citadel—
And oft within your stately halls
Had we in rapture heard the word
That brought us all to one accord
In humble worship of our Lord.

Dear School, in you we place our trust
To shield us from the coming storm
And mold us to that perfect form
That shall uplift us from the dust
Of blind desire so lately trod
And harmonize our souls with God.
We look to thee to shape our lives,
To cast aside the broken gyves
Of sophistry and self-design,
And one strong faith to intertwine
That fully trusts the Word Divine.

—Arthur B. Chandler

If you are looking for a companion
steer clear of the devil.

A FIRESIDE CHAT

They tell me that winter days are upon you in the States, and that you are having to once again burn the logs in the family fire-place. May I come in to-night for a little fireside chat?

It has been years since I sat in front of a cosy fire-place, with that comfy shut-in feeling, listening to the crackling of the timbers as they leap into flames, feeling their warm afterglow. If you have the family all about you to-night all safe within the fold, you have much for which to be happy. Make each day and hour the happiest that you can, and make them count for God.

Just a few weeks ago I left our children in the States at Toccoa Falls Schools, Toccoa, Ga. I graduated from this school, many years ago in the Bible Department. Some of the same professors are still there and of course were happy to welcome the next generation. Barbara is taking seventh grade work, and Tommy is in first year High. Our Cuban girl, Estrella Celorio, who is like our own daughter, is in the eighth grade. The Lord is revealing Himself in a very special way as they learn to trust Him for the supply of every need. They write that they are feeling the cold very severely, and long for a little of Cuba's sunshine. This will no doubt be their most severe winter. Tommy will especially need your prayers that he might be kept from severe colds due to the wounds in his chest.

On the Streamliner back to Miami I sat beside a young GI going to a University in Florida to finish his last year in law. I had asked the Lord to lead me to some needy soul, and as the young man began to talk I realized that God had answered prayer, for here was the needy one. He became ill in the army, and was at death's door for many months. He still is not well, but worst of all he had given up hope. This young man was once very active in the church. The Lord helped me to open the way and present to him again the truth of the Word, and as we parted he said, "You will never know what this

trip has meant to me, it all looks different now." Just had a letter from him and God is working in his heart. Do you know that all about you is a great mission field? I covet for you hearts and souls that are aflame with the Holy Ghost. I fear sometimes that as we meet our fellow-man on the walks of life that we become to them just as a good-fellow, joke a lot, jest about unimportant things and then part our ways. I, too, have been guilty of the same thing, God forgive me! Are they a better man or woman from having met us on the wayside; has Christ been glorified by our lives before them, have they been pointed heavenward by their contact with us? If not, we have failed Him, and failed the wayfarer also.

Since starting this chat with you we have received notice from the school that Barbara has had to have an operation for appendicitis. It was such an emergency that she had to go through with it all alone, the other children did not know about it until it was over. The Lord was with her, and they say that she was brave. On the past Saturday she wrote us from the school infirmary, she hadn't been allowed company and since she was feeling better she got homesick, she said, "I cried and cried." I'll have to teach her how to spell cried! My heart cried too, and oh, how badly I wanted to pick up a telephone and call her, but there was an ocean between. But thank God, there is a deeper, wider ocean than this natural one, it is the ocean of His love and care. We placed her there! Barbara is just twelve, and we had so longed to keep her with us until High School days, but there was no teacher, and no money.

Now, I have done all the talking in this little chat. It has been a one-sided conversation, but you can do your part, too, you can chat with us in a letter. Do you know that your missionaries love to receive letters? No, I don't believe that you have known that, for you never write. Write the dear ones in India, they need encouragement, and need to know that you are praying for them. Then drop us a line and say that you have shared in this chat, and that

you are going to pray for the great needy field here, and for our family in the States.

Good-night, and God keep you aflame for Him,

Mabel Willey

THE GIFTS OF GOD

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When God at first made Man,
Having a glass of blessings standing
by;

Let us (said He) pour on him all we
can:

Let the world's riches, which dis-
persed lie,

Contract into a span.

So strength first made a way;
Then beauty flow'd, then wisdom,
honor, pleasure:

When almost all was out, God made a
stay,

Perceiving that alone, of all His
treasure.

Rest in the bottom lay.

For if I should (said He)
Bestow this jewel also on My crea-
ture,

He would adore My gifts instead of
Me,

And rest in Nature, not the God of
Nature,

So both should losers be.

Yet let him keep the rest,
But keep them with repining restless-
ness:

Let him be rich and weary, that at
least,

If goodness lead him not, yet weariness

May toss him to My breast.

—George Herbert (1593-1633)

Beware of extravagant spending,
It may lead to a tragic ending.

It is a sorry spectacle when pride
takes the place of humility.

We live a good or bad life accord-
ing to the seeds we sow.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

FREE WILL BAPTIST
ORPHANAGE
MIDDLESEX, N. C.

27 October, 1947

Dear Minister:

One month from today our Thanksgiving Service will be held in the new church (it is not finished but is so we can use it). The program will start at 10:30 with the children under Miss Louise Edgerton rendering appropriate entertainment.

10:30 A. M.—Program by children

11:30 A. M.—Devotions

11:45—A. M.—Thanksgiving Sermon by Rev. Burkette Raper

12:15—P. M.—Public offering

12:30—P. M.—Picnic Dinner

I have arranged for the program from 10:30 to 12:30 to be recorded and re-broadcast. Be sure to come and get in on the recording.

The State Convention received the report of the Orphanage Board and request of \$75,000.00 budget. The budget has been divided among the conferences and associations and individuals as follows:

Albemarle Conference	---\$ 5,000.00
Western Conference	-----\$12,000.00
Eastern Conference	-----\$15,000.00
Cape Fear Conference	---\$ 6,000.00
Central Conference	-----\$15,000.00
Pee Dee Association	-----\$ 2,000.00
Rocky Mountain Association	----\$ 2,000.00
Piedmont Association	----\$ 5,000.00
French Broad Association	\$ 5,000.00
Jack's Creek Association	-\$ 3,000.00
Toe River Association	----\$ 3,000.00
Individuals and relatives	-\$ 2,000.00

We hope to have your churches raise as much of this as possible during November and December which are Orphanage months. If I can be of service to you in your campaign to reach the quota for your conference and churches please let me know. I sincerely thank you for your gifts and offerings to care for these precious children.

Yours in service,
James A. Evans,
Superintendent

"WORLD MISSIONS — THE
CHRISTIAN IMPERATIVE"

An estimated fifty thousand churches in America will participate in the 17th annual observance of Men and Missions Sunday on November 16. The above theme has been chosen for this year's observance.

On this day laymen will speak in their respective churches on behalf of missions at home and abroad, and many ministers will preach also on the same theme. In some cities and towns, inter-denominational community meetings and dinners for men will be held during the preceding week.

A rapid and steady increase in the number of churches which participate in this program has been witnessed since its inauguration in 1931 by the missionary boards of 51 different denominations.

Last year 3411 ministers and laymen served as Resident Chairmen in as many cities and towns to promote the observance of Men and Missions Sunday in the churches of all denominations within those cities. A similar number of city chairmen are pledged to serve this year.

MIZPAH

"And Mizpah; for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another" (Gen. 31:49).

The word Mizpah means a "watch-tower." We know this word has a great meaning and bearing on anyone who has completely surrendered his or her life to Christ. We know that often we come in contact with someone who seems near and dear to our heart, but the time of parting must come, and it may be that we are to be parted for a few days, or it may be that the parting might be by death. However, it gives us great comfort to know we have one to watch between us when we are parted. It gives us joy to know He is watching when we are together.

We love the words of John, chapter 14, verse 1, when he said, "Let not your heart be troubled." There can be no doubt in our mind but that He was speaking to those who loved

Him, and who were willing to obey His teachings. Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for us. He has not left us alone, for He left His Holy Spirit to watch and comfort us. We know that God loves us because when we go to Him in prayer, and we pour out our heart's desire unto Him, our petitions will be answered. Sometimes we go out to accomplish things in our own strength, and everything is a failure. We are cautioned of this in God's holy word.

We often hear over our radios of the great Peace Conference, and how there are so many things of misunderstanding expressed, but we never hear of anyone getting down on their knees and asking God to take charge and lead them to real peace. There is no wonder that the so-called great men are making so many great failures. The reason is they do not want to be submissive to God, and give Him first place in their lives. We must all get together and begin to realize that the same God who was in the watch-tower looking down on Laban and Jacob was the same one who said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

He is in the same tower watching us, therefore, let us never fail to ask God to watch and keep us from danger, both seen and unseen. This is my prayer.

Tom West,
Plymouth, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I, Alton Hill, Jr., have been licensed by the Kinston F. W. B. Church to preach the gospel. I was licensed on August 24, 1947.

I will be available for the conducting of prayer services, or doing regular religious service. If any church should desire my services, please correspond with me or see me in person.

Alton Hill, Jr.,
603 Terminal Street,
Kinston, N. C.

Make your religion ring true,
And God will take care of you.



GLADYS HINES Talks To TEEN-AGERS

Young People and Their Reading

(Reprinted from Youth's Banner)

Hello, Teen-agers,

What type of books have you been reading outside your school books? Or do you read any outside books? Some young people have never acquired the reading habit. That is to say, they read only what they have to. Such people are not developing to the full the possibilities that lie within them. Such young people grow up emptier than they ought to be. These people will never be able to give out to others with the measure that those do who have developed themselves through good reading and who have a supply of worthwhile information at their disposal. Do you remember the famous American who educated himself by reading books because his father was too poor to send him to school? That was Benjamin Franklin.

Do you read 'good' books or do you read the comic and romance literature? Boys and girls, let's refrain from reading such trashy literature. That type of literature never helps one to develop anything but dangerous ideas. They put wrong ideas into the innocent mind. Have you ever stopped to notice how a good many of our juvenile delinquents got started in their crimes? A number of them got their first idea from the comic books and detective stories.

When I say, "You should read 'good' books," I do not mean that everything outside the Bible is bad literature. The Bible should be your choice of all books but there are also other books that should be included in your library. Some of them are: religious books, travel and science, poetry, biography, historical novels, romance and adventure, and good fiction. Romance and adventure doesn't include the cheap True Confessions that you see in magazine stands. Grace L. Hill writes a lot of books that are concerned about romance and adventure. I would suggest you read some of her books if that is the kind of literature you like. You can always find the prettiest love story ever written in the book of Ruth in the Old Testament.

An important factor to remember when you go to the library after your next book is: good books give new vision, provide high ideals, and supply motives for Chris-

tian service. Bad reading matter degrades and tears down.

The best way to form the reading habit is to set your goal at one good book each week, or at least one every two weeks. Then make sure you read the book. Don't let it lie around until the day it is due. The reading habit will make an immense difference in fitting you for greater usefulness.

Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested; that is, some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously; and some few to read wholly and with diligence and attention.

THE STORY OF "IN HIS STEPS"

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have sold over one hundred and fifty thousand and cannot get them fast enough from the bindery." I bought a three shilling copy to take home to add to the collection which is housed in the Community House of the Central Church. This was the first time I had ever heard of the Australian publication.

A Glasgow (Scotland) draper put out a special edition as an advertisement, printing the name of his store on every page of the book. I have a copy of it which I prize highly as I happen to be Scotch-Irish on both sides of the house.

A London publisher issued a penny edition that was sold on the streets of London. One day, as I was walking along the Strand, I bought a copy from a boy who was shouting out the title, and it had printed across the top of the front page—"This is number 918,000."

The Japanese translation was put out by an enterprising young man by the name of Shigeo Masumoto, who printed it in Tokyo, and I have been informed that over a million copies have been sold.

Perhaps the translation that interests me the most is the Spanish, issued by the Methodist Press of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The young man who did the translating wrote me that he would have to change the names of some of the characters in "In His Steps" because, he said, they were hard for Spanish people to pro-

nounce. When the book finally came to me it was very nicely bound and the type was very well set. But I was interested to know how the translator had changed the names.

I cannot speak Spanish, but I can read it fairly well. What I wrote as the opening sentence of "In His Steps" was:

"It was Friday morning and the Reverend Henry Maxwell was in his study trying to finish his Sunday sermon."

But the Spanish translator had written in place of what I wrote:

"It was Friday morning and the Reverenda Enrico Ford was in his study trying to finish his Sunday morning sermon."

In other words, the "Reverend Henry Ford" instead of the "Reverend Henry Maxwell." And it is Reverendo Enrico Ford all through the book.

I have had a great many letters asking about translations. Included in the collection in the Community House connected with Central Congregational Church are translations in Welsh, French, Italian, Portuguese, Norwegian, Swedish, Dutch, Danish, German, Armenian, Bulgarian, a dialect of Hindu, Arabic, Russian, Spanish and Japanese.

People are constantly asking how many copies of "In His Steps" have been printed and sold.

The editor of the *Atlantic Monthly* is my authority for stating that over eight million copies have been published and sold in the United States and over twelve million in Great Britain and Europe. The same estimate has been given by Mrs. Selles in the *Saturday Evening Post*. These figures do not include the sales of translations, of which there are over twenty. According to these men, the book has had the largest sale of any book ever printed, with the exception of the Bible. If that is true, no one is more thankful than I am, as it emphasizes what I have always believed and always shall, that religion is the most interesting subject known to the human race, and that the standards of Jesus in human conduct are the greatest we can ever know.—In the *Religious Digest*, January, 1946.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

"What they Say"

The coal miners said, "We must have higher wages to meet the cost of living." Then the mine owners said, "We must have higher price for coal to meet the cost of production."

The telephone operators said, "We must have higher wages to meet the cost of living." The railroad employees said "We must have more salary and higher wages." Immediately the railroad owners said, "We must have higher freight rates and more money for operating passenger trains, also the Pullman companies said, "Higher rates." Now the AFL says to Mr. Green, "We must have higher wages." Where will we stop? Every time labor wins, the money powers say, "The cost of production calls for an increase in the price of the product." And here we go. The top will be reached at the bottom. Don't fool yourself.

"A Condensed Statement of What Free Will Baptists Believe"

By Rev. L. R. Ennis

This statement was written by Rev. L. R. Ennis while he was President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, and was accepted by the Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and by the Board of Trustees of the College. Often the question was sent to Ennis as to what the Free Will Baptists believe, so, this answer in short was:

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God, inerrant in the original writings, and the only sufficient rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. We believe that God created the universe as described in the Scrip-

tures, and that natural law is the orderly expression of divine will, but not so rigid in its operation as to preclude transcendence by miracles designed to effect the beneficent and moral purposes of God.

4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man; that He died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; that He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven in the same body in which He was crucified; that He is now present for us at the right hand of the Father as High Priest and Advocate; and that He will come again personally and visibly as promised in the Scriptures.

5. We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit; that He came to regenerate and indwell all believers, to be administrator in the true church, and to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.

6. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God; that all human beings inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that those who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word, and deed.

7. We believe that the call of the Gosper is co-extensive with the atonement to all men; that the primary mission of the church is to proclaim the good news of salvation to the whole world; and that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become the children of God.

8. We believe that the church is composed of persevering believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who have been called out from the world by the preaching of the gospel and associated under the Holy Spirit in worship, love, and service.

9. We believe in the baptism of believers by immersion as a symbol of their previous experience of regene-

ration, the free observance of the Lord's Supper as a symbol of Christ's atoning sacrifice, and the washing of the Saints' feet as a symbol of Christian fellowship and service.

10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost."

As your scribe, we invite you to study the above short form of "What Free Will Baptists believe," and see if it is right. If there is a conflict with the larger and longer articles of faith find the flaw and help us to make it more complete. If there is any criticism to be made, please let us know, but sign your name to your letter, or we will pay no attention to your criticism.

Christian Education

There is no education that will measure up to Christian Education. If you take Christ out of education, you take the Heart and Core out of your learning, and you have only a system of vanity. A perishable acquisition that will fade away with your physical disappearance. Something that cannot go further than the grave. But if you have Christ Jesus instilled into your life, and know Him whom to know is eternal life, then you really have learned the secret of happiness and are in possession of true knowledge and the possessor of incorruptible riches that fade not away. But along with this acquired knowledge which comes to the truly converted believer in Christ, there is a system of learning that we call Christian Education. This is received by attending Christian Educational institutions, however, some people train themselves wonderfully by study at home and reading after others who are educated. A very successful pastor who had but little schooling was asked how he obtained such beautiful language. His answer was, "By listening to those who know beautiful language."

Our Bible College

We Free Will Baptists have a Bible College. From this College 317 students have received Christian Education during the short time that it has

been in operation. Some of these are serving as pastors, teachers, and missionaries at home and abroad. It is a badge of honor to receive a certificate from this Bible College. When a student goes to the Free Will Baptist Bible College he or she is taught the doctrine of the church that supports the Institution, therefore you can rest assured that when that student takes the pastorate of your church that you have a Free Will Baptist, one who is trained in the doctrine, and not with some foreign idea that is contrary to the church bearing the name Free Will Baptist.

Our Obligation

As a State Convention (Association at that time) we obligated ourselves by voting in the State body to accept the \$20,000.00 allotment for the expansion program of the college. Now we have one more year after this (1947) to finish the amount. We have paid about \$13,500.00. To be exact as we can get to the amount, with it going in all the time, if we raise \$1,519.00 by the end of this year it will leave us \$5,000. For 1948 Now, dear Brethren and Sisters, we can do it with all ease. So just get us an offering as early as possible. If you have adopted the Sunday School Five-Point Program for supporting the various objects, you have the best method created, but if you have not adopted that method just send us an offering for Christian Education to apply on the balance due of the \$20,000. I want to thank those who have been giving, and those who will give for their support.

Send your offering to J. C. Griffin, Treasurer N. C. B. E., 204 N. 11th Street, Morehead City, N. C.

Mutual love and devotion in a family assures happiness and contentment.

We can often discern wisdom in men who listen much and say little.

The hands of a clock may fail us, but the hand of God never does.

Human conduct of high standard results beneficially.

"EXALT YE THE LORD"

Marie Hyatt, Greentop, Mo.,
President of Woman's National
Auxiliary Convention

"Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy." Psalms 99:5.

As "co-laborers together with God," we are admonished to "Exalt the Lord." It is our duty to glorify God by our service for Him. We can honor the Lord by praise. "Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel" (Ps. 22: 23). Praise to God is enjoined in song, "Sing praises to the Lord," and with musical instruments, "Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings" (Ps. 33:2). Women, we are a chosen generation, therefore, let us show forth the praises of God who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. God has given us a place in which to serve—let's be true to that trust and strengthen our church by true devotion to His service.

We are to exalt God by works. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 5:16). God has called upon us to be of service unto mankind. By our good works, we can lighten life's burdens. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of God." As an auxiliary organization we can produce good works and glorify the Father through united and individual prayer, enlistment, missionary study, benevolent service and giving of our tithes and offerings unto the Lord. "Therefore, my beloved, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Our fruit-bearing will measure our consecration unto the Lord. We can glorify God by bearing fruit for Him. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8). My prayer for the women of our church is "that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in

every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." We can do just that as we serve God through the plan of work for our auxiliary work.

Spiritual unity describes the fellowship of "co-laborers together with God." Where unity prevails, strength is manifested. "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another" (Peter 3:8). When we adhere to the preceding verse of scripture, spiritual unity will prevail. Then, we truly can "exalt the Lord our God." Let's continue to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Thus, we can with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We will exalt the Lord by entire consecration unto His service. "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:20). My prayer is "that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 1: 12). Let's continue to "exalt ye the Lord."

PLANS BEING MADE TO ORGANIZE A CHURCH IN NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Plans are now being made to organize a Free Will Baptist church in Newport News, Virginia. The Reverend W. A. Hales and the male choir from the Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church are to be present to help in this organization, and to have a part in the service on Sunday, November 2, 1947.

Services are being held in the Redmen Hall, at 1218 25th Street, Newport News. This special service will be at 3:00 P. M. The regular worship hours for our services will be 10:00 and 11:00 A. M., and also at 7:00 P. M. A special invitation is extended to all Free Will Baptists living in or near Newport News to come and worship with us. The public is likewise cordially invited to attend our services at any time.

Yours for the kingdom of God,
Rev. M. C. Roscholar,
902 East 28th Street,
Norfolk 8, Virginia

ALBEMARLE LEAGUE UNION

The Albemarle League Union met with Mount Olive Church, August 30, 1947, and the devotions were conducted by Vernon Davis, and prayer was offered by Joseph Ange.

We were also favored with music which was rendered by the Juniors from Corinth Church. The president gave his message and in it he welcomed everyone present for the meeting. We were glad to have had the following ministers present: Reverends R. P. Harris, R. B. Spencer, M. A. Woodard and Calvin Daugherty.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Digest Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. R. P. Harris and Whitford Alexander. The list of churches was called, and the following responded:

Free Union—

St. Paul Adult	\$ 1.00
Every-Ready Senior	1.00
Clarence Bowen Inter.	2.00
Duffy Toler Junior	1.00

Sound Side—

W. A. Hales Adult	1.00
J. C. Griffin Senior	2.00
Rose Bowen Intermediate ..	1.00
Barbara Willey Junior	3.00

Fairmount Park—

Adult	2.00
Willing Workers, Senior ...	2.00
Intermediate	1.00
Junior	1.00

Corinth—

Leagues	6.00
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Hickory Chapel—

Adult	1.00
Intermediate	1.00
Juniors	1.00

Elizabeth City—

Adult	1.00
Intermediate	1.00
Junior	0.50
Primary	0.50

Total\$30.00

Our delegate for the State League Convention was present and he made a few remarks. He said that the Albemarle League Union was the only league union represented, and so far as we know it was the only one in North Carolina at the present time.

We were glad to have had our State President, Oscar Webster, with us and he gave us some of the highlights of the State League convention. First, he said a motion was made and passed that each league in the State is to send ten percent of the weekly offerings to the State Treasurer, and that this money be earmarked for to help put a field worker on the field. Second, it was left up to the leagues to do as they pleased about ten per cent of their weekly offerings to the National secretary, but he asked that the leagues send their ten percent to the National secretary.

On motion we send ten percent of our weekly offerings to the State secretary, and that this money be earmarked for to help put a field worker on the field. On motion this money be sent in quarterly or the week before each league union convenes.

The treasurer gave her report and it was accepted. On motion \$25.00 be given to the State treasurer to help put a field worker on the field. The Digest Committee's report was as follows: Free Union adult league won the banner and the following won honorable mention: Elizabeth City Primary, Fairmount Park Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

On motion we send Rev. Clarence Bowen, who is our National Secretary and Treasurer, \$25 which is to be used in the National League work. On motion an offering was taken for a little blind boy, Donnie Ange, and we received \$42.18.

Theme: "Victory through Christ," by Miss Alethia Etheridge was a fine message. She used for her subject, "How to Win Victory through Christ." Oscar Webster also made a talk, using for his subject, "The Reward." We were favored with special music by Eugene, Marvin and Wendell Ange. We were glad to have had Mr. Spencer with us and he made some comments on the Youth's Banner, and complimented our league union for the fine work which they are doing. We were favored with a song by Rev. R. P. Harris. The meeting closed to meet with Shiloh Church on Saturday night, November 29, 1947.

Joseph Ange, President,
Miss Alice Webster, Secretary

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA
CONFERENCE MEETSAnnual Session at Cove City Well
Attended

(L. E. Ballard)

The Eastern (N. C.) Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists met in annual session with Core Creek Church, Cove City, on Wednesday and Thursday, October 22nd and 23rd, 1947. The attendance was gratifying both days, most all the churches composing the Conference being represented by delegates, and a goodly number of ministers from the conference and from other conferences and associations being present.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Conference Moderator, presided over the sessions, and quite a bit of business was transacted. Reports read from the churches showed gain both in membership and in finance in most cases. Donations sent in to the Conference were liberal.

Present at the meetings, and reporting for their institutions, were representatives of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Cragmont Assembly, the Church Finance Association, and most of the Boards of the State Association. Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the Bible College, spoke on Wednesday in behalf of the College program, and also preached to the people during the sitting of the Conference. Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent, was present to personally represent the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, and Mr. J. G. Teasley, Executive Director of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., presented the needs of that institution. Rev. M. L. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Church Finance Association, read a very interesting report of the work of his organization.

The Conference Sermon was delivered by Rev. Clinton Lupton, of Bayboro, at 11:00 o'clock on the opening day, and was inspiring.

Among resolutions adopted during the sitting of the Conference was one pledging support to the movement in the State Association and the Cape Fear Conference to bring about some

kind of understanding that will do away with the confusion that exists because of the persistence of one of the Holiness groups in calling themselves Free Will Baptists, even though they many years ago severed all relations with the Free Will Baptist denomination. In the resolution attention is called to the fact that there is absolutely no connection between the so-called "Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage," a former superintendent of which has recently had much notoriety because of having committed a heinous crime, and the "Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C.," which is owned and operated by the State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, with the Rev. James A. Evans as Superintendent—a man whose reputation is of the very best.

MISSION ITINERARY FOR REV. KENNETH TURNER

November 20 — St. John, Wayne County.
November 21 — Casey's Chapel, Wayne County.
November 22—Daly's Chapel, Lenoir County.
November 23—Bethel, 11 a. m., Lenoir County.
November 23—Goldsboro, 7:30 p. m., Wayne County.
November 24 — Riverside, Wayne County.
November 25—Tee's Chapel, Johnston County.
November 26—Smithfield, Johnston County.
November 27 — Yelverton Grove, Johnston County.
November 28—Johnson Union, Johnston County.
November 29—Union Meeting, Oak Grove, Sampson County, 11 a. m.
November 29—St. Paul, 7:30, Johnston County.
November 30—West Clinton, 11 a. m. Sampson County.
November 30—Shady Grove, 7:30, Sampson County.
December 1—Robert's Grove, Sampson County.
December 2—Lee's Chapel, Sampson County.
December 3 — Corinth, Sampson County.

December 4—Pleasant Grove, Harnett County.
December 5 — Prospect, Harnett County.
December 6—Stevens' Chapel, Johnston County.
December 7—Bethel, 11 a. m., Johnston County.
December 7—Hopewell, 7:30, Johnston County.
December 8 — St. Mary's Grove, Johnston County.
December 9 — Powhatan, Johnston County.
December 10 — Wooten's Chapel, Wayne County.
December 11—Spring Hill, Wayne County.
December 12—Black Jack, Wayne County.
December 13—May's Chapel, Wayne County.
December 14—North East, 11 a. m., Wayne County.
December 14—Kinston, 7:30, Lenoir County.
December 15—Sandy Plain, Duplin County.
December 16—Cabin, Duplin County.

A GOOD WAY TO USE TITHE MONEY

Dear Friend:

Here is a way for you to use some of your Tithe money. Just sit down and send a contribution to Alma McDonald, Colquitt, Ga. It will be used to help build a church on Bremond St., and at the same time you will be filling your obligation to help a worthy cause. Exodus 35:5 says, "Take ye from among you an offering of the Lord; gold, silver, brass," and 2nd Cor. 9:6, 7 says, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Your gift will be greatly appreciated, and you will receive a receipt for each offering.

Just mail to Alma McDonald, Colquitt, Georgia.

Thank you.

We need not fear punishment if we do the thing we know to be right.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN MISSISSIPPI

The Home Mission Board of North East Mississippi erected the Old Gospel tent in a fast growing section on New Highway No. 6 between Pontotoc and Oxford, Miss., on Saturday before the third Sunday in October and the State evangelist, M. L. Hollis, of Red Bay, Ala., arrived on Sunday night and started an old-fashioned Revival campaign with a tent crowded with anxious hearers. Rev. W. O. Night of Amory, Miss., had charge of the music. The crowds increased each evening until the tent overflowed and interested listeners stood around the sides of the tent and were mightily moved by the power of the Gospel of Christ, as it was so forcefully preached by the evangelist.

On Friday night after the sermon, Rev. Hollis called for those who wanted to go into an organization of a Free Will Baptist church to come forward and eighteen responded. Then he called for all who wanted to help build a church to come forward with their offerings. \$1,263.00 was raised and several hundred dollars pledged to be paid later. It was the most enthusiastic crowd that I have ever seen. A building committee, treasurer and a finance committee, were appointed. And besides the above mentioned donations, one man that came from the Missionary Baptist Church, gave an acre of land for the church site lying right on the New Highway in the most beautiful section of the community.

We plan to start work on the building within the next few days. Every one who reads these lines please pray for us that the work may continue in a glorious way as it has started. This community will never cease praising God for sending Brother Hollis this way and for the wonderful work that he has done for us.

If any one should want to have some part in this work for the glory of God, send your offerings to Boyd May, Pontotoc, Miss., Treasurer.

Man squanders his wealth,
And ruins his health,
Death often resulting.



BUILDING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

(Lesson for November 16)

Lesson: 2 Peter 1:5-11; Jude 1:21, 24, 25.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: rooted and built up in Him" (Col. 2:6, 7).

About the year 64 A. D. the church of Christ in Colosse was facing a grave danger which threatened a crisis in the assembly. False teachers had appeared among them, perverting the Gospel and attempting to upset the believers with a Gnostic philosophy which denied the Deity of the Lord Jesus. Although the larger body of the church was not affected by these speculations, some of the company had become bewildered and were in danger of departing from the purity of the faith. Error always **creeps** into the church subtly: it never enters boldly and with frank and open statements of its true intent and purpose. The human mind is always entranced by "some new thing" and will follow a specious teaching because it is popular at the moment, or because the names of "great scholars" are attached to the new learning. Little by little the faith of such dupes is leached away, until finally everything once believed and cherished has been surrendered, and the deluded victim of error finds himself sunk in the dark morass of a Unitarian heresy—"denying the Lord that bought (him)."

The Apostle Paul sets forth the one sure safeguard against this danger in the general content of the Colossian Epistle: it is to exalt Jesus Christ as God and Saviour, and to dwell upon the inexhaustible sources of His Deity. The **Person of Jesus**

is our safe Refuge, not doctrines about Him. When you truly know Jesus Himself you are defended against all forms of error, for the believer who **thinks straight and Scripturally** about the Son of God will be true to all lesser facts of the complete revelation constituting the Christian system of doctrine. The personal consciousness of the power and glory of Jesus can so fill the heart of one who worships Him as to leave no room for any other idea. There is no need to debate with yourself about the reality of Heaven, the prospect of the coming resurrection, the Hope of His Return, or the possibility of rising far above the low levels of sin, if you maintain your faith in Christ and persistently commune with Him. This is what our text for to-day implies when it says, "So walk ye in Him."

II. Heart of the Lesson

If these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar, and hath forgotten that he was **purged from his old sins**, verses 8, 9. The Apostle here declares that Christians whose lives abound with these eight Christian graces will be fruitful for the Lord, not barren; but those people whose lives do not abound with these Christian principles are blind, and do not see the good things of heaven. Such are spiritually blind, seeing only the things of this life; morally short-sighted, depending upon self-sufficiency; and mentally forgetful, to their own shame, of the loving mercy of God Almighty. But such is the case of multitudes of people in the world. Their chief concern is about the things of this life and its joys, not the blessed things of heaven for the life to come. Thus, they do not "see afar off" that they might vision the joys of the kingdom. Yes, too many people are, to their own shame and condemnation, blind to spiritual things.—Advanced Quarterly. (F. W. B.)

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these

things, ye shall never fall, verse 10.

Jerry MacAuley was wonderfully converted. He went back to his room and engaged in prayer. He thought of the temptations of the saloons on every corner with their pungent odors. In those days it was quite customary to sprinkle sawdust on the side walks in front of the saloons with intoxicating liquors. Jerry MacAuley remained in his room for three days fearing to go out. Finally the realization came to him that he must go out and get food if he were to live. The Holy Spirit whispered to him that if God could save him, He could keep him. Leaving his room he uttered a prayer to God, then held his nose and ran past the saloons. Victory was his.—Selected.

Vs. 24. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25. to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen. In concluding his Epistle, Jude ascribes all power, glory, and wisdom to God our Saviour, and gives assurance to the believer that He will keep him in this life, but He will present him as one without fault to His Father when that final day shall come.

"There is a beautiful correspondence in the Greek that does not appear in the English. There are two words that are very much alike—they are, indeed, composed of the same consonants and the same vowels. One of them means apostasy, or a final falling away from God; the other means free from stumbling. The Apostle, who has been writing in the whole Epistle, of apostasy, says now, 'God is not only able to keep you from apostasy, from which I warned you, but He is able even to keep you free from stumbling.' The English supplies no two words sufficiently alike to show the beautiful resemblance in the words here used. We might venture, perhaps, to render it so as to hint this likeness:—'God is not only able to keep you from a fault'; or, again, we might express it by two similar phrases:—'God is able not only to keep you from falling from the way, but He is able

to keep you from stumbling in the way."—Dr. Arthur T. Pierson.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

PROGRAM

of the

Eleventh Session of the Georgia
State Association

of the

Free Will Baptist Churches

Convening with

Ozias Church, Pearson, Ga.

November 10, 11, 12, 1947

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Monday Evening

- 7:30—Song service and devotions led by Rev. Riley Giddens
- 8:00—Sermon by Rev. Ralph Lightsey
- 8:45—Announcements by the local Church.

Tuesday Morning

- 9:30—Devotions led by Bro. J. H. K. Jones
- 9:45—Address of Welcome by Rev. J. D. Little, Host pastor
- 10:00—Response by Rev. Carlton Houston
- 10:10—The appointment of session committees
- 10:20—The Moderator's message
- 10:40—Report of Credentials Committee and the seating of delegates and ministers, also recognizing visiting ministers and messengers
- 11:00—Report of Mission Board, followed by a general discussion of missions
- 11:30—Associational sermon, Rev. E. C. Morris, State Worker

Tuesday Afternoon

- 1:30—Woman's Auxiliary Convention session
- 2:30—Association resumes business
- 2:35—Report of Superannuation Board
- 2:50—Report of delegation to National Association
- 3:00—An address on National Association by Rev. Robt. B. Crawford
- 3:25—Report of the Board of Religious Education
- 3:35—Address by Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager of Bible College
- 4:00—Adjournment. The Music of the day under the direction of C. J. Faison

Tuesday Evening

- 7:00—Song service and devotions conducted by Rev. J. B. Langford
- 7:30—Report of Promotional Secretary and general discussion of the work
- 8:00—Sermon by Rev. Robert Crawford
- 8:45—Adjournment

Wednesday Morning

- 9:00—Devotions led by Rev. C. J. Pitts
- 9:15—Report of Camp Committee and State Sunday School Worker
- 9:45—Report of Executive Board
- 10:00—Appointing delegates to National Association
- 10:15—Report of session committees
- 10:30—Address, "Our Opportunities and Responsibilities," by Rev. Joe Fort
- 10:55—A general rally and inspirational period led by-----
- 11:20—Sermon, Rev. Henry Melvin
- 12:00—Recess and refreshments

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotions led by Rev. W. R. Lawhorn

- 1:50—Election of officers
- 2:20—Inspirational message by Rev. F. B. Cherry
- 2:40—Closing business
- 3:00—Final Adjournment

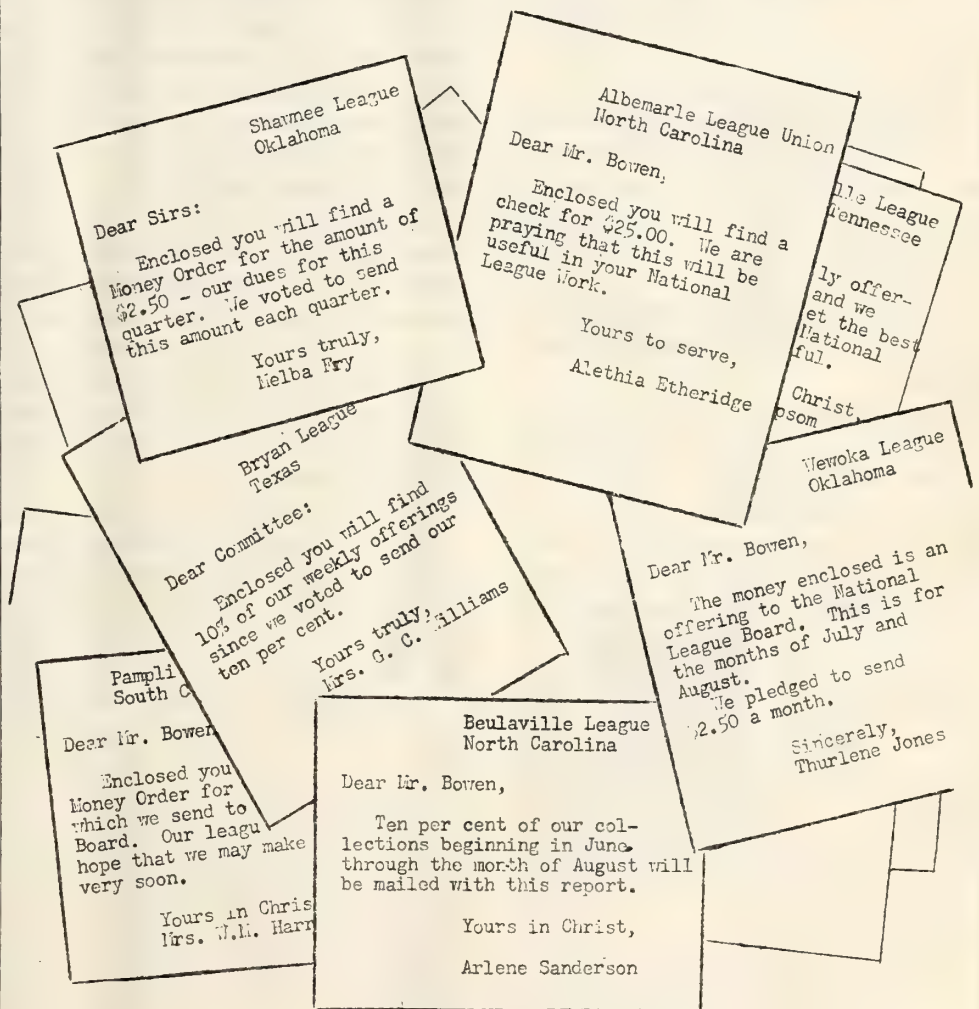
Man is something like a check, value being the determining factor.

We grow in wisdom when we correct and do not repeat our errors.

When confronted with temptation turn to the right.

Attention, Free Will Baptist Leagues!

Others Have Done It!



WHY NOT YOUR LEAGUES????

Send your 10% of weekly offerings each quarter to
Rev. Clarence Bowen, Secretary-Treasurer National F. W. B. L. Board
518 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tennessee

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE GIFT THAT GRANDMA MADE

"Oh, dear, I am so tired of lying in this bed! There isn't anything to do," Annette was really very cross.

Mother felt that she did not know what to do either. Of course, when a little girl had been sick a long, long time and was getting better so fast that she wanted to be up, and when the doctor said, "No, you must be quiet a few days longer," there might be some excuse for complaining. At least Annette thought there was. But Mother was tired and did not like to hear it.

"I wish Grandma would come," Annette went on. "She could tell me some Bible stories. Nobody tells Bible stories like Grandma does."

"I wish she could come too," Mother answered, "but she is too far away, and besides she is needed at Aunt Belle's."

"They don't need her as bad as I do," Annette fretted.

"Do you know why everyone seems to need Grandma?" Mother asked suddenly.

"Because she is always cheerful and happy, of course," Annette answered promptly.

"Yes, and no matter what happens, she keeps smiling," Mother said. "Grandma has made the Bible stories a part of her life and she lives the way God wants her to live."

Annette was silent for a moment.

"Why don't you read some stories from your book?" Mother suggested.

"The book is so heavy," Annette complained, "I get tired holding it."

"Well, perhaps I can read it to you after my work is finished," Mother promised, and went out to feed the chickens.

Annette watched through the window, but she was not looking at the flock of white chickens around Mother's feet. She was seeing Grandma as she told Bible stories, and trying to understand how Grandma made them a part of her life and smiled no matter how her lame hip hurt. Even

on days when she could hardly walk Grandma smiled.

And then it did not seem very long until Mother was back in the house. She was carrying a package all wrapped in brown paper and tied with a string.

"Grandma has sent you something," she said smiling.

"I wonder what it is?" Annette cried, holding out her arms.

"Shall I help you untie the string?" Mother asked.

"Oh, let me try it alone," Annette begged, "it is such fun unwrapping bundles."

At last the string was untied and the paper unrolled, and there was the most beautiful quilt that Annette had ever seen. She squealed with joy. "Oh, look, Mother," she called, "the blocks are pictures."

Mother looked. "Can you tell what they are?" she asked.

Annette looked closer. "They are Bible stories," she shouted. "Oh, Mother, I do not need to hold a heavy book any more. I can just look at these pictures and remember the stories the way Grandma told them."

Mother spread the quilt out nice and smooth over Annette's bed. The little girl smiled.

"I guess I won't be cross any more, Mother," she said. "I'll always have something to do now, and it won't be so hard to stay in bed. It will take a long time to read all the picture stories."

"And when you have company you can tell them the stories," Mother added.

"Just like Grandma said," Annette answered. "Oh, Mother, this is the nicest present Grandma ever sent."

"Yes, I think it is," Mother agreed. "It will be nice for all of us."

"And, Mother," Annette was very sober now, "if I read the picture stories lots of times, maybe I'll make them part of my life too, and be sweet like Grandma."

"I am sure you will," Mother answered, kissing her gently.—Unknown.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

PITTMAN. On July 10, 1947, Brother Edward Graham (Eddie) Pittman, departed this life to be with the Lord. He was born on April 24, 1876, making his stay on earth 71 years, 2 months, and 16 days.

Early in life Brother Pittman gave his heart to the Lord, and he had been a faithful member of the Micro Free Will Baptist Church for about 37 years. The very fact that he was faithful should give us courage to hold fast to the faith we have professed in God the Father, and Christ his Son.

His walk as a Christian was such that it would honor the Christ whom he had believed. He leaves behind a wife, two sons, three daughters, and ten grandchildren. We commend them to a loving Saviour who is touched with our griefs and is abundantly able to comfort our hearts.

Written by the committee:

Mrs. H. J. Corbett,
Mrs. C. E. Gaddy,
Mrs. Hubert Smith

HAWKINS. God in his infinite wisdom looked earthward on the morning of May 9, 1947, and called Mrs. Emma Barbour Hawkins, age 80 years old, home to be with Him.

She was the daughter of the late James and Emily Earp of Johnston County, and she first married Gideon E. Barbour, who died in 1914. She later married N. F. Hawkins of Micro who died in 1926.

Mrs. Hawkins had been a member of the Micro F. W. B. Church for many years, and as long as her health permitted she faithfully assumed her Christian duties.

By her own testimony she was trusting our blessed Saviour who is able to keep that which she had committed unto His care. She was a faithful companion, a loving mother and a kind friend and neighbor.

Surviving are two sons, 31 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. May the richest blessings of God continue with all those who mourn her loss.

Written by the committee:

Mrs. H. J. Corbett,
Mrs. C. E. Gaddy,
Mrs. Hubert Smith

We need not fear a fall if we stand up for Jesus.

EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING
JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting, Union Association, of the Free Will Baptist Church, met at the Central Free Will Baptist Church, October 17. Rev. Ernest Drayne was moderator. Welcome address was by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Gilton, and response was by Rev. C. C. Holder. After the morning business session, at eleven o'clock, Rev. Orville Stokes, brought a very fine message. Dinner was served on the grounds, and we had so much good food everybody was happy.

After noon, special singing by the trio of the Central Church. There was the business and report from the Home for Children, at Greeneville, Tenn. Mrs. J. C. Howington is our clerk. At 3:00 o'clock Rev. Johnnie Harris was selected to bring the sermon, and it was a God sent message. The Holy Ghost came down like a mighty rushing wind, and filled the house. Every one was happy. Brother and Sister, if you have not got the kind of religion you can feel, you had better go to the Mercy Seat.

Thank God for such men as Sir Roger Williams that started the Free Will Baptist Doctrine in this country, soon after John Calvin, and John Wesley, started their Doctrine in this country by permission of Queen Elizabeth of England. Later the same doctrine was taken up by Benjamin Randall, called the Free Will Baptist. It is the kind that can be felt, and will stand when the world is on fire. It is the kind that our Saviour, St. Paul, and others practiced when they were on this earth.

Jack McCoury,
Church Clerk,
Box 14,
Johnson City, Tenn.

The best time to distribute the milk of human kindness is today.

Victories are never won without courage and careful preparation.

Speech, like temper, must be controlled.

REPORT OF FIRST UNION
MEETING

The First Union met with Stan-cil's Chapel and devotions were conducted by Brother W. R. Williams.

The welcome address was given by Brother E. G. Holland. The moderator, Brother Rivenbark, gave a very interesting talk in behalf of the union. The union was then open for business.

The minutes were read and approved. The list of churches was called. All represented but two.

The report and condition of the Orphanage was given by Brother E. G. Holland and an offering was taken to the amount of \$19.95.

The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Brother M. L. Johnson.

Then a most delicious dinner was spread on the church yard.

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Brother Rommie Mitchell. The reports of the different committees was given and discussed. Brother Wiley Farell was given the right hand of fellowship. Pleasant Grove gave \$2.00, Pleasant Hill \$10.00, and Micro \$10.00 to be added to the Worly Memorial Window, making a total of \$176.98.

The Finance Committee made their report.

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Total	-----\$144.92

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Union Meeting Ex.	----- 12.00
Missions	----- 5.00
	-----\$143.25
Balance in Treasury	-----\$1.67

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Church and community for their kind hospitality shown this union.

The next union goes to Spring Hill on November 29, 1947.

The union adjourned with song and prayer.

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Mod.,
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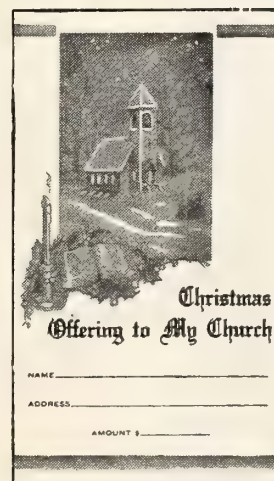
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To stress, each sect, it's sign!
We ought to accent rather
The oneness that is Thine!

The world is torn apart and dying!
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By each denomination trying
To save its own poor soul?

We meet in weak, competing churches,

Divided by our creeds,
When, for a common ground, man searches,
And unity he needs!

This tragic evil must be righted!
In Christians, man should see
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Break forth, my lips, in praise, and own
The wiser love severely kind;
Since, richer for its chastening grown,
I see, whereas I once was blind.
The world, O Father, hath not wronged
With loss the life by thee prolonged;
But still, with every added year,
More beautiful thy works appear.

As thou hast made the world without,
Make thou more fair my world within;
Shine through its lingering clouds of doubt
Rebuke its haunting shapes of sin;
Fill, brief or long, my granted span
Of life with love to thee and man;
Strike when thou wilt the hour of rest,
But let my last days be the best.

—John Greenlief Whittier

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NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN NEWPORT NEWS

The F. W. B. Church has been organized in Newport News as was planned. It was organized on Sunday, November 2, 1947. Reverend W. A. Hales, pastor of the Norfolk Church conducted the organization ceremonies, and was assisted by Rev. C. H. Denton and myself in the ordination of the deacons. The Men's Chorus of the Norfolk Church was also present and rendered several splendid selections under the leadership of Mrs. George Hamilton, the organist of the Norfolk Church. We have 25 charter members of this new church.

The church will be known as The Newport News Free Will Baptist Church. Anyone desiring to communicate with this new church may do so by mailing their correspondence to the church clerk, Mrs. Richard Mallory, 5923 Orcutt Avenue, Newport News, Virginia, or to the pastor, Reverend Morley C. Roscholar, 902 East 28th Street, Norfolk 8, Virginia.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,

M. C. Roscholar

PROGRAM

The Sunday School Convention of the Albemarle District will convene with Shiloh Church in Beaufort County near Pinetown, N. C., November 30, 1947.

10:00—Devotional service by Mr. Ervin Foreman
10:15—President's message
—Appointment of committees
10:30—Reading of minutes of previous meeting
—Roll call of Sunday Schools and reports given
11:00—Business period
11:15—Special music by the local church
11:25—Convention sermon by Rev. W. A. Hales

—An offering taken for the orphanage

12:00—Lunch hour

1:00—Devotions conducted by Mr. David Furlough

1:15—Special music

1:25—Business

—Election of officers

1:55—A message

2:15—Report of committees

—Treasurer's report

2:30—Adjournment

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Editorial

CENTRAL CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

The North Carolina Central Conference of Free Will Baptists held its one hundred ninety-ninth annual session on November 5 and 6 with King's Cross Roads Church in Pitt County. The attendance both days was splendid, the weather fine, and the hospitality shown by the local church and community was not to be surpassed, and the Christian fellowship experienced among the brethren was never greater among Free Will Baptists anywhere.

The first day's session was marked with a splendid opening with a full house, fine singing and spiritual devotions unto the Lord. The forenoon speakers, L. R. Ennis and Bruce Barrow brought timely messages with inspiration, spiritual fervor and great power. The business, transacted during the day, was appropriate, interesting and greatly encouraging to everyone present. The reports of committees were received with interest and great concern for the good of the cause of the conference. There were manifested peace, harmony and love among the brethren in all of the proceedings of the day. Brother J. W. Alford, Mission Treasurer for the State, made a splendid report concerning missions, and spoke at length concerning the need of going forward in the cause of missions, both home and abroad.

This writer had on display quite a collection of books from the Book Department of the Press for the people to see and buy whatever books they desired. The results of this display of books and the sales therefrom proved of interest and advantage both to the people at the conference and also to the Press at Ayden. Many voiced the opinion that the Press should seek to do this each year at the sitting of the conference for the interest and concern of the people who attend the conference.

The second day was filled with a full schedule. Brother J. C. Moye of Snow Hill brought the first message which was deep thought for everyone interested in the progress of the church. He spoke with great concern and power, setting forth in his discourse the fact that our church must go forward in every phase of the denominational work. The second speaker for the morning was Rev. G. C. Joyner of Smithfield. He brought the Convention Message, following an interesting business period which dealt with some vital matters of the conference. Brother Joyner's message was deeply spiritual, full of gospel truth, and delivered with great interest for the cause of righteousness in the world. His message was greatly appreciated by the attentive congregation of people who heartily welcomed his sermon.

The Memorial service, which was directed by Brother Windham, and given in honor of the deceased ministers of the conference, was appropriate and effective. Mrs. J. C. Moye sang two beautiful solos, deeply impressing, with her lovely voice, and music, the hearts of the people in the church, and bringing upon their minds the

sacredness of the occasion. It was the means of drawing the people close to the Lord.

In the afternoon of the second day several speakers made short talks: namely, Brother Evans, the superintendent of the Middlesex Orphanage, made an interesting report of the work of the Home and urged the people to respond in a liberal way for the support of this institution. Brother M. L. Johnson made an appeal for the Superannuation program of the State, and stressed the need of making the Church Finance Association stronger in a financial way so as to enable it to be of greater service to the churches needing financial help in the State. Brother Teasley, the Executive Director and Treasurer of Cragmont Assembly brought a message in the interest of this institution of the church. He encouraged the people to give financial support to it, thus enabling it to become a great blessing to the church people. Brother Henry Melvin gave a splendid report concerning the college in Nashville, Tennessee, and stressed the need of the church people to give generously to the support of Christian education. He said the outlook for the college is good and that more room must be provided for more students in the future.

Several resolutions and motions were offered for the good of the conference, and the expansion of the work of the denominational work as a whole. Committee members were appointed or elected for the transaction of vital matters of the conference, and for the good of the church people. All in all, this was one of the best conferences these people have had in quite a long time. Everyone seemed much pleased with all that was done during the two days' session.

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SARATOGA CHURCH ON HALF-TIME

The Saratoga Church in Wilson County, North Carolina, has gone on half-time basis for the new church year. Brother Bruce Barrow is the pastor of this church, and has been quite active in leading the church people to see the need of having services on two Sundays each month. The Sundays used are First and Third Sundays, with services being held Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour and also at 7:30 in the evening.

The church people are looking forward to experiencing a splendid year of work with the added services given to them for greater opportunity for worship and coming together in religious activities for the good of the community as a whole, and for the work of the Lord.

Those people are looking forward to the building of a greater Sunday School attendance, and are hoping to develop a stronger Auxiliary work among the women of the church. It is hoped that a Young People's League will soon be organized among the young people of the church and community, for there are many young people and children in the church who should be working in a league for their own enjoyment and spiritual benefit.



News From India



A LAND OF CONTRASTS

Co-Laborers:

If a person desires to contribute to the economical, social and spiritual well-being of the people of the land of his sojourn, the first pre-requisite—speaking from the human viewpoint—is as complete as possible understanding of the people and their customs and mode and manner of living as well as something of their culture and achievements. This is not as elementary a task, in any country, as it would seem at first glance. But here it defies the unaided mind of mortal man of accomplishment.

India, along with Egypt, the Euphrates-Tigris Valley and China, was the cradle of civilization. Centuries ago, while our ancestors were still blood-thirsty barbarians, roaming the deep forests of central Europe, India was known for its wealth and culture. Long before the days of the early Greek Philosophers, the Wise Men of India were renowned for their deep and penetrating thinking about deep things of life. The Wise Men of the East who saw the "Star of Bethlehem" and came to worship the "New Born King" were and are supposed by many to have been numbered among the many "wise men" of this country. Even the discovery of our own country was directly due to the desires for the luxuries, the rarities and the dainties of India. The richest man in the world today is a "citizen" (a ruler) of this country.

On the other hand, we have never seen, imagined or even dreamed of such starke poverty. To-night there are thousands literally without any shelter over their heads, or even a rag for their bodies or a mere crust to ease the constant gnawing of hunger. Even six months ago before the present misery caused by the recent disturbance, one could count those sleeping on the side walks of the larger cities by the thousands. Many travel the entire distance from

the cradle to the grave without even once enjoying the pleasing satisfaction of a full stomach or an adequate clad body. (It is only fair to say that the new government has declared their policy of attacking this problem at once). No country besides our own can boast of so many fertile valleys, or vast and rich plains or natural resources which are almost beyond the comprehension of finite man. Yet destitution, sickness, disease stalk this beautiful land night and day.

It is extremely doubtful if nature and nature's God has ever dealt so bountifully with any other land on the face of the globe. As we sit on our front porch we can follow—with our eyes—the courses of three rivers as they make their winding ways through a wide and fertile valley. This valley is possibly two hundred miles long and between seventy-five and a hundred miles in width. However, even in this fertile and rich valley there are thousands slowly starving to death and many not so slowly. Meat that sold for four annas a seer (2 pounds, 4c per lb.) before the war is now selling for four rupees and eight annas (82 annas) per seer or twenty and one-half times as much. Other things are high but not as high in proportion. When one considers the fact that there are entire families with a combined income of twenty or thirty rupees or even less than half that in some cases, one can readily see that the plight of many is indeed desperate. The above figures are for a month. Twenty rupees equals a little more than six dollars. Again we must say that all leading officials have more than once declared themselves in favor of a living wage for all. There is no reason to doubt their sincerity.

At one time the laboring class of India were among the most deeply religious people in the world. There are many of us who doubt if the same can be said to-day. "Free

thinking" and "free thinkers" are not the exclusive product of Europe and America. The present government is heartily in favor of education for the masses. However, one can not change overnight the results of centuries. The real problem is to create a desire for these things on the part of those who never even dreamed of them, let alone desired them. The problem of state universities has already been tackled by the government in a decided manner.

Great as are the economic, social and educational needs, much greater are the spiritual needs of the masses. We feel that the solution of the latter will take care of the former also. The great need for the entire World, America included, is a vital and real knowledge of God as the Father of all mankind in a general sense and His desire to be the real and spiritual Father to all who will come unto Him through the Lord.

The weather remains fine and every day this beautiful country unfolds to our marvelling eyes some of its glorious and beautiful sights.

Paul Woolsey

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR MISSIONS?

One of the grave mistakes of the earlier missionary program, with a few exceptions, was the development of what was known as "Rice Converts." Those converts who were converts because they were hungry, received a handout of food from the foreign missionaries. The reason for this war, and is that it is very difficult for us as Americans to look upon human misery and suffering, hunger stalks the streets with outstretched hands all about us, orphans in rags with no orphanages to house them. It is all we can do to stay in these countries and bear to see the suffering. India and China and Africa are famine countries, much worse than Cuba but Cuba also has her share of the undernourished and underprivileged poor.

The exception has been some missionaries have taught those who were converted that it was "more blessed

to give than to receive," and they have followed the Bible plan of tithing, and out of their extreme poverty have made their small contribution to meet the demands.

One of the definite teachings we emphasize in Cuba is our obligation to comply with the teaching of the Word on tithing, and I think proportionally our Cuban Free Will Baptist people are more faithful to this than our own people in the States.

We have had a few examples that should be a means of a stimulus to our folk in the States. One or two I will mention, five months ago, when facing a food crisis in our effort to properly feed our student body, to at least buy sweet potatoes and other vegetables, a humble Christian from the lower part of the island, saw me in the market and hurried to me saying, "Bro. Willey I must make a confession, I have been unfaithful in the giving of my tithes and offerings, God has punished me for this. I want you to make a confession for me before the National Cuban convention at the Bible School. Here is thirty-two dollars and I shall meet my obligation faithfully from now on." This past week this same man came to me again and took out his pocketbook and said, "I have here my tithe and free will offering to give to the church."

Let us note a distinction that we need to know between tithes and free will offerings. You have not begun to give until you have met your obligation in the payment of your tithe. The tithe is a payment to the Lord. Millions of people pay their tax to the government without grumbling, but if someone suggests they have obligations to God they begin to complain, no my friend, you have not given to God until you have paid up what you owe Him.

There is also a tendency to become inflated with boastfulness or a spiritual pride when you pay your tithe and comply with this grace. This humble countryman counted out ninety-nine dollars and twenty-eight cents. To some this would not represent any drain on their financial standing, but I want to give you some facts which puts this man in a class with the widow and her mite. First,

the conditions under which this man lives we would consider miserable and impoverished. His home is a mud daubed hut with a dirt floor, in a barren wind-struck field. His wife died and left him to be both Mother and Father to a large family, and it happens to be one of the most spiritual families I have ever met. Second, he never had a missionary or minister to lead him to Christ, or instruct him. There had never been a missionary in that part of the country. While he was contemplating suicide somehow there came into his hands a portion of the New Testament, he read it and was converted. While riding horse back through those parts I heard of him and hunted him up and was received with great joy. Third, another fact, this man is not a member of our church as yet, or in fact of any organized church. He has not been baptized as yet, though he will be soon. Yet he has had sufficient faith and confidence to entrust us with over one-hundred and thirty-one dollars over a period of five months. I am wondering how many of our Free Will Baptist have been interested to the amount that this poor Cuban countryman has given? If there were obedience in our ranks that would equal the giving of this man, we could easily see our unfinished buildings, that stand as mute evidence as lack of interest or thoughtlessness, having their skeleton clothed with brick and cement. These buildings with their unfinished frame work condemn our lack of liberality.

This man is just one. Another humble Cuban farmer just a short time ago sent in with one of our students the sum of twenty dollars. He said to me, "I was converted last New Year's night, I am sending part of my tithe." There are times that we have to meet the expenses of the school from this National Treasury. At the present time we are at a complete standstill in our building. We have just the frame work of buildings with dirt floors simply because we do not care to incur financial obligations that cannot be met promptly. We have not been able to receive more students this year because of this. With what comes in at the

present we cannot supply the necessary food for the students. We frankly tell you this that you might be led to pray and give to a cause that represents our obligation.

Thomas H. Willey

"WITH ALL YOUR HEART"

"And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13).

"With all your heart." That phrase explains why so many men and women do not find God. They do not find Him because they are seeking Him with divided hearts. Whole-heartedness is essential to any successful search, whether it be for gold or for God. And whole-heartedness in seeking God grows out of realization of need for Him. No sinner can ever find the Lord until he realizes his lost condition and his need of salvation.

Is not the trouble with many Christians simply the fact that they are not seeking God daily? Yes, He has found them in redemption through Christ. But, resting on past experiences, their hearts are divided between allegiance to God and allegiance to the world. Dear friends, will you to-day whole-heartedly seek to know your Lord better?—The Presbyterian.

REVIVAL AT ST. MARY'S IN NEW BERN, N. C.

The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard were scheduled to begin a revival meeting at Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning, November 9th, to run for a period of ten days. The Rev. Mr. Ballard will do the preaching while Mrs. Ballard will direct the singing and other features of the meeting, assisted by the choir and Junior Chorus of the church. Services will be held each evening during the week-time at 7:30 P. M.

The Rev. W. B. Everett is pastor of the church, which is located on Fleet Street.

—New Bern Sun-Journal

ORPHANAGE NEWS

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27 October, 1947

Dear Minister:

One month from today our Thanksgiving Service will be held in the new church (it is not finished but is so we can use it). The program will start at 10:30 with the children under Miss Louise Edgerton rendering appropriate entertainment.

10:30 A. M.—Program by children

11:30 A. M.—Devotions

11:45—A. M.—Thanksgiving Sermon by Rev. Burkette Raper

12:15—P. M.—Public offering

12:30—P. M.—Picnic Dinner

I have arranged for the program from 10:30 to 12:30 to be recorded and re-broadcast. Be sure to come and get in on the recording.

The State Convention received the report of the Orphanage Board and request of \$75,000.00 budget. The budget has been divided among the conferences and associations and individuals as follows:

Albamarle Conference	---\$ 5,000.00
Western Conference	-----\$12,000.00
Eastern Conference	-----\$15,000.00
Cape Fear Conference	---\$ 6,000.00
Central Conference	-----\$15,000.00
Pee Dee Association	-----\$ 2,000.00
Rocksh Association	-----\$ 2,000.00
Piedmont Association	-----\$ 5,000.00
French Broad Association	\$ 5,000.00
Jack's Creek Association	-\$ 3,000.00
Toe River Association	-----\$ 3,000.00
Individuals and relatives	-\$ 2,000.00

We hope to have your churches raise as much of this as possible during November and December which are Orphanage months. If I can be of service to you in your campaign to reach the quota for your conference and churches please let me know. I sincerely thank you for your gifts and offerings to care for these precious children.

Yours in service,
James A. Evans,
Superintendent

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I was licensed to preach the gospel by Aspin Grove Church. The church gave me the license last December the seventh, and since that time I have been engaged in conducting prayer meetings three to five nights each week. In the community of Aspin Grove Church we have prayer meeting every Sunday night, Tuesday night, Wednesday night, and Friday night we have prayer meetings in the community. Brother Heber Joyner works with me quite often in the prayer services.

I am glad to say that God has blessed me much in these services in the homes with the good people. There have been eight souls led to Christ, and all of them united with Aspin Grove Church. I am asking all praying people to pray for us that God will greatly bless the work that is being done in these prayer meetings from time to time.

I should like to state that I have had the opportunity to preach in several of our churches and will appreciate the opportunity to fill any appointment for any of the brethren at any time, or to conduct prayer meetings in some new community that I may meet more people interested in the Lord's work. Please pray for me that I may grow in the grace and love of our Lord and Saviour. I want to be a blessing to all mankind wherever I can go, not only on Sundays, but also at other times.

I will soon go before the Ordaining Council for examination, and please pray for me that I may be found qualified to pass the examination. If anyone should like to know any more about me, he can get in touch with Brother P. C. Wiggs, Brother L. B. Manning, C. D. Hamilton, or J. D. Vernelson. I am looking forward to the opportunity of meeting more of the church people in the near future. Please pray for your brother in Christ Jesus.

Rev. T. P. Ellis,
Fountain, N. C.,
Route 1

Words are important; deeds more so.

ATTENTION LEAGUERS

The time for our next District Convention is drawing nigh. I hope that during the past quarter everyone has been busy working for our Lord.

As secretary I would like to bring to your attention the following items:

1. Please fill out report blanks mailed to you in full and mail them back to me at P. O. Box 103, Fountain, N. C.

2. Be sure to elect your delegates, and discuss with them the activities your league has participated in during the last quarter so they will be prepared to give a good report at the convention.

3. Send as many members of your league as possible and older members of your church also. We wish to make this a great convention for Christ's honor and glory.

If there have been any leagues organized since the fifth Saturday in August, please send to me your secretaries names and full address.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to the above I remain,

Yours for Christ,
Rachel E. Wooten,
Secretary-Treasurer

A LAYMAN'S SERMON


One snowy day, a layman stood in a pulpit to preach an improvised sermon because the pastor had been "snowed in." There were only a few people present, and the sermon was only ten minutes long because the layman could think of nothing more to say. But his text was, "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth," and down in the rear of the church, under the balcony, sat a youth who had slipped in because he could not travel farther through the snow to his own church. The lad was Charles Haddon Spurgeon and in those ten minutes he was sold an idea.—Christian Union Herald.

A cultural mind and a sympathetic heart make an excellent combination.

GLADYS HINES Talks To TEEN-AGERS

(Reprinted from Youth's Banner)

Tragedies of Teen-Age Drinking

 I, Teen-agers! Today we're going to discuss one of the saddest topics I've ever heard of—Teen-age Drinking. Perhaps you are thinking, "Well, why do I have to worry? Those things don't happen in 'our' world." But, boys and girls, you may as well face the facts. They DO happen in our own communities. They are happening every day.

Would you believe it if I said that 71% of the alcoholics are teen-agers or people who had been drunk before they were twenty years old? Well, that's actual facts and a good many of them are girls. In the years past, women were looked upon as being the purest creatures on earth with the exception of Jesus Christ. The poets often wrote about our women. You have probably heard the expressions—"young Americans, boys strong and keen-minded; girls as fresh-faced as the pink and white arbutus." Let's compare those with today. Why, there they go, piling into a car, screeching with laughter and often about half drunk! And where are they going? You guessed it. To some roadhouse where they can get "just one more bottle." And the result—gambling, cursing, driving reckless, wrecks, deaths, or cripples for life. Isn't that awful?

Besides the physical dangers, there's your "brain" to think of. Alcohol weakens the mind and leads to insanity. You can get along fairly well with a wooden leg, but you would have a hard time trying to use a wooden head. If you keep your brain clear and strong, you've got to keep your body fit and well. A well developed mind and an unhealthy body don't mix so well.

But we are all human and all frail, so we'd better not do too much blaming in any direction, but rather try to help. We do not tolerate the obvious use of morphine or opium; we should not tolerate drinking. Drinking leads to things that break down the command of the individual over his own life and his own destiny.

So, Teen-agers, think about this, won't you? Don't hesitate to turn down that bottle of beer or wine. Go off in a corner and ask God to strengthen you so that you

won't weaken and yield to temptation. And please don't laugh at the person who is drinking and making a dunce of himself. He is ruining his life and maybe others' too. He needs your deepest sympathy. Include him in your prayers and help make America a God-loving people rather than an alcohol-loving nation!

MISSION ITINERARY FOR REV. KENNETH TURNER

November 20 — St. John, Wayne County.

November 21 — Casey's Chapel, Wayne County.

November 22—Daly's Chapel, Lenoir County.

November 23—Bethel, 11 a. m., Lenoir County.

November 23—Goldsboro, 7:30 p. m., Wayne County.

November 24 — Riverside, Wayne County.

November 25—Tee's Chapel, Johnston County.

November 26—Smithfield, Johnston County.

November 27 — Yelverton Grove, Johnston County.

November 28—Johnson Union, Johnston County.

November 29—Union Meeting, Oak Grove, Sampson County, 11 a. m.

November 29—St. Paul, 7:30, Johnston County.

November 30—West Clinton, 11 a. m. Sampson County.

November 30—Shady Grove, 7:30, Sampson County.

December 1—Robert's Grove, Sampson County.

December 2—Lee's Chapel, Sampson County.

December 3 — Corinth, Sampson County.

December 4—Pleasant Grove, Harnett County.

December 5 — Prospect, Harnett County.

December 6—Stevens' Chapel, Johnston County.

December 7—Bethel, 11 a. m., Johnston County.

December 7—Hopewell, 7:30, Johnston County.

December 8 — St. Mary's Grove, Johnston County.

December 9 — Powhatan, Johnston County.

December 10 — Wooten's Chapel, Wayne County.

December 11—Spring Hill, Wayne County.

December 12—Black Jack, Wayne County.

December 13—May's Chapel, Wayne County.

December 14—North East, 11 a. m., Wayne County.

December 14—Kinston, 7:30, Lenoir County.

December 15—Sandy Plain, Duplin County.

December 16—Cabin, Duplin County.

THE LAW OF NATIONS

From Moses' day to Solomon

God's people prospered, sinned, and fell,

Repented, rose, and failed anon;

A half millennium proved so well

The promises and warnings given,

The lesson could not fail impress

The scholar king that grace from Heav'n

Attended times of righteousness.

He knew by heart the history

Of Israel's murmuring and doubt,
The forty years of penalty,

Of Achan's sins and Joshua's rout.

He learned the sordid tale at school

Of Benjamin that could not win;

And Saul confirmed the sacred rule

That people taste reproach who sin.

Yes, righteousness exalts a land,

And sin reproaches people still;

Examples lie on every hand,

The proof the nations' annals fill.

A rugged Rome arose to power,

And in decadence found its grave;

Fair France enjoyed her golden hour

Impoverished now, she grieves, a slave!

America, awake and think!

If present trends should take their course,

If lowering morals still should sink,

God's law of nations is in force—

Its sacred sanctions cannot fail!

Our Pilgrim Fathers cannot bless,

A glorious past cannot avail,

If we depart from righteousness!

—Ralph T. Nordlund.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Britain Needs Liquor Money

According to news reports, Great Britain needs dollars so much that she will not follow the example set by the distillers and Brewers of the United States in cutting down the use of grain in the making of liquors and beer. In other words money is more important than lives of men and women and children. They are expecting an increase in the making of liquor in the future. But we here in America are expected to "tighten our belts" and save the scarce grain and send it to Europe to feed the starving, while Great Britain makes liquor for them. I have not seen anything to that effect, but I wonder if Russia will cut down on her intoxicating liquors in order to feed her neighbors in Europe. I doubt that she will. The liquor industry brings to Britain about \$30,000,000 a year. Britain is financially bankrupt and the United States will be if the U. S. has to fight Britain's wars and pay off the debt and run both governments financially as it has been doing for world war I and II. We call it "Lend-Lease," but in effect it is not to be paid by Britain. We have never collected from Europe for the war known as World War I, and we will not for No. II.

Increased Crime

In an editorial appearing in the News and Observer (Raleigh) we have the assertion as follows: "The increased consumption of intoxicants since the repeal of national prohibition and the sale of liquor in private and public places (called ABC stores) has increased drunkenness and crime. This is shown by a nation-wide survey by professors of Rutgers College. They report that two out of three Americans drink."

The "wets" told us that with legal sale of liquor the consumption of li-

quor would decrease. But that was silly, and I knew it then. The very idea! "Make more and drink less." But the devil is the power behind the manufacture of all intoxicating beverages, and Jesus said, "He was a liar from the beginning." He further said, "He is the father of liars." So, there you go with the liquor business.

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Now, a modern Solomon says: "We want to make it better by selling it over the bar." Yes, that is what the "wet crowd" has wanted from the beginning. The old dirty-slimy-rotten-stinking hell-hole called the "bar-room! With the women of today that drink liquor, wouldn't they be a stinking drunken women and drunken men wallowing together around the "brass-rail?" Some of the biggest drunkards this side of hell are women.

Why I Am Against Liquor

First, may I say that I am against it because it wrecks lives, destroys homes, and damns souls in hell. But I believe every word of the Bible and the Bible teaches me to leave it off and to fight it with all my power. Here are a few of the Scriptures that condemn liquor and its use:

"Be not among wine bibbers" (Prov. 23:20). Christians will obey this commandment. Where is a real Christian that wants to be in a company of drunks, yawning, cursing, spueing, wallowing and doing everything else that Satan can spout through the snout of his dupe?

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1).

"Be not drunk with wine" (Eph. 5:18). Here we are commanded to "be not drunk with wine." God's word says that no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of God. Get your Bible right now and turn to the Fifth Chapter of Galatians and read verses 19-21 and see how God classifies drunkenness. God puts it down with murder and all other works of the flesh. Yes, I am against liquor, because I know that the devil is for it. I am opposed to anything that the devil stands for. He certainly runs the liquor business, and of course, he does it through his friends.

The Only Sin that Condemns a Soul to Eternal Death

Often we are asked, "What is the biggest sin? What is the unpardonable sin?" Well, there is a sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, which Jesus says shall not be forgiven. Jesus Christ cast out devils by the Holy Ghost, and these Christ rejectors accused Him of casting out devils by Beelzebub, and "by the prince of devils casteth he out devils" (Mark 3:22-30). Why did they say this? Because they dis-believed Christ. Their unbelief caused them to say what they said, and do what they did. Had they believed in Christ they would have acted differently and their speech would have been different. Men go to hell for rejecting the Son of God—the Lord Jesus Christ. If we accept Him we will do what He says do, and leave off that which He condemns. "He came unto his own and his own received him not, but as many as received him unto them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name" (John 1:11, 12). "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). "What must I do to be saved?" said the Jailer (Acts 16). "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (I John 5:1).

A REVIVAL

Miss Louise Harris
Greenville, N. C.

The revival meeting will begin at Parker's Chapel on Sunday night, November 9, at 7:30 o'clock. It will be conducted by Rev. P. C. Wiggs.

The meeting was postponed from October to November because we were building some to the church and repairing the old part.

Let us pray for this meeting that many souls will be saved, and all Christians will be revived.

We cordially invite each and everyone of you to attend this revival.

WAKE UP FREE WILL BAPTISTS, WHICH WAY ARE WE HEADED?

Thinking probably that our church, Piny Grove, in Beaufort County, was not as active or doing as much for the cause of Christ as we should, I began to study and think of some ways whereby we could make some improvement. So, I decided I would visit some of the sister churches and thereby learn some of the methods they were using to improve their church work. Then, if they were using good plans I could ask the membership of my church to adopt their plans. So on a recent Sunday, my wife and I went over in another county to visit a Free Will Baptist Church. We went in the church just before the minister began his sermon, we sat near middle way of the church, so we could hear the sermon real good. The sermon was from Matthew, 6th chapter, 9th to 13th verses. After the service was over we stood there by our pew until most of the people had passed out of the church, then we stood around in the yard a while, then went and sat down in our car until most of the cars had left the church yard. And, Lo and Behold, not a solitary member of that church even spoke to us or acted like they even saw us. This church that we visited is the home church of a former minister of Piny Grove, Beaufort County.

This former pastor of Piny Grove was there but he did not do the preaching. He could have been so busy with other church matters that he failed to see us, but we saw him several times. So, after making this visit, I have decided that Piny Grove is making a little progress even tho we have room to make more. I do believe that some, if not most, have learned at our little church to heed the advice of St. Paul as recorded in Hebrews 13:2. Abraham did some entertaining strangers and was blessed thereby, Genesis 18:1-8. Read how Lot was blessed by entertaining strangers, Genesis 19:1-3.

My prayer is that we Free Will Baptist will wake up and do a greater work for our Master in the future than we have in the past, and may we keep our eyes open so if the Master

should come in our midst we would be able to see him. Only a few days ago one of our very able Free Will Baptist preachers told me of a visit he made to a church (not to preach but just to visit) and no one even noticed him. I wonder what is our trouble, and where are we headed to? I am afraid if we don't use more hospitality we are headed in the wrong direction.

Olander Harrison,
Greenville, N. C., R-5

THE ORIGINAL OR A COPY

It is possible for us to purchase reprints or imitations of the masterpieces of the great artists for almost a song, whereas the original may be worth a fortune. These masterpieces are to be found in art galleries or institutions, or the homes of the wealthy. You and I can afford only small reproductions of them. That is all we may expect. We know we shall never be able to call the original our own.

An incident is told of a carpenter who, seeing the door of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, open, went inside to escape the burning rays of the sun. There he saw on the wall the original of "The Light of the World," by Holman Hunt. Before the magnificent picture sat a woman who was making a copy of it. All the people who came and went kept watching the woman with brush in hand and the canvas on which she was working. Not one seemed to see the original, which is so fascinating.

When our Lord was here He said that others would arise and proclaim themselves as the Christ who should come. And, strange to say, these false leaders who are not even pale copies of Jesus have their followers. Multitudes are putting the original and only Saviour aside, and accepting an imitation that endures for a little time and is then forgotten. Remember what Peter said right after Pentecost, "There is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Unknown.

We join the ranks of the exalted by conquering the debased habit.

F. W. B. L. INSTITUTE AT ROCKY MOUNT

A League Institute was opened on Monday evening, October 27th, extending through Friday night, October 31st, in the Rocky Mount Free Will Baptist Church. The congregation was good each evening, and the lessons seemed to take their rightful place in each heart. There was a grand spirit of co-operation, and a great sense of responsibility and interest was prevalent among the people. I am glad to report that the Institute was successful.

The talents of the young people were not hard to find. There were many who are worthy of recognition. With the knowledge of how to carry on, as we feel they should have by this time, they are really capable of having an outstanding league.

Miss Sara Ann Reynolds, daughter of the pastor, is the League General Director. She is indeed a competent leader. Her consecrated Christian life will, in time, have great influence on those she is leading.

I was deeply impressed with the conduct of the leaguers. They were outstandingly reverent and in a worshipful attitude each time I was present with them.

Their contribution to the State League Convention Treasury was \$29.03. I feel this was splendid for such a small league.

The Rocky Mount League was organized by its pastor, Rev. A. L. Reynolds, shortly after his arrival in October of 1946. Mr. Reynolds has done a very accreditable work there which is worthy the praise of all Christians. The Church and Sunday School have grown considerably, as well as the good work done by the League. It is evident that Rocky Mount Free Will Baptist are waking up, and going forward for Christ. May I urge that we unite ourselves in prayer for an awakening among all our Leagues and Churches of the State and Nation, and remember Rocky Mount and their sincere efforts as we pray.

Alethia Etheridge,
State F. W. B. L.
Field Secretary

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The Woman's Auxiliary Department



MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON
Editor
512 New Street
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THE AUXILIARY WORK MOVING ON

I have noted with great interest, the progress that is being made among our auxiliary members during the past few months. It is very gratifying to know that so many of our women are co-operating with plans to raise the necessary amount needed to prepare and send Miss Zalene Lloyd to India, which is hoped to be done by April, so she can sail about the first of May. It is vitally necessary that we be united in these efforts, trusting in God for leadership and guidance. If any auxiliary has not yet made plans for raising this extra fund, let me urge you to begin now. We are not to confuse this, however, with our usual contributions to the Mission cause, for we must bear in mind that those who are already on the Mission field have to be supported, and they are in faraway lands, looking homeward for our sympathy, our prayers and our financial support, and we **must not fail them.**

We are also glad to see some fine results from our State Field Secretary, Mrs. Maurice Roach, who has organized several new societies, and is active in the work in general. I hope the presidents of the various district conventions will call on her to assist the district field workers whenever she is needed. One district has as much right to enlist her assistance as another. There are many churches in our State that need to enlist the women in this worthy cause, and I believe that she will be able to bring in a wonderful report at the next State Auxiliary Convention, if we support her, pray for her and call on her when we need her.

I was glad to see the programs for our Week of Prayer in last week's issue of the Baptist. I hope each auxiliary in the State has planned to ob-

serve this prayer week, and to make every effort possible to enlist every woman of their church in the carrying out of the program from day to day. It is a worthwhile necessity in our Christian growth, to give ourselves to a more consecrated prayer life. We cannot go far in the work of the Master, without frequent intervals for prayer, so we do earnestly plead for the laying aside of any, and everything, that might stand in the way during the week of the 17th-21st, and dedicate that week to the Lord. I am sure we will be better Christians, our church will be stronger, our Pastor will be uplifted, and perhaps some soul or souls may be brought to the Master because of our own part in this week of prayer.

We have been busy for the past several weeks getting ready to move to our new field of labour, so have not been able to write to our women, however, we are now settled, or about so, and I hope I shall be able to keep in closer touch with all of you, through our Auxiliary Department, than I have been doing. We are now located at Morehead City, and our new work seems promising. I hope you will remember us and our work, in your prayers, and may we keep busy in the Master's service.

Yours to serve,

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President,
State Women's Auxiliary
Convention,
Morehead City, N. C.

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REPORT OF OKLAHOMA STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

We have just returned from the Auxiliary State Convention which convened at the Wewoka Church. The day of October 21st dawned bright and beautiful and for the women of Oklahoma, all roads led to Wewoka. Our State Conventions are something we look forward to with

great anticipation and we have not been disappointed. This year's reports have far exceeded those given in the past. To some of our sister states, who have large conventions, our reports might seem very small, but Oklahoma is fast building an Auxiliary work that we can be proud of. Oklahoma Free Will Baptist women have caught the vision and are labouring earnestly for the good of the cause.

The convention was called in session at 9:30 A. M., and from then until 4:45 P. M., business was transacted systematically and with zeal. Talks on the different phases of the work were inspirational, and enlightening. Among the high points of the president's message was the subject of prohibition. It was very fitting, as at this time we are faced with a great decision, as to whether we want our state to be wet or dry. It lies within the power of church members to say which.

The Reverend J. H. West of Tulsa brought the message at eleven o'clock, using as his text Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whither soever thou goest."

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to the pastors who have stood, and are standing, behind the Auxiliary work. The inspirational messages brought to us by them are like meat and drink to us women who are climbing over great obstacles to carry the Auxiliary work forward.

I was especially proud of our financial report this year, for over one thousand dollars has been paid out to the different phases of the work. Our financial system is one of the best. Tithing from our local treasury to the District, then to the state keeps money on hand to carry on the work of the Lord.

Truly, with the Free Will Baptist women of Oklahoma, the past year has been one of progress. We now have twenty three Auxiliaries with four district conventions.

The newly elected state officers are as follows:

President, Verden Bingham, Oklahoma City.

First Vice-President, Cleo Percell, Bristow.

Second Vice-President, Eileen Melton, Ada.

Third Vice-President, June Crum, Ada.

Fourth Vice - President, Inabell Hamilton, Tulsa.

Fifth Vice-President, Goldie Barker, Oklahoma City.

Recording Secretary, Myrl Wilson, Tulsa.

Assistant Recording Secretary, Myrl Richburg, Tulsa.

Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Bertha Keiffer, Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Lyman Hamilton

NEWS FROM PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

By Edgar W. O'Dell

Professor J. C. Cooper recently closed a very successful singing school in the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, Cramerton, North Carolina, on October 11, 1947. On October the twelfth the church began its revival meeting with Reverend L. H. Clayton, pastor of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina, who did the preaching. J. C. Cooper had charge of the song service. The revival continued for two weeks with many souls being saved. The Reverend Roy Rickard is pastor of this church and the church is growing with an average of about 150 attendance in the Sunday School. There are over two hundred pupils on the roll.

On October the nineteenth the revival meeting at the Washington Street Church in Gastonia came to a close. The pastor, Reverend Sherman H. Oakes did the preaching the first week. The Reverend Liner, pastor of the Mabel Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, did the preaching the last week. The pastor, Reverend Oakes, is conducting a Bible School at this church every Sunday afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend these classes of Bible teaching.

On Saturday, October 29, at 2:00 P. M., the Piedmont Sunday School and Singing Convention met with the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church, North Belmont, North Carolina. The business part of the session was han-

dled in a splendid way. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Edgar W. O'Dell was re-elected as president; vice-president, D. D. Hunsucher of Kannapolis; John R. Newton, Clerk, of Cramerton, N. C.; M. T. Sparks of Cramerton, assistant clerk. The treasurer was re-elected, James Cox of Kannapolis.

Sunday at 10:00 A. M., the convention got under way with a good start, and a splendid address of welcome was made by the pastor of the church, Rev. W. H. Calvert. Each of the following places on the musical program was represented by choruses, quartetts, trios, with directors, or pastors of all five of the following churches: Mabel Avenue, Mt. Zion, Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, Mt. Beulah, Rockingham, Washington Street, Gastonia, Mt. Holly of Mt. Holly, Cramerton, of Cramerton, Caroleen, of Caroleen, N. C., Entwhistle of Rockingham, N. C., Marion First Church, Marion, N. C., and also other places were represented in the convention.

The singing was very good, and spiritual. Many shouted the praises of God, and at some time it seemed that half of the people were on the floor shouting and praising God. Many testimonies were made. The president said that if there were any who did not know the Lord, and felt like coming to the altar, it was in order. At this time a lady said that she wanted someone to pray with her, and many gathered around for the prayer. (The singing still went on.) In a few minutes the lady arose shouting the praises of the Lord, and this was her testimony, "I saw so many people around me and they were so happy that I could not stand it for I wanted to be so happy, too." Then she became happy. Isn't it wonderful when God blesses his people and it looks so good to the sinner that it causes them to give their heart to the Lord.

At noon the dinner was spread on the two large tables on the church grounds, and it was enjoyed by all present.

The next convention will be held on the last Sunday (Saturday night and Sunday) in April, 1948. It will be held at the Mable Avenue Free

Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina. The Reverend Liner is the pastor of this church. On October 27, the Reverend R. N. Hinnant, of Micro, North Carolina, started a Bible School at Goshen Church, North Belmont, North Carolina, and will continue for two weeks. On Monday night the service was very enlightening and everyone enjoyed it very much. Brother Hinnant is a very able Bible teacher. This church had its first Bible School last year, and the people liked it so much that it was voted to have one every year. The Reverend O. M. Hilbourn, of Elizabeth City did the teaching last year.

On November the ninth the Reverends Roy Rickard, of Cramerton, and W. H. Calvert, of N. Belmont, North Carolina, will begin a revival in the F. W. B. Church in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Probably Brother J. C. Cooper, of Fitzgerald, Ga., will be with them, and conduct the singing, at least part of the time. Reverend O. M. Hilburn is the pastor of this church.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I, Alton Hill, Jr., have been licensed by the Kinston F. W. B. Church to preach the gospel. I was licensed on August 24, 1947.

I will be available for the conducting of prayer services, or doing regular religious service. If any church should desire my services, please correspond with me or see me in person.

Alton Hill, Jr.,
603 Terminal Street,
Kinston, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am now a student at Trevecca College in Nashville, Tennessee, and that all my friends may correspond with me here at anytime, as they see fit. My address is Post Box 35, Trevecca College, Nashville 4, Tennessee.

Yours for Jesus,
Mrs. Judy Caro



THE WAY OF LOVE

(Lesson for November 23)

Lesson: I John 2:7-11, 15-17; 3:13-18.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Follow after charity" (I Cor. 14:1).

There is a grand principle set forth in the text for to-day, which reads: "Follow after love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy" (A. S. V.). Here is the complete abnegation of the individual; self-denial can go no farther than this. Most of us desire to be loved: our text commands that we be the slaves of love. We are to be led by love and are to serve love's interests and advance its purposes, at any cost to self. This is only possible to the new creature in Christ Jesus! Rigid adherence to this Scriptural admonition would smooth away most of the difficulties which snarl up human relations and bring strife in our complicated civilization.

We all know censorious people who are quick to pounce on the faults of others, never hesitating to publicly denounce that which they deem wrong in the person they reprove. Totally ignoring the warning of Romans 14:4, "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth," they nominate and elect themselves the custodian of the conscience and conduct of some other member of the family or group. When you point out to such persons that they were harsh and uncharitable in their judgment and denunciation, they justify themselves by saying, "Well, I only spoke the truth!"

This may be so. But there are all sorts of ways of speaking the truth, and one rule for so doing must never be ignored. This precept is given in

Ephesians 4:15, "Speaking the truth in love"! Brother, that makes a tremendous difference—not in correction, not in censoriousness, not in rebuke, not in judgment, **but in love**. If love had its way, many unpleasant and harsh words would never be spoken, even if they were utterly true. The follower after love has a tender sense of compassion for even the wrongdoer, looking to himself as one who is also occasionally tempted.

II. Heart of the Lesson

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now, verse 9. It appears here that hatred dwelling in the heart of a Christian against his brother in Christ classifies him as living in spiritual darkness. He is living in a sinful condition, and the light of God's holy love dwells not in his heart. "Nobody can possess this principle of holiness and hate his brother."—Dr. B. L. Olmstead. As long as hate lingers in the heart of a person against his neighbor or friends, that long will he remain in a state of darkness and dissatisfaction. Darkness, as generally used in the Bible, is a symbol of sin. Verse eleven clearly sets forth this truth, by saying, "He that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." The darkness of sin does blind a person's spiritual eye, or vision of God's holy truth. The Apostle John understood this quite well and therefore stated plainly this truth in his First Epistle. Many people today are living in the darkness of sin, not only because of hatred lingering in their hearts against others, but also because of moral depravity dwelling in their lives. But the possession of a true spirit of brotherly love is an evidence that a person has undergone an inner change of heart, and in which goodness and love have taken the place of hatred, jealousy, revenge, covetousness, etc.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

We hope you will study each verse of this lesson carefully, using the helps in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies.

III. A Historical Sketch

The American people are indebted for the existence of the Thanksgiving holiday, to a woman—a beautiful character, little known in history, but whose lone vigilance through years of effort finally resulted in the addition of this special day to the calendar.

Her name is Sarah Josepha Hale. She is affectionately called "The Mother of Thanksgiving."

When she started her campaign for a unified Thanksgiving holiday, Mrs. Hale was editor of "Goodey's Lady's Book." This was one of the most influential journals of that period, widely circulated throughout the United States. She launched her campaign by writing editorials for this magazine. In the face of vigorous opposition, she clung tenaciously to the ideal, writing, lecturing, "button-holing" political dignitaries.

Historical odds were against her. It is a fact that only once in the span of years between the first Thanksgiving at Plymouth and President Lincoln's Proclamation in 1863, did the United States observe Thanksgiving as we do at the present time. This was the occasion of General Washington's Proclamation in 1789.

At the editorial desk of an influential magazine, she was a person who demanded consideration. She kept writing and publishing stirring editorials, which made vocal her demand for unified Thanksgiving observance. One treatise entitled "A Union Thanksgiving Day," appealed directly to the people. By the year 1852, she had succeeded in bringing 29 States and Territories into line, for the last Thursday of November. Each year she would proclaim that particular day as Thanksgiving Day, and it is said the people generally kept it with her.

She slipped away to be with the Lord in her ninetieth year. As far as can be learned, no monument of marble has been erected to the Mother of Thanksgiving. Yet, the very nature of this National holiday, now observed uniformly throughout the United States, stands as a memorial

to her indefatigable patriotic efforts.
—The Defender Magazine.

PROGRAM

of
Second Union Meeting

of the
North Carolina Central Conference
for
November, 1947

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This session of the union will be held with
Rose of Sharon Church in Martin County.
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Saturday Morning

- 10:00—Devotional by M. S. Cowan
- 10:15—Business period
- 10:45—Temperance address by Rev. C. J. Harris
- 11:05—Season of prayer and congregational singing, led by Mrs. J. T. Beddard
- 11:20—Sermon by Rev. J. P. Woodard
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Re-assemble with devotions by Rev. Graham Baker
- 1:15—"The Pastor's Place in the Sunday School," by T. E. Skinner
- 1:30—Report of the churches
—Business period
- 2:15—Open forum for the good of the union meeting, led by Rev. R. H. Mason
- 2:35—Announcements, song service and adjournment by Rev. D. A. Windham

M. S. Cowan,
L. W. Humbles

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION PROGRAM

Morning Session

- 10:00—Sunday School by the local school
- 11:00—Devotions led by Leroy Forlines
- 11:15—Address of welcome by M. S. Cowan
- 11:25—Response by Miss Marilyn Hardee
—Special music
- 11:30—Convention Sermon by Rev. Graham Baker
- 12:00—Brief business period

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions by Lee Dail.
- 1:15—Address: "Why Be Religious Anyway?" by Miss Jane Tyson
- 1:30—Special music by King's X Roads Sunday School
- 1:40—Business period
- 2:00—Oral reports by delegates
- 2:20—Miscellaneous business
- 2:30—Special music and adjournment

By Committee:
Connie Hines,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Gladys Hines

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The quarterly meeting will be held at Bethlehem Church on Saturday evening at 7:00 P. M., and the communion service will be conducted on November the sixteenth. The preaching service will be about 11:00 A. M. All are invited to attend these services. Miss Esther Polson is the clerk of the church.

The first quarterly conference which is to be held with Piny Grove Church near Hartsville, South Caro-

lina, will be on Saturday, November 29, 1947. This church is in the Rock Fish Free Will Baptist Association. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting. The services will begin about 10:00 A. M., and dinner will be spread on the church grounds at the noon hour.

By Church Reporter

A slip of the foot, pen or tongue, may be dangerous and destructive.

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Dear Mr. Bowen,
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Yours to serve,
Alethia Etheridge

Bryan League, Texas
Dear Committee:
Enclosed you will find 10% of our weekly offerings since we voted to send our ten per cent.
Yours truly,
Mrs. G. C. Williams

Pamlico League, South Carolina
Dear Mr. Bowen,
Enclosed you will find a Money Order for which we send to Board. Our league hope that we may make very soon.
Yours in Christ,
Mrs. W. L. Harr

Beulaville League, North Carolina
Dear Mr. Bowen,
Ten per cent of our collections beginning in June through the month of August will be mailed with this report.
Yours in Christ,
Arlene Sanderson

Newoka League, Oklahoma
Dear Mr. Bowen,
The money enclosed is an offering to the National League Board. This is for the months of July and August.
We pledged to send \$2.50 a month.
Sincerely,
Thurlene Jones

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CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE HAND OF A FRIEND

It was a beautiful day. The deep snow that seemed would never go away had been melting fast and was nearly gone. The streams were swelling until it seemed that they would burst.

Jim and Fred, who lived on the outskirts of the small village, were very good chums. They were now on their way to the little church in the center of the village. It was time for Sunday School. They had to pass a large stream which was tearing at its banks. They stopped and watched it as it raced along. It was fun to throw in sticks and watch the swift current carry them along.

"Let's not go to Sunday School today," suggested Jim. "It's more fun here. We can go next Sunday."

"All right," said Fred, "but what would our mother say to us?"

"Oh, what do we care?" retorted Jim.

"Well, we ought to go on to Sunday School," said Fred, seriously.

However they stayed by the bank and away from their class at the Sunday School. Jim, the younger, was a giddy lad and he amused himself by jumping on the banks overhanging the stream. He liked to annoy Fred who became much alarmed and shouted out, warning his friend of the danger.

"Who is afraid?" shouted Jim. Then just to show his courage he gave an extra run and jump, and much to his surprise the soft sod gave away and went rolling with Jim into the rushing torrent below. He was carried helpless down the stream. His courage was all gone now. The water was very deep and so cold and he thought he would drown. He thought of all he had done that was wrong and then wished that he had gone on to Sunday School. There seemed little chance of being saved.

Fred, standing there, was speechless with terror; but suddenly he re-

membered that down the stream was a little bridge. Rushing down the bank at top speed, he reached the bridge. As he expected, the water was so high that it nearly touched it, and by lying flat on his stomach, he waited until Jim should come by. He must reach him! He must save him! At last the struggling boy came near, and with all his energy Fred seized Jim by the collar and held him fast. Twice the weight of his chum nearly pulled him into the water, too, but he hung fast.

"Hold me! Help me! Save me!" cried Jim. He was so frightened that he could not help himself. Fred continued to tug away and finally dragged his pal from the icy water.

Jim stood a moment, dripping wet, then he threw his arms around Fred and said, "Fred, you were so good. You did not even think of yourself. You thought only of saving me. Fred, do you know that you are just like Jesus. You were willing to die for me."

Tears were in the eyes of both boys. It had been a narrow escape. "I don't know what Mother will say," said Jim.

Fred replied, "I don't know, but I do know that you were very near death. Just think: you almost saw Jesus face to face. We ran away from Sunday School and then you were so careless. Why didn't we go on as we should have gone?"

"Well, Fred," said Jim, "I'm going right home to tell Mother the truth, and this is the last time, too, that I will ever be so careless."

"And next time we'll go to Sunday School, too," said Fred. "I think I'll go on even now and I'm not going to miss any more Sundays this year."

"I'm with you, too, from now on," said Jim. "And I'm glad for the hand of a friend. You helped even as Jesus helps every boy and girl."

"Yes," said Fred, "Jesus is a real Friend."—The Wonderful Word.

PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Second Union meeting of the Western Conference which is to be held with Rock Springs Church in Nash County near the town of Bailey on November 29, 1947.

Saturday Morning

- 10:00—Opening song by the congregation
- Devotions and appointment of committees
- Welcome address by the pastor
- Response by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
- Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
- Roll call of ministers
- 11:00—The union sermon by Rev. J. C. Varnell
- 12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00—Song by the congregation
- Devotions by Rev. Luther Boykin
- Roll call of churches
- Reports of committees and officers
- Petitions for the next union meeting
- The election of officers for 1948
- 3:00—Closing song and adjournment

By the Committee
Mrs. Nade E. Strickland

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REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention of the Albemarle district met with Mt. Olive Church August 31, 1947.

The devotions were conducted by Mr. Archie Willoughby. Prayer was offered by Mr. Willoughby. He read his scripture from Genesis, 7th chapter, reading from the first verse through verse five.

The president gave his message.

The list of schools were called and those represented were:

	Orph.	Mis.	Edu.	Conv. Ex.	Sup.
Fairmount Park -----	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.17	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$4.00
Mt. Olive -----	4.50			.50	
Union Chapel -----	6.00			1.00	
Malachi's Chapel -----	38.04			2.00	
Mt. Tabor -----	29.32	1.00	1.00	1.00	\$2.00
Belhaven -----	32.96	2.00	2.00	1.00	
Portsmouth -----	1.00	1.00		1.00	
Elizabeth City -----	17.58		2.00	1.00	
Gum Neck -----	5.00			1.00	
Sidney -----	4.00	.50		.50	
Shiloh -----	6.00		2.00	2.00	
Mt. Zion -----	5.65	1.00	1.00		
Free Union (T. C.) -----	4.30				
Hickory Chapel -----	19.51				
Free Union (B. C.) -----	45.01		1.00	1.00	
Trinity -----	6.00	2.00	2.00		
Totals -----	\$226.87	\$15.84	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$6.00

On motion Portsmouth church be added to the list of Sunday Schools.

On motion we continue to support the Orphanage as heretofore.

We were very glad to have Rev. R. B. Spencer with us and at this time he made a talk in regards to the book department at the Press. He mentioned the Sunday School quarterlies, League quarterlies, Youth's Banner, the Baptist and "His Name Among All Nations," by Miss Laura Belle Barnard.

On motion a discussion be had and that this discussion be: That each new Sunday School be given a kit, and in this kit be all the necessary things for a new Sunday School and a person be sent to the school to help them get properly organized.

Congregational singing was led by R. P. Harris. Prayer offered by him.

We were very glad to have Bro. M. L. Johnson with us and he brought the convention message. He used for his subject, "You Can't Do Business with the Devil."

An offering was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$61.86. This

made a total for the Orphanage of \$288.73.

Afternoon Session

The devotions were conducted by Mr. L. D. Ange. Prayer was offered by Mr. Spencer.

We were favored with special music by a quartet from the local church.

Rev. R. C. Ambrose gave a very interesting talk, using for his subject, "Wise Words About Work."

We were again favored with special music, this time by the Free Union quartet.

On motion each new Sunday School that is organized in the Albemarle district be given a kit and that this kit contain quarterlies, secretary book, necessary books for the benefit of the teachers and other officers of the Sunday School and a person be sent them to help organize their school properly.

A committee was appointed to select someone for a field worker and decide how this person is to be financed. The committee is: Whitford Alexander, David Furlough and R. P. Harris.

On motion we continue to send our money to the Sunday School Convention for the Orphanage as heretofore.

Mr. Davenport read a letter in regards to the Orphanage.

On motion we extend to this church and community a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful way they entertained this convention.

The treasurer made his report and it was accepted.

On motion the meeting adjourned

to meet with Shiloh Church November 30, 1947.

Dismissed by Mr. Tom Davenport.

Oscar Webster, President,
Miss Alice Webster, Secretary

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Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen

The Christian Colleges in China are face to face with the gravest crisis in their history.

Having struggled heroically and successfully through ten perilous years of war, dislocation, migration, exile, return, rehabilitation, post-war inflation, and civil strife, they now confront their greatest peril—peril so great that they can survive only through the immediate and sacrificial response of all their American friends.

Here are the bare facts:

From the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War in 1937 to Pearl Harbor, the Colleges were provided war relief funds raised by the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China (now United Board for Christian Colleges in China). Since 1941, they have relied upon United China Relief, then the National War Fund, then United Service to China. Now, that support has virtually dried up.

A year hence, adequate assistance should again be forthcoming through the new fund-raising appeal, American Overseas Aid, in which the Christian Colleges in China are included. But, for the current academic year, already begun with bulging enrollments, almost no money is in sight. Meantime, costs of all kinds steadily mount, inflation skyrockets, faculty salaries have only 15% of pre-war purchasing value. No part of the blame for this situation falls on the leaders of the Colleges in China.

How can the crisis be met and conquered?

At a special meeting of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China on October 14, it was unanimously voted to appeal to all friends of the Christian Colleges in China for an Emergency Fund of \$600,000 to see the Colleges through this temporary but desperate emergency, to be sought as follows: From Mission Boards, \$200,000; From Foundations, etc., \$200,000; From Individual Friends, \$200,000.

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unquestioning confidence and expectation for resources essential to their mere survival.

Let us match their faith with our gifts!

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Then shall I know even as I am known.—I Corinthians 13:12.

My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me;
I cannot choose the colors

He worketh steadily.
Ofttimes He weaveth sorrow,
And I, in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper,
And I the underside.
Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.
—Christian Index

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They Never Quite Leave Us

They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above;
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love.
The work which they left and the books which they read
Speak mutely, though still with an eloquence rare,
And the songs that they sang, the words that they said,
Yet linger and sigh on the desolate air.
And oft when alone, and oft in the throng,
Or when evil allures us, or sin draweth nigh,
A whisper comes gently, "Nay, do not the wrong,"
And we feel that our weakness is pitied on high.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

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PROGRAM

Program for the First Western Union Meeting of North Carolina to be held at Spring Hill, Wayne County on November 29, 1947.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by Rev. Willie Renfrow
—Welcome address by the pastor
—Response by Rev. M. L. Johnson
—Moderator's message
—Orphanage report by committee
—Business session
—Roll call of ministers
11:15—Sermon by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Rev. Milton Davis
1:15—Reports of churches
—Petitions for next union
—Report of Finance Committee
—Business session
—Report of Treasurer
3:00—Adjournment

Sunday Morning

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Morning worship, Rev. W. R. Williams

By Committee:
Mrs. James Hunt,
Hugh Boyette

PROGRAM

The Third Union Meeting of the Western conference of North Carolina will convene with Shady Grove Free Will Baptist church, Durham County, November 29, 1947.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by Rev. C. G. Ashley
10:15—Welcome address by pastor
10:20—Response by Rev. T. W. Choplin
10:25—Moderator's message
10:30—Business Period
—Roll call of ministers
—Appointment of committees
11:00—Sermon by Rev. Paul J. Ketterman
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Rev. Allen B. Bryan
1:15—Roll call of churches
1:30—Some Things We Need to Know About Missions by Mrs. Janie Hill
1:45—Report of committees
2:00—Miscellaneous business
—Petitions for the next Union
3:00—Adjournment

Q. Hansley,
T. W. Choplin

OUR THANKSGIVING

For the days when nothing happens,
For the cares that leave no trace,
For the love of little children,
For each sunny dwelling place,
For the altars of our fathers,
And the closets where we pray,
Take, O gracious God and Father,
Praises this Thanksgiving Day.

For the harvests safe ingathered,
For our golden store of wheat,
For the cornlands and the vinelands,
For the flowers up-springing sweet,
For our coasts from want protected,
For each inlet, river, bay,
By the bounty full and flowing,
Take our praise this joyful day.

For the hours when heaven is nearest
And the earth-mood does not cling,
For the very gloom oft broken
By our looking for the King,
By our thought that He is coming,
For our courage on the way,
Take, O Friend unseen, eternal,
Praises this Thanksgiving day.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

NOTICE

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Editorial

WILLIE A. JACKSON PASSES

Brother Willie A. Jackson, a noble citizen of Sampson County, North Carolina, and a most faithful and influential member of Shady Grove Church, was called to his heavenly reward on Tuesday morning, November the eleventh. He had been a member of Shady Grove Church since his early youth, always proving himself capable and worthy of the different offices bestowed upon him by the church. His leadership and influence in the church and in his community was always respected, cherished and valued most highly by the church people and those who knew him best.

Brother Jackson was a life-long member of his conference, the Cape Fear conference, holding the office of clerk of the conference for almost a half century. His good advice and Christian influence among the brethren in the conference was not surpassed by anyone, nor did any doubt his integrity or question his sterling Christian character. He was a true layman of the church, a careful follower of the Lord Jesus, and a faithful friend to his fellow man.

He had been a member of the Middlesex Orphanage Board of Trustees for many years, and also a member of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, for quite a number of years. As an officer of these two institutions of the church, he was influential, gratefully helpful in giving good advice for the advancement of both institutions, and was greatly beloved at all times by the several members of the Boards of these institutions.

We, the entire personnel of the Free Will Baptist Press, wish to express our sincere regrets of Brother Jackson's passing, and desire to extend to the bereaved loved ones and also to their dear friends our sympathy and love, and pray God's blessings upon them.

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TIMELY WORDS OF T. H. WILLEY

We feel led by the Spirit of God to express our feeling concerning the timely words which Brother Thomas H. Willey, our Senior Missionary to Cuba, has written in his recent article to the young men and women who are anticipating to become Christian missionaries in the foreign lands.

We have not read in a long, long time, from any source more appropriate advice to young missionaries than those words of "fatherly advice" of Brother Willey. His article appears in this issue of the Baptist paper, and should be read with a deep concern and sincere prayer upon each heart to Almighty God by every young man and young woman who feels led by the Spirit of God to the foreign fields to do missionary work for the cause of Christ. We have always felt that adequate preparation

must be made by young missionaries before leaving for the foreign mission fields; and now, since studying the words of Brother Willey concerning the needs of the young missionary, we are more convinced than ever that proper training and every possible need should be met, together with the certainty of the definite call of God for the work, before leaving home and dear relatives and friends to render a life service among the lost in foreign lands.

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DAVIS' REPORT

The recent mission report by Brother Winford Davis is gratifying in several particulars. We have noted particularly that some individuals have made most splendid donations to the cause of missions. Those donations are certainly noticeable, when one realizes that people of means can and will give generously to this most worthy cause. We believe others who are lovers of the cause of missions will send in their nice checks to Brother Davis.

We notice also that some of the states have moved up their record above what they were in previous months. This, too, is pleasing to the church people of the denomination. We believe all of the states will seek to move up their standing each month so that, when Brother Davis makes his monthly report through the columns of the church papers, all of them will show an increase above the previous month's standing.

Then, too, we note that many of the local churches, Sunday Schools and the Auxiliaries, as well as the many, many church organizations in the different states, are making their monthly offerings for missions larger. This is a fine spirit and a great blessing for the mission cause of our church. May they ever move forward for the cause of Christ in this great field of work. God is blessing and will continue to bless a people who are liberal, faithful and ever active in the work of spreading the gospel everywhere.

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THE NEW CATALOG

Due to the recent war and also to other difficulties, the Press had not put out a catalog of supplies for some few years, but now the new catalog has just recently come from the press for the convenience of everyone.

The Management now can supply those who should like to have copies of the new catalog whenever they ask for them. This new catalog carries a large list of books and supplies, together with prices, which are carried in stock for the patrons of the Press. All orders for books, Sunday School supplies, Auxiliary booklets, and other religious literature will be filled promptly for the satisfaction of those who wish to patronize the Press.

Timely Advice to Young Missionaries

By Thomas H. Willey

I am greatly concerned about the question uppermost in the minds of our young men and women preparing in our Bible Colleges, and Schools regarding the call and preparation necessary for foreign missionary work.

As a missionary with a background of 20 years of experience in the joys and heartaches of missionary endeavors, I have had an opportunity to charter some of the by-paths and unnavigable rivers and streams in these years.

I know there is a time of groping in the dark, striving to find what you are best fitted to do in the work of the Lord. If I can present some of the fundamentals and practical requirements that might help you to find yourself and His plan for you, I shall be happy.

It is true that it is the work of the Spirit to make clear what we are to do and not for man to tell us, on the other hand we must take into account that we are very human, and some of us very impatient and some very stubborn.

Thinking of a call to missionary work we must consider that there are no two individuals exactly alike, and that God does not deal with those two individuals in like manner.

There is a possibility of one being mistaken who has not spent definite time in prayer to ascertain if he really is called and fitted for this particular work. Any place in the world where a misfit is a calamity the mission field is that place.

The first great fact that we are all in accord with is that God calls definitely and positively to any special work, this is of the Spirit. I would remind you that there is not only the Holy Spirit to consider, but your spirit and other spirits. I know from experience that it is very easy to be influenced in your own mind, to surrender yourself for far distant and strange places after hearing the passionate appeal of a glowing soul with

a burden for a benighted people, and the spirit would motivate you. Be sure it is **the Spirit**. If it could always be with us as it was with Saul and Barnabas in the church at Antioch after much fasting and prayer on the part of the church, the Spirit said, "Separate unto me Saul and Barnabas to the work wherein I have called them."

I have long since stopped encouraging young people to think that they are called to the mission field. This I am convinced is not my responsibility, and if I take it upon myself I am usurping the work of the Spirit. In this I would call to you to prayerful and careful consideration, you can not go to the mission field on mere impulses. I would warn you against this.

A good example to a spurious call is the haste manifested on the part of many of our young people to get married. Boy meets girl and spends a few hours in a parlor then hunts a marriage license. A short time later they want to shake one another.

Marriage and the call is very similar, better investigate, deliberate over each other and make sure you can stand one another or you are in for a separation. With separation there comes frustration.

If I can present some sensible advice to help you find yourself, then I have accomplished my task. If you should happen to be a misfit and I keep you away, I have done you a favor and saved you and the foreign mission board a lot of headaches and money.

First, have you ever thought what it costs the church to train and send a new missionary? I am going to be deadly frank. For five years you will be struggling with some difficult language. You won't be able to express yourself clearly; the sound of some of your words will appear ridiculous to those who listen.

Can you go to school from three to five or seven years then wait five more to express what you have been studying all these years? Twelve

years is a long time to be able to fully express yourself.

There are the material human characteristics that can make us very unfit for the mission field, if they are not dominated and controlled by the Spirit of God. One of the most vital requirements of the individual is that he or she is filled with the Spirit of God; that he knows what is a daily walk with the Master: that he or she knows what it is to leave all and follow Him, not come to the field and then begin to hanker after the onions and garlic of Egypt—the comforts of home. To know in reality the promise, "Lo! I am with you always."

Shall we consider some of the relationships: His relation to his fellow missionary. There are tendencies for the new missionary coming to the field for the first time to have the attitude and feeling that they are going to revolutionize existing conditions; to ignore the fact of seniority. How many cases of failure have resulted from just this mistake! The attitude, "Oh, I don't believe what they say." I can not impress too strongly upon you that if you are going to have this attitude, it is better that you stay at home until God does a deeper work to your heart. Then when you become a senior missionary don't forget the days when you were beginning. Have patience, have understanding, bear and forbear with one another.

The official native workers. The old saying, "familiarity breeds contempt" is just as true on the mission field as it is at home. One of the unpardonable sins of the mission field is that a missionary criticizes and makes remarks against the administration of the work to the native workers. That is where familiarity breeds contempt. There is the tendency also to live very separate lives from the native, letting them know that our ways are not their ways. This should not be. We must make them feel that we are co-laborers together and that we shall share

together, suffer together for the salvation of their people, who become our people.

The people in the various fields and their background. This calls for the ability to adjust oneself to every condition and circumstance. You will be called upon to visit, eat with, sleep with people of the poorest status of life. There may be no floors in the house, pigs may rub against your legs and chickens peck you, dogs scratch their fleas on you as you eat your meal, if you are the missionary you may have to go into that kitchen that is filled with smoke, and help with the preparation. Does the smoke, dirt and unsanitary conditions grate on you until you show by your actions and facial expressions that you are displeased? Or do you relish the food as if it might have been prepared in the finest of homes under the most sanitary conditions. Then, to change the picture, could you sit at a dinner with Doctors, lawyers, and government officials and feel perfectly at ease, as you are served a six-course dinner. Would you in both circumstances have the grace and courage to reveal the Master of your life. Could you converse with an individual of the highest intellect and training, do it with the confidence and graciousness of a child of a king? "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." A humble mud hut or a palace may be your mission field, ask the Lord to prepare you as a true ambassador of the King of Glory.

Now, we shall consider that you are really convinced that you are called of the Lord to the mission field. What suggestions I would give you for preparation?

Most of the advice I shall give applies to both a boy or a girl. Get all the practical experience possible; settle on some musical instrument if nothing other than a harp, and learn to use a hammer, saw, square, level, etc. Take a thorough course in manual training with lumber. Learn something of plumbing. Take a manual course in motors and machinery, learn to repair motors and machinery. You may say why all this? Because you have a difficulty in finding mechanics you can depend on in foreign fields.

Learn something about farming. You are in lands where they do not eat vegetables, if you get them you will have to plant them. If you don't do the planting yourself you will have to direct others who do not know. Study the care of cattle and chickens.

Learn something about first aid and the most needed remedies. Other things to learn are laying brick, bookkeeping and secretarial work, make wagon wheels and saddles, photography, how to get the best results with a camera, develop and print your own pictures, to write effectively and convincingly. Take a course in printing, the ministry of a small printing plant is beyond price.

If it takes you five more years to learn all this you will find it pays when you fit in to every need on the field.

Prove yourself at home. If you can't be a success in the home field, you certainly cannot be in a foreign field. If there is need of an ounce of patience at home there is the need of a ton in the field.

You are no doubt saying I thought I was going to the mission field to preach, but this looks like one must be a jack of all trades. More than this, you must teach others this that you have learned. You will have to show them how to do things.

You shall be called upon to stand before kings and governors, for you are an ambassador, representing your country, therefore you are to be the very best you can be by His grace and help: "Give of your best to the Master."

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am now a student at Trevecca College in Nashville, Tennessee, and that all my friends may correspond with me here at anytime, as they see fit. My address is Post Box 35, Trevecca College, Nashville 4, Tennessee.

Yours for Jesus,

Mrs. Judy Caro

We have nothing to fear if our principles are worthy of imitation.

PRAISE YE THE LORD

"O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he has done marvellous things: his right hand and his holy arm hath gotten him the victory" (Ps. 98:1).

We have had a five-weeks' revival service in Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church which is located about six miles from Conway, South Carolina. It is on Highway Number 501. The first revival meeting in this church was in May and lasted for two weeks. The second one was in June, and it lasted for one week. The last one began on September 28 and lasted until October 12. As a result of these meetings we have had 80 new members added to our church, and the most of them are new converts.

I became a member in June but do not know much about the church affairs, or did not before that time. I do think it would be very hard to find a more spiritual church than we have at this place at this time. There are quite a number who can and will lead in public prayer, or do anything that they can for the upbuilding of God's cause in the world.

We are planning to organize the Young People's League in our church. We have the literature ordered. We now have a good Sunday School and prayer meeting with an attendance of around 80. We are asking an interest in your prayers for our church. Rev. Malcum Harrelson was the evangelist in four weeks of our revival services. Our pastor, Rev. J. A. Hucks, conducted the other week of the revival services. We have preaching services once a month by our pastor. We certainly appreciate having Brother Hucks as our pastor, for he is a fine preacher. We were very glad to have had Brother Harrelson for the revival services which he held for us. Anyone needing a good spiritual evangelist need not fear to call upon Brother Harrelson. We hope to have him back again with us for another meeting.

A Member of the Church

Do your best; leave to God the rest.

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Alice E. Lupton, Editor

HUNTSVILLE OUR NEW FIELD
OF LABOR

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord and Master. We had fully intended to communicate with you through the Baptist paper long before this but on reaching our new field of labor we found the field so white and the workers too few that we have gone day and night to help win the lost to Christ. There is a vast difference in pastoring an old established church and one that must be built from the foundation up. We found a very small group here, but Brother Miller had done well to get the Sunday School building finished before he left, and that gives us more time for personal work. Brother Miller had very little time for visiting while he was engaged in the building process.

We do hope that it will not be very long before we can see the main building begun, and we are asking the prayers of our many friends to join us. We have received 20 new members since we came, and God is wonderfully blessing us for the short time we have been here on this field of labor. We have already granted to one preacher license to preach the gospel, and have reclaimed another, so you can see that the Master is blessing. The new licensed minister is Mrs. Lilly Kelly, a graduate of our Texas State College, and the best of all she is a deep spiritual person. She is ready to go or ready to stay in the work where God shall call. Mrs. Gladys Beane from North Carolina, who came out to visit with us, and who has placed her membership with us, is expecting to locate in Huntsville. Now you have a very small outline of the work here, and we wish now to refer to our two years of work with the precious people at Davis, North Carolina, and also at Cedar Island.

We will always think of those splendid people at Davis and Cedar

Island. We think of them as some of the very best of the "salt of the earth." It would be a great joy to have the time and space to name every member in both of those churches. We could tell of the wonderful services which we all had together in the Lord the short time the good Master permitted us to work together. Through the coming years, should the Master tarry, and should we live, we should like to go back and visit them again. It will be a very great blessing on our lives to look back on the time we spent with them. May God richly bless every one of them, and their new pastors during the coming months and years.

After leaving Davis, we visited one night with Brother Bloss and his church people at Leeds, Alabama. We had a great service with them in the Lord. Then we went on to Cordova, Alabama, where we found Brother and Sister Shutes with a splendid congregation, ready to help pray down a great revival. The work with these dear ones was very pleasant, and 20 souls were saved and reclaimed for the Lord. The weather was extremely hot and we could not do the personal work which is dear to our hearts, as we usually do in evangelistic campaigns. But it was, indeed, a joy to have been able to work with Brother and Sister Shutes. It was also our happy privilege to visit the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama, and we do praise God for the wonderful progress which the dear people are making in Alabama.

We earnestly covet your prayers for our work here in Huntsville, and may God richly bless our great Free Will Baptist family, and all other saints everywhere, is our sincere prayer.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams,
Huntsville, Texas

In contracting friendships remember that mind is the measure of the man.

Jaywalking is always dangerous.
Be circumspect!

NEWS FROM STONE
ASSOCIATION IN
TENNESSEE

I enjoy reading the Free Will Baptist paper very much, for it is uplifting to a young minister to see how our denomination is growing in a wicked age in which we are living. There is much falling away from the faith. I believe in the ancient landmark (Prov. 22:28), and I am contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

I am sorry to say that the world is going modernistic, many leaving out God in many instances. Spiritually speaking the world is starving for the pure gospel. After having read the many reports of the conferences and associations, and not having been able to attend the association mentioned in the Baptist paper, I am sending in a report of our association.

Our association goes by the name of the Stone Association in Tennessee. We have our quarterly conferences, and they are so rich with the blessings of God from heaven that we always look forward to our next meeting. It is simply wonderful to live in the center of God's Holy Will so that one can feed upon His wonderful promises. We have some fine ministers in our association. They are really on fire for the Lord, but while the world goes on in folly and in sin, many of the ministers today are sitting on the "stool of do-nothing" for the Lord. The fact is, God's ministers have much to do if they would get busy about their Father's business. It is very hard at times to reach the lost when Satan is putting out so many attractions to draw people away from the right path of life.

We often have discussions in our quarterly meetings that last for two days, and at the close of the conference we have our communion service, and the washing of the saints' feet. It is a service that each child of God receives a great blessing. As we strive to reach lost souls, we covet the prayers of the Christian people everywhere. As clerk of this conference, I do beg your prayers that God might open up the way that I may preach

wherever He may call me to present the gospel to the lost. I want to carry the gospel as an evangelist over the United States.

Yours to serve in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Malcolm Rogers,
Baxter, Tennessee,
Route 1

SECOND UNION REPORT

The Second Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference convened with Free Union Church in Nash County on August 30, 1947. After the usual devotional exercises the committees were appointed, all except the standing committees. The morning sermon at the eleven o'clock hour was delivered by Rev. J. B. Ferrell. After the message the church people spread the nice lunch on the church grounds.

The afternoon session opened at 1:15 P. M. with the devotions and the business period was entered into for the transaction of the business of the union. The ministers present were J. B. Ferrell, D. Bissette, L. H. Boykin, Tilden Renfrow. J. C. Varnell and Willie Renfrow were visitors to our union. Oral reports were made by Rev. Boykin and T. Renfrow on the Sunday School work and on the subject of Temperance.

Miss Hazel Dawkins was present and made a good mission report by the request of Rev. J. B. Ferrell, and a special offering was taken for the orphanage to the amount of \$20.60. Mrs. N. E. Strickland made a splendid orphanage report. She also reported that all interested people could purchase windows at the New Chapel at the orphanage. A motion was made that this union meeting buy one window at the price of \$100.

The Finance Committee made their report, stating that they had received from the churches the sum of \$47.50. Then the Apportionment Committee made their report, stating that this amount be paid to education, superannuation, missions, disabled ministers' wives and for incidental expenses. The petitions for the next union meeting were received,

and by vote it was agreed that the next union will go to Rock Springs Church near Bailey in November. The union closed with praise and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Moderator,
Rev. J. Frank Parrish,
Secretary-Treasurer

FIFTH EASTERN UNION REPORT

The Fifth Eastern Union meeting of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina convened with Bethel Church in Pamlico County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in August. The union opened with a song service and prayer was offered by Rev. Duff Toler. The moderator was not present and Rev. Roy Miller was selected to act as moderator for the day.

The different committees were appointed after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The moderator welcomed the visitors and delegates to this session of the union. Rev. Wade Jernigan of the Pee Dee Conference was present and made a few remarks. There were seven ministers present and thirty churches were represented and answered to the roll call. Rev. Wade Jernigan preached at the eleven o'clock hour the union sermon. This was an inspiring message to everyone present. Following the sermon the dinner was spread on the church grounds.

The afternoon session was opened by a song service and prayer was offered by Brother Elbert Prescott, and the scripture was read by Rev. B. F. Ringgold. The list of churches was called, and a public offering was taken for Rev. Duff Toler to the amount of \$34.73. This being the time for the election of officers, the following were elected: Rev. Roy Miller, moderator; Rom W. Mallard, secretary-treasurer; E. E. Edwards, representative to the Press.

Finance Report

Received at this union -----\$197.16
On hand from last union ---- 1.89
Total to account for --\$196.05

Disbursements

To the orphanage -----\$100.00
Superannuation ----- 25.00
Missions ----- 25.00
Assembly grounds ----- 20.00
National school ----- 20.00
To the clerk ----- 7.50

Total paid out -----\$192.50
Balance in the treasury ----\$ 3.55

A rising vote of thanks was extended to this church and community for the hospitality shown this session of the union. The union closed with a prayer to meet next time with Union Chapel in Beaufort County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in November.

Rev. Roy Miller, Moderator,
Rom W. Mallard, Clerk

THE PASSING AND THE ETERNAL

An exchange tells of an Englishman, the Earl of Dudley, who, dying a few years ago, left among his effects which were offered for sale, his library. With his other books was a set of Voltaire's works. These infidel writings, ninety-two volumes, in beautiful calf binding, sold for \$2.00. On the other hand, the British government paid \$500,000 for the Codex Sinaiticus, the manuscript of the Bible that was obtained from Russia a few years ago.

Greater than the contrast between the prices of the books as cited above is the contrast in the effects produced by following these contrasting philosophies. All that is best in our "Christian" lands is attributable to God's Book. What is worst among us has come from the rejection, or more often the neglect, of that Word. The atrocities and the brutishness, the disregard for human life and welfare which prevail in Russia to-day are natural products of the national rejection of God's Word.

After less than two hundred years no one wants the works of Voltaire, which attack the Book of God. After nearly two thousand years God's Word is still the world's best seller. Many hammers have been broken upon this anvil. Truth is eternal.—The Free Methodist.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

A Correction

In a former issue of the Baptist an error appeared in that it was stated that "317" where it should have been "117" students had gone out from the Bible College to bless the world. Again I want to say that those educated at the Free Will Baptist Bible College will know the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church, and whether they preach, or teach, or go to the Mission field, they will be sound in the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist church.

Money Coming In for Education

As it looks now, I shall be able to make a glowing report at the end of November. Receipts are "picking up." The various conferences and churches are placing their money in the hands of the State Treasurer, to go through the hands of the State Treasurer. By this method the State Convention can have a report which we all will be proud of when read at the next annual session. Unless the State Treasurer receives your donation he cannot report. That is not only true with our treasurer but it is true with the Mission Treasurer and all others. We are very grateful to those who are recognizing this fact.

"A Grand Success"

Miss Alethia Etheridge reports the League study course at the Rocky Mount Free Will Baptist church to have been "A Grand Success." She is much elated with the work of the church, and greatly fallen in love with the people. Alethia will succeed wherever she goes, because she goes in the name of the Lord Jesus. Any League will do well to call Alethia to serve them in setting their League on the solid foundation that every League should be set.

I Am Very Busy

At this time I am very busy trying to get hold of my new work here in Morehead City, and if you who so often send greetings and encouragement about "Notes and Quotes" miss seeing our work in the Baptist, just know that we are busy and cannot get to the work. We thank you for your interest and the many kind words that come to us from so many whom we love and trust. Pray for us that we may be able to do more as we go along the way. If one soul can be blessed by my writings, I shall be happy. After more than 30 years of writing "Notes and Quotes," I want to keep it up until the end. Again I say pray for your servant.

Eternal Death

God's word teaches us that "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), along with many other passages of Scripture. So the sinner is already dead in sin, and unless he is made alive by the Lord Jesus Christ, he will enter into a state of eternal death in his final rewards.

All orthodox Christians have believed in an eternal punishment for the unbeliever. If we are wrong in this belief, it is because that Jesus Christ wrongly informed us. Christ taught the doctrine and we who are Christians believe what He taught. Christ said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Again Christ said, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matt. 25:46). "And these" into everlasting punishment. It is "everlasting." It is not for a little while; and, then after a priest has been paid enough and "pennance" has been done, the soul is released to go into heaven.

Mr. Joseph Zacchello, a former priest, says "The Roman Catholic doctrine of 'Purgatory' contradicts the teaching of the Bible. The Bible nowhere speaks of a temporal state of punishment after death for believers, but clearly states that when the believer dies he enters into rest."

"Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, that they may rest

from their labours; for their works follow them" (Rev. 14:13). Also see Luke 16:22 and Ecclesiastes 12:7.

But again we take you to the words of Jesus as written by John, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" John 3:36). Notice the word "ABIDETH" this word declares that it is a continuation. "Abideth means perpetual-everlasting. It is a verb that ends with the letters "th" a "continuation."

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death" (Rev. 20:13, 14).

This is the eternal state of the dead who reject the Lord Jesus Christ whether they be Jew or Gentile, black or white, male or female. It makes no difference. "There is no respecter of persons with the Lord." The sinner goes to eternal HELL—"the lake of fire"—eternal punishment. So if Christians are mistaken in the place of punishment for the wicked, it is because the Bible first made the mistake. And I believe the Bible—the whole Bible—from Genesis to Revelations. Yes, from the first word to the last word. This belief makes me an old-fashion FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIAN. One to speak where the Bible speaks and one to be silent where the Bible is silent. AMEN. I will stand on this WORD.

FOURTH UNION PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 29, 1947

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions by L. B. Manning
- 10:15—Welcome address by local church
—Response by C. D. Hamilton
- 10:30—Business period
- 11:15—Sermon by W. L. Hart
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions by N. D. Beaman
- 1:15—Business period
- 2:30—Discussion on the betterment of the churches
- 3:00—Adjournment

R. C. Proctor,
W. E. Gardner,
J. T. Craft

The Free Will

NATIONAL BOARD NOTICES
AND CONVENTION NEWS



Baptist League

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NATIONAL F. W. B. L. BOARD

Rev. C. F. Bowen, Secretary
518 Woodland St. Nashville, Tenn.

Which Is Your State?

Say, leaguers, maybe you would like to know how your state rates in the giving of the ten per cent of weekly offerings to the National League Board. You should have this information, so here it is. Remember, this shows the record as of September 16. After the beginning of the fourth quarter other figures will be shown:

North Carolina leads with \$59.43. Oklahoma takes second place with \$39.00. Tennessee is third with \$21.51. The other states follow in order of amount giving—Missouri, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Texas, Mississippi, West Virginia, Arkansas, and Georgia. Incidentally, Virginia is included in the Tennessee report since part of this came from Bristol which is on the state boundary line. Come on leaguers, let's push our state to the top!

REPORT BLANKS

Say, leaguers, quarterly report blanks will soon be appearing in the league quarterlies. Now, this is most important. If your league will kindly fill in these blanks each quarter and send them to me with your ten per cent of weekly offerings, I shall be able to build up an accurate file on all our leagues. Too, I shall have a birdseye view of the whole strength of our league all over the denomination. Moreover, I shall have the names and addresses of all the principal officers in the leagues all over the country. Please, Mr. President, consider this a task of yours! Let's get these blanks in—and on time. What do you say?

Another thing. Why not accompany your report blank with a letter telling all about your league? I shall be happy to learn what your plans are, what you aim to do this next year, and shall be delighted to give you recognition for some outstanding feat in your work in this column. Then, too, you never can tell; maybe I will have some suggestion for you (as I answer your letter) that will improve some phase of your work. It's worth a try, isn't it?

Yours for the Kingdom First,
Clarence Bowen.

Consistent Christians always command respect.

ATTENTION N. C. YOUTH

At the State League Convention on July 4th, at Micro church the Woman's Auxiliary gave us two loving cups to be used as awards in a "Declaration Contest." We feel this contest will be very interesting to the youth of North Carolina, and we urge each one who is eligible to enter.

The ages will run from 13 through 30 years, which include the entire Intermediate and Senior Departments. This is the only requirement for entry.

The contest will begin in the local church. The leaders of the Senior and Intermediate departments should see that this is carried out correctly. The winner from the local church is sent to the District Union, and the District Winners go to the State League Convention next July 3rd and 4th.

There are three subjects from which you may choose, namely: (1) Evangelism, (2) Missions, (3) Education. Any topic which these three subjects embrace will be suitable.

The contest is not limited to leaguers only. Any youth attending Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday School, or League, between the ages of 13 and 30 is eligible. Please, begin your preparation right away and let us hear about it.

The Executive Board of the State F. W. B. L. Convention will give any Union Meeting District any aid they may need in staging the event. Just write to the President or Field Secretary and the assistance will be rendered.

The Executive Board,
State F. W. B. L. Conv.,
Oscar Webster, President,
Alethia Etheridge, Field
Secretary and Treasurer

PROGRAM

This is the program of the League Union of the Second Union meeting district of the North Carolina Central Conference which will be held at Rose of Sharon Church on Saturday night, November 29, 1947.

Saturday Evening

- 7:30—League song: "Onward Christian Leaguers" and prayer
- President in charge
- The president's message by Graham Baker
- Special music by Rose Hill leaguers
- 8:15—An address by Mrs. James Taylor of Rocky Mount Church. Subject: "Thanksgiving"
- Special music by Gum Swamp Leaguers
- An address by Edna Corbet of King's Cross Roads Church. Subject: "Living a Christian Life"
- Song
- Business period
- 9:20—Closing song and benediction

Rev. A. L. Reynolds,
Program Committee

CHURCH DEDICATION SERVICE

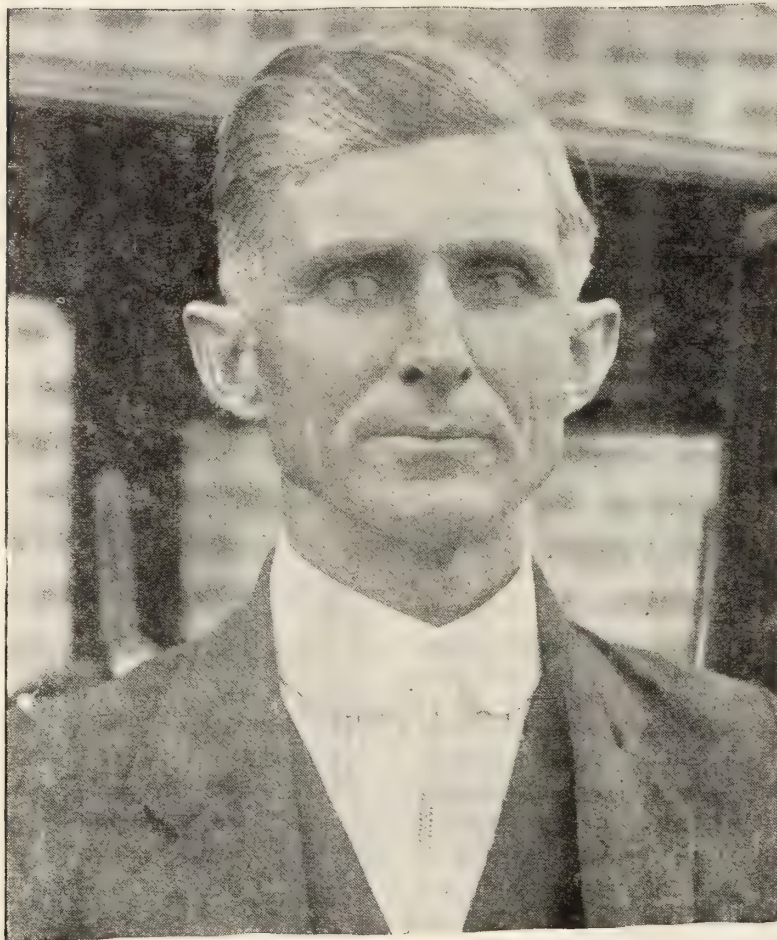
On fifth Sunday, November 30, Casey's Chapel will observe Home-Coming Day, and at this time will dedicate the four new Sunday School class rooms which have just been completed.

The program will include Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock, followed with worship service at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent of our Orphanage, will preach the Dedicatory Sermon. The history of our church will be read, special music rendered, and remarks from our former pastors.

Lunch will be served at 12:30. We invite all former pastors, members and friends to come and worship with us on that day.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Ben Casey

Free Will Baptist Orphanage Loses Great Friend



WILLIE A. JACKSON

Chairman Jackson Of the Orphanage Board Dies at Dunn

Mr. Willie A. Jackson, for many years Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, died at his home, near Dunn, N. C., on Tuesday, November 11, 1947, at the age of 73. His funeral was conducted on Thursday following his death from Shady Grove Church, of which he had been a member most of his life. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Wooley, pastor of the church, the Rev. J. C. Griffin of Morehead City, and the Rev. Minot

Godwin. Many other ministers and lay-leaders of the church were present.

In the passing of Brother Jackson, the Orphanage has lost one of its best friends and most loyal workers. The sound business reasoning and progressive spirit of Mr. Jackson has been one of the big factors in guiding the course of the Orphanage for the past years in a channel of increasing prosperity and usefulness. He will be hard to replace both in efficiency, and in the affection of the children and all those who have worked with him on the Board and on the staff of the Orphanage.

Mr. Jackson was for 44 years Clerk of the Cape Fear Conference, serving for a longer period than any other clerk in the state, if not throughout the denomination. He has held several other important places in our church life, and was also a prominent

civic leader in his community and county, having served for several years on the Board of Education of Sampson County, and as a Field representative of the Dunn Production Credit Association.

The Superintendent, the Staff and the children of the Home, join the family and host of friends over the state in mourning the passing of Brother Jackson, and in sympathy to the loved ones he leaves behind.

REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1947

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of the organizations through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern Conference

Deep Run	\$ 2.00
Friendship, Jones County	48.97
Auxiliary Convention	36.04
St. John's Chapel	21.84
Arapahoe	68.44
Dublin Grove	5.40
Gethsemane	20.00
Smith's New Home	5.00
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Warden's Grove	9.10
Antioch	71.00
Core Creek	33.60
Kinston	35.00
Whaley's Chapel	5.75
Union Chapel	42.87
St. Mary's	20.92
Snead's Ferry	5.52
Beulaville	9.59
Gray Branch	5.00
Juniper's Chapel	4.97
Davis	7.50
Bethlehem	11.72
Oriental	7.14
Eastern Conference	807.82
Smith's New Home	6.00
Total Eastern	\$1,286.05

Central Conference

Marlboro	\$ 3.25
Rocky Mount	2.84
Rose Hill	19.95
Spring Branch	45.97
Bethany	5.33
Hugo	4.00
Howell Swamp	60.00
LaGrange	7.40
Winterville	16.00
G. W. Bailey (Spring Branch)	62.00
Dublin Grove	7.50

Gum Swamp	4.22
Hull Road	14.13
Aspin Grove	12.00
King's Cross Road	1.00
Sts. Delight	10.00
Greenville	20.38

Total Central\$ 235.97

French Broad Association

Cedar Hill	\$ 10.00
Avery's Creek	6.30
Beaverdam	5.00
Marshall	4.02
Canton	9.90
Swannanoa	57.74
Mountain View	7.00
Horney Heights	16.00

Total French Broad\$ 115.96

Western Association

Everett's Chapel	\$ 40.30
Friendship, Johnston County	21.53
Spring Hill	8.20
Edgemont	10.00
People's Chapel	35.00
1st Union Meeting	100.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Wilson	22.07

Total Western\$ 249.10

Albemarle Conference

Free Union, Beaufort County	\$ 4.00
Albemarle Conference	62.64

Total Albemarle\$ 66.64

Rock Fish Association

Rock Fish Association	\$ 16.32
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Cape Fear Conference

Corinth	\$ 5.75
Lee's Chapel	4.33
Powhatan	5.00
St. John, Wayne County	5.00
Hopewell	4.04
Auxiliary Convention	28.00
Tee's Chapel	9.00
Robert's Grove	10.00
Yelverton's Grove	4.77
Goldsboro	14.00
S. S. Singing Convention	85.00
Shady Grove	3.65

Total Cape Fear\$ 178.54

Pee Dee Association

Oak Grove	\$ 32.02
White Oak	2.00
Emerson	7.58
Beaver Dam	21.00
Pine Level	41.00
Pee Dee Conference	34.57

Total Pee Dee\$ 138.17

Miscellaneous

Refunds	\$ 22.35
O. J. Peed	2.00
State Association	255.26

Selma Furlough	7.00
Chap. and Mrs. C. H. Pelt	10.00
Cash Sales, farm, dairy,, garden	2,641.88
Young People's Friend, Subscrip.	23.00
Walter Johnson	8.00
W. T. Hall	1.00
Truck Hire	120.00
Arrington Heights, Lexington	17.50
F. C. Winters	5.00
State Auxiliary Convention	8.25
Chaney Smith	2.00
Robert L. Hart	5.00
Zeb Morgan	1.00
Cowart's Creek S. S., Alabama	35.00

Total Miscellaneous\$3,021.24

Total General Fund\$5,307.99

CLOTHING FUND

Eastern Conference

Deep Run Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Eastern Aux. Convention	30.00
Core Creek Auxiliary	30.00
3rd Local Union	30.00
Whaley's Chapel L. A. S.	30.00

Total Eastern\$ 150.00

Jacks Creek Association

Log Gap	\$ 30.00
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French Broad Association

Walnut L. A. S.	\$ 30.00
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Albemarle Conference

District Auxiliary Convention	\$ 30.00
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Western Association

Micro L. A. S.	\$ 30.00
Pine Level	30.00
Free Union, Nash County	30.00
Rain's Cross Roads Aux.	30.00
Selma L. A. S.	30.00

Total Western\$ 150.00

Central Conference

Grimsley L. A. S.	\$ 30.00
Greenville L. A. S. Aux.	30.00
Black Jack Aux.	30.00
Ayden Aux.	30.00
Piney Grove	30.00
Union Grove Aux.	30.00

Total Central\$ 180.00

Cape Fear Conference

Bethel, Johnston County	\$ 30.00
Auxiliary Convention	30.00

Total Cape Fear\$ 60.00

CHAPEL FUND

Eastern Conference

Auxiliary Convention	\$ 25.00
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Central Conference

King's Cross Roads	\$ 1.00
Elm Grove	14.26
Grimsley	15.00

Total Central\$ 30.26

Miscellaneous

State Association	\$ 25.30
Levi Hill, Memorial Window	100.00
Alice E. Lupton, Angie Stallings, and Lucy Alford, Mem. Window	100.00
Refund	30.59

Western Association

Edgemont	\$ 50.00
1st Union Meeting	22.00

Total Western\$ 72.00

Total Chapel Fund\$ 363.15

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE

District Auxiliary	\$ 20.25
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Total General Fund\$5,307.99

Total Clothing Fund 630.00

Total Chapel Fund 363.15

Total Albemarle Cottage Fund ... 20.25

Grand Total\$6,321.39

JAMES A. EVANS,
Superintendent.

Donated Commodities

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melvin (Set of Encyclopedias)	\$ 35.00
Willing Workers S. S. Class, Shady Grove Church, Durham County, (Clothing for J. T. Rowe)	49.37
Mr. T. E. Perry (Food)	1.30
Mr. David J. Hester (Food)	2.00
Earnestine Sasser for Daily V. B. S., Union Grove, Wayne County, (Clothing)	7.25
New Sandy Hill L. A. S., (Clothing for M. F. Lewis)	46.09
Swannanoa (Food)	123.67
Laurel Fork (Food)	45.00
Shoal Hill (Food)	78.00
Cragmont Assembly, Inc., (Food)	10.06
Homer's Chapel (Food)	54.00
Burgin's Chapel (Food)	6.67
Avery's Creek (Food)	21.30
Ray's Chapel (Food)	44.00
Mrs. J. B. Brigman (Food)	4.00
Beaverdam (Food)	37.00
Mrs. B. C. Hollifield (Food)	5.33
Walnut (Food)	33.00
Mountain View (Food)	72.00
Red Hill (Food)	144.00
Bowditch (Food)	116.00
Pensacola (Food)	159.45
Green Mountain (Food)	148.55
Pilgrim Chapel (Food)	64.00
Price's Creek (Food)	156.90
Higgin's Chapel (Food)	300.00
Young's Chapel (Food)	135.35
Low Gap (Food)	47.80
North Bend (Food)	97.80
Bald Mountain (Food)	277.20
Terry's Fork (Food)	69.25
Union Grove, Wayne County (Food)	3.30

Total Donated Commodities ..\$2,394.64



THE PROOF OF A CHRISTIAN

(Lesson for November 30)

Lesson: 1 John 4:15-21; 5:10-13;
2 John 1:4-6.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12).

This is all the theology any man needs to be saved! One of the commonest excuses that men offer for their indifference to the church and its claims is the statement that they are confused by the complicated theology of the Christian church, and cannot be certain which of the many denominations is the right one to join. Strip the argument of insincerity and not much is life, since this is a thin excuse rather than a reason, and the objection can be answered very simply. We are not saved by a course in theology—"He that hath the Son" says our text. Not "he that hath a diploma in theology." As in the early church in Corinth, so with us: not many wise after the flesh have answered the universal call! But any average intellect can comprehend this—"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"! It does not require a mental giant to apprehend these words—"he that hath the Son."

So this text leaves every reader without excuse. The old cry that "there is much good in the great religions of the world" is beside the point. Having seen something of the life, culture, and conduct of heathen in their own lands I question the premise, but even if there was much that was commendable in "other religions," do they have the Son of God in them? They do not. Then of what avail are they? If they had all the "good" a soul could require here on earth, they still would leave the worshipper dead in his sins, his body

doomed to rot in the grave and his soul lost forever!—Selected.

II. Heart of the Lesson

V. 18. **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.** The boy who obeys his parents because he fears punishment if he does not is a great disappointment to them. But the boy who obeys and serves his parents because of his love for them, and his desire to please them, is a satisfaction and joy to them. It is the same way with those who profess to serve the Lord. Those who undertake to serve with the idea of escaping punishment do not love Him, and cannot please Him.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

V. 21. **And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.**

Perfect love goes out toward God and men. John saw the need of stressing this point in his Epistle unto the brethren because, in some instances, strife and contention had arisen among them. The person who loves God will also love his brother from the Christian point of view. (See Mark 12:30, 31, for the great commandment of love.)—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

That ye may know that ye have eternal life.—1 John 5:13.

The assurance of the child of God is here traced to four sources.

First, there is the witness within, for "he that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in him." This witness we know to be the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:16).

The second source of assurance is to believe God's testimony (vv. 10, 11). God's witness is that He gave us eternal life in His Son. If we do not believe God's witness, we are, as it were, making God a liar. Certainly, with the apostle we would cry out, "Let every man be a liar, but God be true." Believing God's Word makes for assurance.

The third source of assurance is the unequivocal declaration of God in 1 John 5:12.

The fourth source of assurance is gained from the purpose of the epistle specified in verse 13. God does want us to know that we have eternal

life when we believe on the name of the Son of God.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

A Definition of Communism

In view of the many statements regarding Communism, the following from "House Report 2290, 71st Congress, 3rd Session," is of interest:

"The following is a definition of Communism, a world-wide political organization, advocating: (1) Hatred of God and all forms of religion; (2) destruction of private property and inheritance; (3) absolute social and racial equality; promotion of class hatred; (4) revolutionary propaganda through the Communist International, stirring up Communist activities in foreign countries in order to cause strikes, riots, sabotage, bloodshed and civil war; (5) destruction of all forms of representative or democratic governments, including civil liberties, such as freedom of speech, of the press, of assembly, and of trial by jury; (6) the ultimate and final objective is by means of world revolution to establish the dictatorship of the so-called proletariat into one world Union of Soviet Socialist Republics with the capital at Moscow."—Alliance Weekly.

If we compare the principles of Communism with the principles of Christianity as given in this lesson, we can easily see the superiority of the latter. Communism is a menace to everything worthwhile and the love of God shed abroad in your heart and mine is the only real preventative.

REVIVAL AT WATERY BRANCH CHURCH

The people at Watery Branch Church witnessed a splendid revival a few weeks ago. The meeting was well attended, the preaching was good and everyone seemed to have been greatly benefitted from the results of the meeting. The church was spiritually revived and the members resolved to do more for the Lord in the church and community.

By a Member of the Church

Subscribe to the Baptist

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Given by States — October, 1947

Brought forward from the month of September	\$2,778.52
Received during the month of October by states as follows:	
North Carolina	\$864.12
Missouri	520.80
Michigan	421.85
South Carolina	353.05
Illinois	347.00
Ohio	265.00
Tennessee	162.33
Alabama	63.76
Texas	60.12
Oklahoma	54.09
Mississippi	31.00
Kentucky	15.00
New Mexico	10.00
Arkansas	5.00
Georgia	5.00
Sale of Books, "His Name Among All Nations"	52.00
Gift for the Missionary Review	1.00
Sale of linoleum as result moving office	5.00

Total 3,236.12

Grand Total \$6,014.64

Total disbursements during month 1,998.97

Bal. in treasury Nov. 1, 1947 \$4,015.67

Winford Davis, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

Receipts during the month of October, 1947

Bethlehem Church of Tenn.	\$ 7.75
State of Okla., by D. B. Hellard	7.50
Clayton Texas Church	4.40
Central Church, Central City, Ark.	5.00
Oak Grove Church of Tenn.	3.25
Bethel Church of Tenn.	25.00
Trinity Church of Tenn.	10.00
Union F. W. B. S. S. of Tenn.	5.00
Ina Church, Ina, Illinois	28.72
Ina Church Rally Day offering, Ina, Illinois	131.28
S. P. Easley, Portales, N. Mexico	10.00
League Rally of Hope Well Association of Oklahoma	2.00
Midway Church and Aux. of Tenn.	9.00
North East Miss. Association	31.00
Lansing Gospel Tabernacle, Lansing, Michigan	120.00
State of Michigan by George Ritter	4.00
Friendship League of Tennessee	2.65
Lillie Herring, Nashville, Tenn.	5.00
Bear Creek Aux. of Illinois	10.00
Freedom Church of Illinois, by W. E. Gullledge	25.00
Mrs. Houston B. Ham, by K. V. Shutes of Alabama	12.00
Shawnee, Okla., First Church, by	

Milford Bowlan	7.49
Mamie L. Palmer, Castleberry, Ala.	2.21
Central Ave. Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	7.10
Progressive Association of Ala.	34.55
Rev. Wilson Parker, Nashville, Tennessee	10.00
State of Ohia by Grace Peach, Treasurer	250.00
Wolverine Asso. of Michigan	211.14
State Mich., by George Ritter	4.00
New Prospect Church, Hyman, South Carolina	10.05
W. J. Gibbs, Pamplico, S. C.	25.00
New Hope League, Joelton, Tenn.	2.16
Mrs. G. T. Harris, Ashland City, Tennessee	10.00
I. H. Phillips, Kenly, N. C.	100.00
Miss Catherine Wallace, Mt. Olive, North Carolina	10.00
F. M. Mosley, Blakely, Ga.	5.00
State of Mich., by George Ritter	7.50
Liberty Church, Chucky, Tenn.	25.00
New Hope League of Tennessee	2.52
Rev. Wilson Parker, Nashville, Tennessee	5.00
Harmony Church, Benton, Ill.	23.00
Horney Heights Church of N. C.	20.00
Central Texas Quarterly Meeting	24.32
Bethany Church of S. C.	100.00
Oak Lawn Aux., Thomasville, Tenn.	22.00
Aux. of Rose of Sharon Church of North Carolina	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C.	15.00
Midway Church and Aux. of Tenn.	9.00
Hazel Park Church of Michigan	30.21
Sale of linoleum as result of moving office	5.00
South Carolina Conference	88.00
Bethlehem Church of Tenn.	9.00
Clayton Texas Church	4.40
Missouri State Association, by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer	505.80
Sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations"	52.00
Subscription to the Review	1.00
Union Meeting of Eastern Conference of S. C.	100.00
Liberty Church of Johnson City, Ill.	114.00
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treasurer	574.12

DESIGNATED FUNDS

For Support of Cuban Students

Hazel Park League, Hazel Park, Michigan	\$ 15.00
T. L. Scruggs, Outwood, Ky.	15.00
F. W. B. Church, Leeds, Ala.	15.00
Highland Park Auxiliary, Highland Park, Michigan	15.00
Intermediate S. S. Class, Mt. Elon Church of South Carolina	15.00
Mt. Valley Church, Mtn. Grove, Missouri	15.00
Ladies Prayer Band of Hazel Park, Michigan	15.00
Ina Church, Ina, Illinois	15.00
Young People's League of Turkey Creek Church of Ohio	15.00
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treasurer	125.00

Special Gift to Miss Barnard

Huntsville Texas Church	\$ 27.00
To Help Send Zalene Lloyd to India	
John B. Elliston, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	\$ 30.00
To Help Build Church on Cuban Farm	
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treasurer	\$ 25.00
Combined Total	\$3,236.12

Winford Davis, Treasurer

PROGRAM

The Fourth Union Meeting District of the Central Conference of North Carolina will convene with Edgewood Church on November 30, 1947.

Submitted by Mrs. Nancy O. Gay, Secretary.

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Devotions, conducted by Rev. J. D. Vernelson
11:15—Welcome Address by Mrs. Albert Summerlin
—Response—Mrs. Daisy Owens
11:40—Special Music by Dildy Sisters
11:50—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
12:20—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions conducted by T. P. Ellis
1:30—Special Music by Daniel's Chapel Quartet
1:45—Talk by Mrs. Paul Thigpen
2:00—Business
2:30—Programs by local church
3:00—Adjournment

Rev. N. D. Beaman,

R. L. Goff,

James Little

PROGRAM

Program for the Albemarle League Union which will be held with Shiloh Church, November 29, 1947.

7:00—Devotions by Mrs. Delsie Waters
—President's remarks and recognition of ministers
—Reading of minutes of the last meeting
—Calling the list of churches
—Business period
—Digest Committee's report
—Election of officers
—Special music by Randy and Cathie Cox
—Talk: "The Necessity of the League Work," by Rev. Clinton Lupton
—Adjournment

Alice Webster,

Program Committee

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE ERIC BRUCE MEMORIAL

A New Orphanage in China

"Mamma, Daddy, Eric was hit by a car and is dead!" Little Edith Hammond ran screaming to her father and mother informing them of the tragedy that had happened to her brother. It was a hot afternoon, July 29, about 4 o'clock, and Daddy stood at the telephone, busy with his work about China Relief. When he heard his little daughter's screams of terror, he dropped the phone and ran. Reaching the body of his little son, he picked it up and laid it tenderly under a large shade tree. Was it possible that this crushed body was the dear little chap he had shared a candy bar with just a few minutes before? Yes, it was. With Mother at his head, Daddy and Mamma Hammond prayed "Thy will be done." Of course, they were shocked, and if possible would have called their little son back to them. Daddy Hammond held Eric's hand in his and felt a slight beat of his pulse. He listened to the heart beat and knew when the end came. Little Eric went to be with Jesus. His neck had been broken. He had run in front of a car laughing, but he never knew that he had been hit.

Instead of buying flowers for his funeral, the teachers at Eric's Sunday School thought of starting an Eric Bruce Memorial Fund for an orphanage in China. Here they would care for China's starving and homeless children, for there are thousands who need care. The teachers sacrificed and gave \$81.00 to start this fund. Instead of putting flowers about his casket, and flowers on the grave, these Sunday School teachers knew that Daddy and Mamma Hammond would rather use the money for winning little souls to Jesus. They knew Eric Bruce was safe with Jesus, where he had all the beauties of the presence of the Lord. He did not need the earthly flowers.

There is a verse of Scripture which our boys and girls may not under-

stand, but this little incident about Eric Bruce's death may help to make the meaning clear to you. The verse is found in John 12:24, and reads like this: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." We might call little Eric Bruce the "corn of wheat" that was buried. Yet when a seed is planted it grows and produces many times its own weight in something good. If a little seed of corn is planted, it finally produces many ears of good corn. So it was with this little boy's death. He died, was buried, yet something good has been produced by it. Out of his tragic death and the heartache and sorrow his parents felt, there has risen a definite plan for an orphanage for the little Chinese boys and girls.

Mr. Hammond can obtain a place in China for \$25,000 that would make a wonderful home for Chinese boys and girls. This seems like a lot of money to boys and girls, but these missionaries are confident that the Lord will supply all of it. And we believe He will, too. Many of these Chinese boys and girls are orphans, for their parents have either starved to death during the war or since the war, or, they were killed by falling bombs and explosions during the war. There are thousands who are homeless, walking the streets and crying for something to eat. They are so hungry they pick up little crumbs of food, trying to satisfy the craving in their stomachs. Some are so weak from hunger, they can no longer walk, and just sit down to die. In one month over three thousand Chinese children and babies were picked up off the streets of Shanghai, and they died of starvation.

Who is going to take care of dear little Chinese children? It seems the missionaries will have to do it. Some of the missionaries are doing it. But one missionary station cannot take care of all of them, so this is why Daddy and Mamma Hammond are anxious to go back to China and open

the orphanage where they can provide for more of these dear little Chinese children.

Maybe some of our boys and girls know what it is to be hungry; but we believe none of them know what it is to be starving for food. Some of us know what it is to be without a mother, or without a father, but few of us know what it means to be without a home, having seen Mother die before our eyes, from hunger. What these children have seen, would horrify us. But they need care, they need someone to love them. Daddy and Mamma Hammond can do this. Will you not pray for them? Yes, we believe you will. They will be glad for your prayers. Pray, too, for these dear little children who need a home, love, and food, and who most of all, need to know about Jesus who is able to love them and save them from their sins.

When Daddy and Mamma Hammond looked upon the form of their dear little son, we know their hearts ached with sorrow. But how glad they are to know he is safe with the Lord Jesus. How gladly they gave him back to the Lord who gave him to them! But how glad they are that through his death, they can have a way provided to love others into the fold of Jesus! By this we mean, that through the thoughtful love of the Sunday School teachers, a way was provided to make a home for little homeless Chinese boys and girls.

May the Lord richly bless our Brother and Sister Hammond as they undertake this great work for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom they love best of all!

FOURTH UNION REPORT

The Fourth Union Meeting met August 30th at Daniel's Chapel. Devotions were conducted by Rev. C. D. Hamilton. Welcome address by Charlie Pittman with response by Rev. R. C. Proctor.

The list of ministers was called, eight were present, three absent.

The list of churches was called. Free Union, Harrell's Chapel and Riverside failed to represent.

Rev. L. B. Manning acted as treasurer in the absence of Mr. Cobb.

After some discussion, Rev. N. D. Beaman was asked to send Clerk a copy of amended Articles in By-Laws to be tabled.

Committees appointed were Orphanage, Temperance, Sunday School, Education and program.

Rev. L. B. Manning delivered a very impressive sermon. His text was taken from John 17:1. After the sermon an offering of \$34.45 was taken for the Orphanage.

Afternoon devotions were led by Rev. Heber Joyner.

Reports of various committees were accepted.

A yearly report from September, 1946, through August, 1947, was given by the treasurer as follows:

Rec'd from Union Meeting --\$538.09
Rec'd from Educational Fund 96.30

Total -----\$634.39

Paid out as follows

Clerk and Moderator -----	\$ 28.00
Orphanage -----	214.30
Education -----	76.51
Missions -----	68.51
Superannuation -----	18.51
Paid on Stock -----	8.51
Harrell's Chapel -----	35.03
Dilda's Grove -----	29.70
Watery Branch -----	20.00
Aspin Grove -----	15.00
Piney Grove -----	10.00

Total paid out -----\$524.07
Balance in treasury -----\$110.32

Churches holding vacation Bible Schools were: Antioch, Spring Branch, LaGrange, Howell's Swamp, Friendship and Saratoga. Amount given each school was \$16.05.

Afternoon sermon was by Rev. P. C. Wiggs.

The officers elected were: C. D. Hamilton, Moderator; P. C. Wiggs, Vice-Moderator; J. E. Edmundson, Clerk; J. C. Cobb, Treasurer.

The next Union meets at Edge-wood, November 29, 1947.

By the Clerk.

PROGRAM

Program for the First Union Meeting of the Pee Dee Association of North Carolina, convening with Mt. Calvary Church, Columbus County, Saturday, November 29, 1947.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotional service by Rev. W. L. Jernigan
—Welcome address by pastor Mt. Calvary Church
—Response by Rev. H. C. Adcox
—Moderator's message by Moderator
—Calling the Roll of Ministers by the Clerk
—Reading of minutes by Clerk
—Appointment of committees
11:00—Report of all churches and Sunday Schools
11:30—Union Sermon by Rev. Allen Bryan
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Rev. Allen Bryan
1:15—Report of Treasurer
—Report of Finance Committee
—Business Period
3:00—Miscellaneous business period and adjournment

Evening Service

8:00—Sermon by Rev. Carol Hansley

Sunday Morning Service

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Morning Worship by Rev. W. L. Jernigan

Committee:

Rev. W. L. Jernigan,
J. W. Bowen,
W. D. Brown,
J. R. Batten

PROGRAM

Program for the Union Meeting of the Albemarle District which will be held with Shiloh Church Saturday, November 29, 1947.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions conducted by Henry Webster
10:15—Moderator's address
10:20—Reading minutes of last meeting
—Calling the roll of ministers
—Calling the roll of churches
11:10—Special music by local church
11:15—Sermon by Rev. C. D. Hamilton
11:55—Offering for Orphanage
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Rev. Tom Davenport
1:15—Special music
1:20—Field Worker's report
1:35—Business period
—Treasurer's report
—Apportionment Committee's report
—Miscellaneous Committee's report
—Petitions for next Union
2:45—Adjournment

Alice Webster,
Program Committee

We profit much when we associate with honest and upright people.

It takes time to discern the qualities of the heart and mind of a man.

SUNLIGHT

I wandered in the shades of the night
Till Jesus came to me;
And with the sunlight of His love
Bade all my darkness flee.

Though clouds may gather in the sky,
And billows round me roll,
However dark the world may be
I have sunlight in my soul.

While walking in the light of God,
I sweet communion find;
I press with holy vigor on
And leave the world behind.

I cross the wide extended fields,
I journey over the plain;
And in the sunlight of His love
I reap the golden grain.

Soon I shall see Him as He is,
The Light that came to me;
Behold! the brightness of his face
I shall see through eternity.

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HOME-COMING

There will be a home-coming celebration at Free Union Church in Greene County on the First Sunday in December. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend this occasion. Dinner will be spread on the church grounds.

By a Member of the Church

PROGRAM

Program of the Cape Fear Union convening with Casey's Chapel, November 29, 1947.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by W. O. Lassiter
10:15—Church Enrollment and Reports
11:05—Intermission
11:10—Song Service
11:20—Sermon by G. S. Stephens

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Rev. H. R. Faircloth
1:30—Sunday School Report
1:40—Educational Report
2:00—Mission Report followed by reports of Finance and Allocation Committee and Treasurer
2:15—Music by Ann Hockaday
2:30—Petitions for next Union
—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Closing

Mrs. M. E. Godwin,
Mrs. C. Nelson Stewart,
Rev. J. Walter Stanley

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Convention for October, 1947.

Receipts

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1947 ----\$1,713.90
Regular receipts for October ---- 1,394.34
Total to account for -----\$3,108.24

Disbursements

To Superannuated
Ministers -----\$207.50
Treasurer's Bond
Premium (2 years) -- 50.00
Other Operating Exp.---- 36.00
To National Board ---- 326.96

Total paid out -----\$ 620.96

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1947----\$2,487.28

Receipts Itemized

North Carolina State Convention	\$ 100.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00
Holly Springs (Johnston Co.)	5.00
Spring Hill	13.85
Arapahoe	6.25
3rd Western Union Meeting	40.50
Christian Chapel	15.31
Hugo Sunday School	2.62
Free Union Adult League	1.00
Free Union Senior League	1.00
Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Woodard	12.00
Rose of Sharon	7.00
Union Grove (Wayne Co.)	25.00
Owen's Chapel	22.13
Piny Grove (Johnston Co.)	14.58
Grimsley	22.73
Core Creek	135.26
Snow Hill	7.00
Welcome Home Church	10.00
Welcome Home Sunday School	5.00
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Welcome Home Leagues	5.00
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Pee Dee Association	37.11
Bridgeton M. S.	10.16
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St. Delight S. S.	7.00
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Brice's Creek	10.00

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Edward's Chapel Aux.	3.00	Eastern Conference	100.00
Rains' X Roads S. S.	15.00		
Dawson's Grove	15.58	Total	\$1,394.34
Powhatan	50.00		
Rock Springs	10.00	M. L. Johnson,	
Rains' X Roads Aux.	5.60	Chairman-Treasurer	
Cabin	10.00		
Pleasant Plains	30.00		
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Give Thanks

By Luella Clark

Give thanks, give thanks unto the Lord,
Whose goodness is so great;
Seasons and suns fulfill his word
And on His pleasure wait.

The herds upon a thousand hills
All seek their food from Him;
He sends the freshening floods and fills
The rivers to their brim.

His gift the late and early rains;
He tempers heat and cold,
Until at last the toiling wains
Are heaped with harvest gold.

Ever outstretched His gracious hand
In bounty rich and free,
Filling with fruitfulness the land,
With teeming life the sea.

He rules the forces of the state,
He maketh wars to cease,
And for the spoils of wrong and hate
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Editorial

GIVING THANKS

Another Thanksgiving season has come to the American people. For us the season has its historical background and significance. We realize that it was for the first colonists an expression of joy to the great heavenly Father for having so wonderfully blessed them in their great undertaking for religious freedom. Thus, by their sense of appreciation and hearts pulsating with Christian fervor for the blessings God had given to them, they had Thanksgiving in praise and devotion to their Creator and Sustainer of their lives.

Many people have various ways in expressing thanks for what they have and enjoy. Some spend their time at Thanksgiving in sports, feasts, gay entertainments, and the spending of much money, etc. These people like to satisfy themselves for the season with temporal things and the desires of the flesh. Doubtless, many of them scarcely take the time to turn to God and thank him for all the things that they are enjoying. Many of them think that they are responsible for what they have and what they have been able to do for themselves and their families. But this is a narrow way in which to view the blessings which people receive in this life, for without God man is a helpless creature. And without giving God the praise for all of his blessings, he is a selfish creature, to say the least.

But there are many people who think of the Thanksgiving season as an opportune time for a day of praise, prayer and thanksgiving unto the Lord for their many, many blessings which he has bestowed upon them during the year. These people take time for worship and service at the house of the Lord on Thanksgiving Day. They get real joy and satisfaction from their devotions to the great heavenly Father, as they meditate upon his many blessings and divine guidance which he has given to them and their loved ones. They thus seek to return unto him their sincere thanks and rejoicing by giving of their material substance unto the church, the orphanage, to missions and to Christian education, etc.

The heart of Thanksgiving is found in these words: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever." The psalmist keenly felt the need of giving God thanks for his manifold blessings to his people, for God had blessed them in many, many ways. Surely the American people have very good reasons for giving God thanks today, but how many are really giving him thanks for all they have and can enjoy from the bountifulness of their storehouses. They should consider seriously God's loving-kindnesses to them, and how he has so wonderfully blessed them in more ways than anyone can imagine. True thanksgiving from the human heart is what God wants, and he will greatly continue his blessings upon those who will always take the time to thank him for all his blessings and loving-kindness to them.

ORDERING LITERATURE

Those ordering Sunday School and League literature for the first quarter of 1948 should place their orders very early to avoid the rush and congested conditions which usually prevail during the holiday season. It will be, moreover, a blessing to the management of the Press if the orders are placed early for literature because it will allow more time for the employees to do the wrapping and mailing the hundreds of packages before the Christmas holidays begin.

We desire to call attention also to the fact that prices have increased on the following quarterlies: The Advanced Quarterly is now ten cents per copy; the Senior, eight cents; Little Folks' quarterlies, six cents, and the Junior F. W. B. L. quarterlies have been raised to ten cents, as Intermediates and Seniors are the same in price, and it is made the same in size as the Senior and Intermediate quarterlies.

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"A PROTESTANT PRIMER"

There came to our desk a few days ago a copy of the Protestant Primer by Clarence Seidenspinner. We took the time to read this primer of 64 pages, and found it packed full of truth about the Christian church, and how religious movements, during the past two thousand years, have shaped or directed the course of Christian thought and activities, both in the Catholic and the Protestant world.

We believe it is worth reading and filing away in the home and in the church libraries. For those who become interested in owning copies, the PRIMER can be secured from the TIDINGS Press, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tennessee.

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We feel that many would profit by the reading and use of this Christmas booklet, and recommended source books. Single copy, ten cents. THE CHURCH PEACE UNION, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Christianity Shrinks not from Investigation

It seems to be the consensus of opinion of worldly men that Christianity stands in abject fear of investigation; that, like catholicism, it prefers to keep men in darkness by discouraging all forms of examination; that the spirit of inquiry would undermine the citadel of its faith. It is purpose in this essay to prove explicitly by the Scripture itself that Christianity, far from erecting barriers in the path of investigation, makes a clear and definite appeal to all men to honestly investigate its doctrine and entreats the believers to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

Again and again, during the public ministry of Christ, He besought men to investigate His doctrine:

At the time of His baptism when Andrew and John, disciples of "One Crying in the Wilderness," showed interest in Him and enquired of His habitation so that they might call and make a further investigation of His teaching, the Master did not procrastinate, did not seek to evade the issue by leading the conversation into other channels; but immediately answered, "Come and see."

When Nicodemus, the man of the Pharisees and member of the great Sanhedrin Court of Jewish jurisprudence, came to the peerless Teacher by night in search of additional information relative to the plan of salvation, he found in Christ One willing to cooperate to the utmost; and in the replies of this lowly Carpenter of Nazareth he found the answer to that question which had so long perplexed his soul.

As our blessed Redeemer stood, sad and forlorn, in the Garden of Gethsemane, cognizant of the impending denial by one of His chosen, with the burden of a sinful world on His heart, the testing hour of His earthly pilgrimage at hand, and the traitor's kiss of betrayal still hot on His cheek, He asked of the soldiers, "Whom seek ye?" After being informed that they carried orders to

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bring Jesus of Nazareth before the investigating council of the high priest, He calmly replied, "I am He."

As His life and doctrine were being investigated in the most biased manner conceivable, He answered the high priest by saying, "I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Ask them that heard me what I have said unto them; behold they know what I said." And when one of the officers smote Him with the palm of his hand, the repartee of Christ remained: "If I have done evil, bear witness of the evil."

Perhaps the most spectacular appeal ever made to mortal man to investigate the doctrine of Christ was that made to Thomas. We all recall that Thomas had made the statement that he would not believe until he had seen with his eyes the nail prints, until he had placed his fingers in them, and until he had thrust his hand into the wound of the Saviour's side. Here is a clear case of one doubting, of one seeking further light through the medium of investigation before accepting the truth. Christ gave him opportunity to make just that investigation; and as a result Thomas cried, "My Lord and my God!"

The last two verses of the twentieth chapter of the Gospel, according to Saint John, are the purpose verses of the entire Book. Here the inspired writer tells us that Christ performed many miracles which are not recorded; but that these are recorded so that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and by believing that we might have life through His name. If the recording of these miracles were that we might believe, how much more so

was that the purpose of their performance. The Scripture tends to substantiate the fact that Christ never performed a miracle with any other motive in view than to furnish evidence of the truth to all who diligently sought it.

These are definite appeals made by the Author and Finisher of the Faith for men to investigate His doctrine, His life, and His work. Never, on a single occasion, did Christ refuse anyone the opportunity to dig beneath the surface. In fact He exhorted men to search the Scripture; and on one occasion, when He was accused of teaching the doctrine of men, He said, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself." What better, or more cordial invitation to investigate could any man seek?

After the Great Shepherd had paid with His all-atoning blood the last great sacrifice for the sheep of His pasture, and had by His own volition overcome the power of the grave by rising from the dead and triumphantly ascending through the clouds to claim that honored seat at the right hand of the Father to make intercession for all who ask in His name, the Apostle Paul took up the blood-stained cross of Christ and throughout the civilized world, amid war and famine, lust and rebellion, persecution and hatred, continued to beseech men to investigate its doctrine. Before the rulers, Felix and Agrippa, in that unique and beautiful oration in defense of the Gospel of Christ, he invited the testimony of all in regards to his teaching and manner of life, and demanded as a Roman citizen to be carried before the Emperor. Paul was conscious of the fact that the Emperor of Rome was the highest human authority on earth; but for Paul to be investigated by the Emperor of Rome meant for the doctrine of Christ to be thus investigated, for Paul was dead to everything but the Gospel of Christ, determined

to know nothing save Christ, and Him crucified. Paul informed the king that these things were not done in a corner. So aptly, so logically, so convincingly, did the faithful Apostle divide the Word of Truth that the king feared conversion. Instead of pleading for his own life as a weaker individual would have been prone to do, he as much as told them—"Here is the Gospel of Christ, the Living Truth, the Word of God, the Key to the Kingdom, show me wherein it is in error." On another occasion he besought Timothy to study to shew himself approved unto God. Now there is no such thing as study aside from investigation, and if we must study to show ourself approved unto God, it stands to reason that God desires us to study—to investigate—to be progressive in our thought. Paul followed the example of his matchless Master and welcomed investigation.

Many men fancy that the investigations of modern science have destroyed the truth and authenticity of the Scripture. If Christ could be here bodily, I could well imagine His answer to this fallacy: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, nature and nature's laws are but further manifestations of the love, the power, and the glory of God. Search them, my friend, investigate them to thy heart's content, for you will find nothing therein contrary to the Word; for God, being the Author of both, can not contradict Himself. Search; and the culmination of your search will be: 'The heavens declare His glory and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.'" Reconcile thy mind to the truth by yielding to the influence of the Spirit, and then you may grasp the harmony and full significance of all revelation in its entirety; for all things, directly or indirectly, mute or expressed, have a testimony from God."

True science is the friend, not the foe, of Christianity; for faith in order, which is the basis of all investigation in logic, can not be separated from faith in an Ordainer, which is the very essence of Christianity.

Christianity has nothing to fear from the investigation of science; for when one comes face to face with

the fixed mathematical laws that govern the motion and behavior of the physical universe, where the centripetal force is neutralized by the centrifugal in that exact proportion to execute the preconceived plan of an intellectual and self-manifested Designer, and observes the order and purpose displayed in the composition and application of matter, he can no longer believe that these things are resultant of chance or that they evolved to this perfection by adaptation alone.

Man, the wisest and most exalted of all earthly inhabitants, with all of his ingenuity and wisdom, with all his experience and training, with all of his natural and imitative ability, can not create an oyster nor a grain of sand, let alone a universe, or greater yet, a living, intellectual, emotional, and moral being. Man investigates, man discovers, man discerns, man seeks, man copies, and man applies; but man—finite man—is limited to the use of existing materials—only the omnipotent God possesses the power to bring elements into existence—only He can breathe into their nostrils the breath of life.

In Matthew 28:18, Christ tells His disciples that all power in heaven and earth has been trusted into His hand. He also tells them, and us also, that we shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit has come upon us. By the indwelling of the Spirit in the heart, a portion of that divine power from the triune God is transmitted to the creature—transmitted with this stipulation only: that it is to be used in harmony with the will and in the service of the Master, and under the express guidance of the Spirit.

The words of Christ still ring as a battlecry to all honest investigators, as a challenge to all who seek the truth: "Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing." For the will of Christ is not that His doctrine should be shrouded by a cloak of darkness, but rather that it should be open to investigation in the light of

the noon-day sun. Christianity shrinks not from investigation; and if any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. Behold, He stands at the threshold of every human heart, knocking and seeking admittance. If one wishes to know more of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, he may open the portal and bid Him to enter. At your invitation, He will commune with you, will dine and sup with you, and will guide you in your search for truth. He is meek and lowly, patient and humble, forgiving and merciful; He possesses an understanding heart that is a present help in the day of trouble.

Render your will completely submissive to His and allow your entire nature to be permeated throughout by the Spirit of Christ, and then you may truthfully and boldly shout, "Eureka!" For this is the conclusion of the entire matter: the aim of all investigation is to ascertain the will of God, and the sole duty of man is to love Him and keep His commandments. With man, this may be impossible, but with God, all things are possible. "Abusus non tollit usum." Amen.

WE THANK THEE

For Mother's love and Father's care,
For daily food and some to spare,
For love at home and school each day,

For Thy guidance on the way,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For summer time and golden fall,
For sun that shines on each and all,
For church and home, for work and play,

For blessings we enjoy each day,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For parents and for teachers kind,
For all the joys in life we find,
For all the clothes and food we need,
For—well, for everything, indeed,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

—L. M. N.

—Standard Thanksgiving Book.

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NATIONAL REVIVAL MONTH FOR FREE WILL BAPTISTS

By Robert B. Crawford

The 1947 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists passed the following recommendation. "That a revival be held in the month of March, 1948, in all our churches; and that the month of March be designated as "National Revival Month" of Information, Inspiration and Dedication." Where there is unity there is strength. The same Jesus speaks to us today who said in Matthew 12:25, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." We must have the cooperation of our brothers, we are yet our brother's keeper and we live with our brother so we must see, hear, act, and think alike as far as possible.

We have asked some responsible person of every National board and convention to give us some vital facts concerning their respective field of labor. All these facts will be compiled into a pamphlet to go out to the different churches. This will be the information you need to let you know of the denominational activities. Surely you will be inspired in getting these facts. This pamphlet will be so planned that different facts can be given at each service concerning one phase of our national work. Our prayers will be united toward this phase of work. No, we aren't giving you sermon topics, outlines—but we are giving you some facts and suggestions as to our objects of interest.

Will you please get your Bible right now and read Ephesians 5: 14-21. Now you have read it note first—"Awake thou that sleepest"—there is quite a Pearl Harbor situation now existing in our churches. Many are asleep at their post of duty

—, they have great possibilities for good and God—but coldness, lukewarmness, and indifference on the inside of our churches have caused us to doubt that we are really giving up ourselves, taking up our crosses and keeping up with our Captain during these trying days. Second—we not only need to wake up—but get up and go to work. Many are asleep inside their own local church walls, some asleep inside their associational lines, some asleep inside their own state lines—but we need to be awakened to the whole world's need. I would be afraid but more ashamed to say I was a Christian and not believe and do something about the things so precious to the heart of Jesus Christ—such as foreign missions, orphanage homes, etc. Matt. 28:19-20, and Matt. 25:31-46. But note also—St. Mark 8:38—"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." You can afford to do no less than give your tithes and offerings unto the Lord and say, "Count on me to win one." If you will do so Christ will give you light. We must walk as the wise, we will know what is going on for the Lord among us and more than that, "He that winneth souls is wise." Third, if we ever expect to do anything we should do it at once. Our golden opportunities are here and we must "redeem the time, because the days are evil." Surely "sin abounds" but we must bring to Jesus for His cleansing power that they might be washed in the blood of the Lamb—many who will come when we go for them. We must then let our lights shine, our talents tell, and our time count in these evil days. Fourth, we need to be filled with the spirit. It is still true where a church is on fire for

God, folks will come out to see and hear of this fire. Pentecost did four things to those present. It filled them, it unstopped their ears, opened their eyes, and unloosed their tongues. We need to be filled with the spirit that more of our churches would be filled with folks full of the spirit. We need to **hear** the call from heaven, to go into a field already white for harvesting. We need to **see** and to **speak** to those in need of a Savior. If we will to **do** the Lord's will we can be given and understanding of the Lord's will. Fifth, we want good singing—"speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, making melody in your hearts to the Lord." Where Christianity has been effective heart's emotions have been touched, the word has been preached, and singing has been a real part in the service. When we are thankful to God for all things—through the name of Jesus Christ, and submit ourselves to one another in the fear of God, then we can expect to have a revival. We can also expect every denominational enterprise to flourish when our leaders **believe** and **do** things for their Captain. I speak most especially of our preachers. Will you not join at once your heart and mind to the task of getting a great revival going in all our churches for Jesus' sake? Starting your plans today to get your church to cooperate by uniting in this revival effort or campaign will show you want to do things to hear one day "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Planning today for your speaker, your singers, your dates for ten days sometime during March will bring good results.

Your pamphlets will get to you the first days of 1948. Let us make this first National Revival Month a glorious success for Jesus' sake. We are depending on Him and one another. I believe our denomination needs this month of special revival effort, that its program might be better understood, I believe our preachers need to get closer to their Lord Jesus Christ—that will put us all closer together. When our preachers are closer to their Lord it will bring the congregations closer together—and we can

then experience to a greater degree what Jesus was praying for in John 17 as to our oneness. II Chron. 16: 9 "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth—to show Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." May we get our hearts and heads together. When our hearts are made right then the Lord will show himself strong in behalf of us as His people. His eyes do run to and fro throughout the denomination. We leave things to Him and we will be "laborers together with God."

WON'T YOU HELP THEM?

Mrs. Sam C. Hobgood
Farmville, N. C.

My heart was greatly touched as I read the letters from Paul Woolsey and Thomas H. Willey in a recent issue of the Baptist paper, concerning the way people are starving in India and Cuba.

The question comes to my mind, What can I do to help them? Truly, if anyone needs our co-operation, help and prayers, it is our missionaries. As Christmas draws near, I am thinking of gifts that will be given and received by friends and loved ones. I am wondering that, rather than give so many gifts to each other, we would not receive a greater blessing to give to our under-privileged brothers and sisters in India and Cuba. There are also many other people who are suffering for food and clothes.

After all, it is not our birthday nor our friends, but it is Christ's birthday. He is the one we should honor and give our gifts to for the glory of God. How can we honor Him more than by giving to those people who are in poverty. Remember what God says in Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." So, we honor God by giving to his children in His name.

We people here in America have never known what it was to have no roof over our heads and no food or clothing. Think it over, friends, and

pray over this matter, and let us send them our gifts this Christmas. I know we will receive a greater joy by doing this, and then we will be helping those in need. My earnest prayer is that you good people will do this very thing in His blessed name.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving—

Just what does this day mean to you,
And the message it has to impart?
When you think of the first glad
Thanksgiving,
Does it quicken the beat of your
heart?

Do you think, with the thought of
Thanksgiving,
Of the hardships, the hunger, the
pain,
Which were conquered by our Pilgrim
fathers
So that freedom in worship might
reign?

Do you feel, with the joys of Thanks-
giving,
All the joys of the first day of
prayer,
When the Pilgrims, with hearts of
Thanksgiving,
Joined in praise and thanked God
for His care?

Thanksgiving—

Just what does this day mean to you,
And the message it has to impart?
Will you, like our Pilgrim forefathers
Come to God with sincere, thankful
heart?

—I. L. W.

—In Standard Thanksgiving Book.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the church people of North Carolina that I resigned the position as secretary-treasurer for the State Board of Education. Rev. J. C. Griffin, 204 N. 11th Street, Morehead City, North Carolina, is the present secretary-treasurer for Christian Education. Send your offerings for Christian education to him.

Yours to serve,

Rashie Kennedy

REVIVAL AT CABIN CHURCH

Cabin Church of Duplin County had a successful revival which began on October 20, and closed on November 2. The speaker was evangelist Bob Woolley of Raleigh. His messages were a great inspiration to everyone who attended the meeting. Several members re-dedicated their hearts to Jesus Christ. There were eight who accepted Christ and were baptized. There were two persons who moved their membership to our church.

It is true that our meeting is over, but we are asking that you pray with us that our hearts may stay revived in the Lord and that we may do greater works for the Master's cause.

We wish to thank the many friends in and around our church for their presence and cooperation during the meeting. We invite you to meet with us on the fourth Sunday of each month, which is our regular day for services. Our pastor is Rev. W. L. Jernigan.

Mrs. Flave Mercer



EVANGELIST WOOLLEY

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Bob Woolley has resigned his work as pastor of Calvary Free Will Baptist church in Durham, N. C., to return to full time evangelistic work. He is available for meetings after January 1, 1948. Address all correspondence to Rev. Bob Woolley, P. O. Box 85, Raleigh, N. C.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Thanksgiving

"Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise" (Psa. 100:4). This does not mean "once a year" only, but it means at all occasions. When ever we enter a house of worship, dedicated to the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ, we should go with Thanksgiving, realizing that within ourselves we are nothing, and have nothing worthy of God's blessings, but that "Every good and perfect gift cometh down from the Father of lights." Oh, How thankful we poor unfaithful, unworthy creatures should be?

"O Come let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms" (Psa. 95:1, 2). In the above Scripture we are admonished to have stated periods to gather together and give thanks unto Him for His wonderful greatness. Our praise is to be a daily affair.

"I will extol Thee, my God, O King: and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever" (Psa. 145: 1, 2).

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psa. 34:1).

So again I say that we should give thanks unto the Lord daily as long as we live. We can put on a great show; get a lot of praise from men by celebrating the National Thanksgiving Day, and give to God but little or no praise at all. But when we have a Thanksgiving prayer ringing in our heart every day, we will be in a position to really celebrate. This celebration will be in the Spirit of the one Who lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, I Thank Thee."

Thanks for Daily Bread

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all of our diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psa. 103:2-5). So every blessing includes food and drink, clothing and homes to live in. Well, there are so many things, when we begin to enumerate them, that we can sum up and say, "Yes, Lord for all thy benefits I am thankful." But greatest of all we should thank the Lord for

Personal Salvation

"Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness which causeth through us thanksgiving unto God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also, by many thanksgivings unto God . . . Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:11-15).

My dear reader, Can you fathom the greatness of these words? "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." Something that is beyond expression of man. A gift that is as great as its Giver. Something right out of the heart of God. A gift that makes us to be heirs of God and joint-heirs of Christ. The riches of His grace is the all sufficient gift that meets every need of every day. When we have done our best to give Thanks for this great and matchless gift, we find ourselves destitute of words. We can only say of a truth, "We Thank You, Lord."

So let's make this thanksgiving season a real day of Thanksgiving by following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ in being a blessing to others. The Orphanage is a good place to start to show to God our Thanks.

Weighing thoughts is as important as weighing materials.

Some people never value health until they have lost it.

GEORGIA NEWS

By E. C. Morris
Promotional Secretary

It was the privilege of the writer to attend all the district associations in the state of Georgia, eight in number. Each district had a very good session and reports revealed some signs of progress which is very gratifying. The last association to convene was the State Association which held its session with Ozias Church near Pearson, Ga. Many things of importance were discussed and acted upon favorably. All the denominational enterprises were represented and much interest manifested in their behalf. Rev. Henry Melvin was present one day and brought greetings from the student body and faculty of the Bible College. Rev. Robert Crawford, the Executive Secretary of the National Association, represented the Unified Program of the National Association and spoke very favorably of the progress that is being made. Several offerings were taken during the session for various phases of the work and the response was very gratifying.

This being the election year for all general officers, there were several changes made in the official family. Rev. H. L. Catrett and Brother W. R. Barber, Moderator and Secretary respectively, declined nominations for a further term, they having served for seven years. Rev. Floyd B. Cherry was elected Moderator and Rev. Ralph Lightsey was elected Secretary. Some changes were made on boards. All vacancies were filled with men who have the welfare of the Cause at heart and men who are qualified for their respective duties. The Free Will Baptists of Georgia, we believe, are in a fine position for great progress in the future.

As Promotional Secretary, we are making a report of the work in a general way that has been done since October 1: Our first visit was with the Chattahoochee Association, the offering was \$21.00 from the session, and the churches of the association responded as follows: New Prospect \$50.00; St. James \$1.25; St. John \$1.00; St. Luke \$1.00.

The next was the Georgia Union Association \$18.90 from the session and churches as follows: Bethlehem \$2.00; Pine Level 50c; Liberty Chapel 50c; Pleasant Hill \$2.00.

Little River Association was next on the list with no offering from the session. Sunny Side Church donated \$50. From the Little River we went to the Ogeechee Association. No offering was taken in the session. Metter Church gave \$12.05.

We went from the Ogeechee to the Union Association and there was an offering from the session of \$19.25. The churches of this association contributed as follows: Greenwood \$11; Thomasville \$2.00; Midway \$5.00.

The Martin Association was the next. An offering from this body was \$27.00 and the churches responded as follows: Thompson \$5.00. After the Martin came the South Georgia with an offering of \$35.50 and the churches as follows: Glennville \$87.38; Ebenezer \$152.13; Harmony \$237.06; Alabama \$78.00; Pine Level \$3.00; Unity \$10.00. Midway Association gave from their session \$77.50 and the churches as follows: Blakely \$7.00; Damascus \$6.00.

The State Association gave an offering for Promotional Causes \$70.10. Offerings from other sources, not connected with our State work, amounts to \$101.50. The Promotional Office will issue a bulletin soon giving full details of the Promotional work in the State.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Rev. A. F. Ferguson
Publicity Director

The association met, for the Tuesday night session, with Pleasant Mound Church of Buffalo Springs, Texas. A good delegation of interested church people was present to carry on the work of the Lord. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton, and a wonderful song service was entered into with the joy of all present. It was directed by this writer.

The business was entered into by the appointment of committees and the calling for the church letters.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. T. W. Smith, whose message was of God and greatly enjoyed by everyone present. Following the message, the report of the Credentials Committee, the seating of the delegates, the invitation given to the visiting friends, and the seating of the ministers were carried out in the usual order. The visiting ministers were: Reverends Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee, W. V. McPhail, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Virgil Bradford, Wetumka, Oklahoma.

Wednesday morning session opened with a song service and prayer. The moderator read for the morning devotional scripture from Romans 8: 1-14. Following this Brother Henry Melvin, Business Manager-Treasurer of the Bible College, made a good report of the work of the college. He stated that God had greatly blessed us with the college, and that we need to support it with our prayers and with our money.

The report of the Sunday School work was given by Rev. M. L. Sutton. He stressed the need of teaching and training in the Sunday Schools. He said that if we will build our Sunday Schools, then they will build our churches. The morning message of the association was delivered by Rev. B. A. Grant, and our souls were stirred by this God-given message.

The afternoon session opened with good singing and prayer, and the devotional service was conducted by Rev. Heber Johnson. Following the devotional period, the Home Mission Board made a good report. Also the reports were made concerning Temperance. Reports were also made on resolutions and the Obituary Committee made their report.

On Wednesday night, there was a wonderful song service with special music, and everyone enjoyed it very much. The evening sermon was preached by Rev. Henry Melvin. It was a great message which God blessed to our hearts. There was some shouting, some crying, and our hearts did rejoice.

Thursday morning session began with song and prayer. Special music was rendered which everyone enjoyed. Sister Lizzie McAdams conducted the devotions for us. Follow-

ing the devotions we listened to the report of Foreign Missions, and also the report of the Women's Auxiliary work. The Orphanage Board made their report, Rev. Virgil Bradford representing the children's Home of Ringling, Oklahoma. He gave a good report of the home. He said that we are to remember how Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." The morning message was brought by Rev. Alvin H. Halbrook, and it was a great message. The people did enjoy the God-send message.

For Thursday afternoon devotions Brother Luther Payne led the service in a good way. Following this service the Superannuation Board made their report, and also there was the report which followed on the By-Laws and Constitution of the association. Then came the time for any miscellaneous business that needed attention of the association. The Home Missions Board made a report at this time.

For the Field Representative, Rev. R. E. Connor was chosen for this important work of the State in Home Missions. The next association will be held at the New Hope Church, Henderson, Texas.

NOTICE

The Executive Board of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet in called session at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, on December 3, 1947, at 9 a. m.

This is to be a very important meeting. The future of the Free Will Baptist Denomination depends on this meeting and the Sunday School cause in general. May God give you a burden of prayer for this cause that every member of the Executive Board will have the guidance of the Lord and that we may be one in each deliberation.

(Miss) Gertrude Bowe,
Secretary-Treasurer,
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The Woman's Auxiliary Department



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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT OF LOYAL CHAPEL

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Loyal Chapel, Columbia, Tennessee, met at the church on Wednesday night, October 29, 1947. The service began with song, "Send the Light," and prayer was offered by Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

The subject for discussion was "Exalting the Lord through Mission Study in Youth Classes." Bible study, by Mr. Roy Reese, was taken from Deuteronomy 6:6, 7, and Psalm 119:16. Topic One, "Christ Commands It," was discussed by Mrs. Ruby Reese. Topic Number Two, "Mission Study Pays Big Dividends," by Mr. Olie Porter. A poem was recited, entitled, "Searching Thoughts" by Miss Jene Hoffin.

Following the program, a business period was entered into for the transacting of the business of the auxiliary. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and approved by the members. The roll of members was called and 31 were present. There were eight sick visits made during the month. There have been raised for the 50,000 Co-Labor Band the sum of \$15.21, and an offering of \$12.85 for this purpose. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Adulia Grubbs,
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Treasurer, Mrs. Reba Lee.

The meeting closed with song and benediction.

Mrs. Bobie Hoyle, Secretary

SHILOH AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT

Shiloh Auxiliary held its regular meeting Friday night, November 7, with the Secretary.

The meeting was opened with song, prayer and Bible reading, roll call with fourteen members present; minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

We then entered into the business session, it being time to elect officers for the ensuing year. They were elected as follows: Mrs. Reba Osborne, president; Mrs. Nancy Foreman, vice-president; Mrs. Olga Wallace, treasurer, and the secretary was re-elected. Several items of interest were attendd to and th meeting was closed with song, and prayer by Mrs. Nancy Foreman, to meet next month with Mrs. Eula Waters.

Annual Report

Bible reading	5,347 chapters
Sick visits	240
Cards sent	83
Flowers	12
Trays	9

Receipts

Regular treasury	\$65.36
Building fund	37.25
Birthdays	9.33
Mission, just begun	1.73

Disbursements

Conventions	\$10.00
Building	20.00
Local Orphans	15.00
Cards	1.05
Cragmont Blanket	4.75
To less fortunate	22.50
Conference expense	10.00
College student	5.00
Quilting exp.	3.32
Postage	2.16

Orphanage	5.00
	\$98.72

1 Box sent to Orphanage.
1 box sent to missionaries.

On Hand

Regular treasury	\$21.22
Birthday	9.33
Building	12.58
Mission	1.73
	\$44.86

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters,
Secretary

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We may look for more kindness when we show more gratitude.

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NEW CHURCH AT WOODVILLE

Just a few words to the dear old Baptist readers about our little church which we organized here at Woodville, Florida, a few months ago. The prospect looked very dark, as the people around here don't know about Free Will Baptist doctrine. There are people here between forty-five and fifty years old who say they never heard a Free Will Baptist sermon. So I kept telling them for us to trust God and I believed he would help us. So the Good Lord saw fit to send us a full-time Pastor. He prevailed with us to move our church up to South City near Tallahassee, Florida, and build a church house as we were having services here in our home. So we rented a building until we can build a house. One man offered to give us the land to build on, and the good people in Tallahassee have helped us for building purposes. We have received four new members. Our Pastor is working hard. We have organized a Sunday School with about fifty enrolled and there are others that will come in later, I think.

I ask the prayers of all that know the Lord, as Peter did, to pray for our prosperity that we may have a prosperous church here—the place that is so badly needed. We want a band of baptized believers who are full-time servants of God; that don't run jooks, use profanity, drink strong drinks, who are not adulterers or liars. So, pray the Lord to give us full-time Christians who will be soul winners for Christ, is my prayer.

We want the old-time religion in this church like Paul and Silas had and like old Father Abraham had, and like Peter had in his last days. We want a religion that will cause the angels to rejoice—not luke warm Christians that the Lord will spew out of his mouth—but a religion that will heal the sick and calm the storm, that God will cause our lamps to shine, so the angels will know us when they come to gather up his Saints.

Dear People, we cannot fool the angels in Heaven with a false religion, for they watch. We do not want a religion that will cause us to rebuke

our brethren for their weakness, but a religion that will cause us to pray to the Father to put more oil in their lamps so they will become soul winners for him.

We want church members who do not just hope God will answer their prayers, but know that he will hear them and answer according to his will. We don't want church members that we will have to tag so we can tell that they are one of us. We want church members who are possessed with the Holy Spirit of God.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,
B. E. Coxwell,
Woodville, Fla.

BIBLE CLASS ROOM EXAMINATION

We have given several months for review and checking the material that has appeared in the columns of the Baptist paper.

Please mail your answers in to the Secretary by the first of December. Address Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury, N. C.

1. Define Theism.
2. Name four of the attributes of God.
3. Name four passages of Scripture in proof of the Trinity.
4. Name one barrier in the path of evolution.
5. Give one reason why we can not accept the evidence of archeology as setting at naught Biblical chronology.
6. What is repentance?
7. Define regeneration.
8. Define justification.
9. Define the doctrine of atonement.
10. (a) Give two passages of scripture proving the Gospel mode of baptism is immersion. (b) Was any other mode of baptism practiced during the life-time of the apostles?
11. What do we mean of inspiration of the scriptures?
12. Was the Lord's Supper and the Jewish Passover observed at the same time?
13. Did feet-washing precede or follow the Lord's Supper?

By Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(Lesson for December 7)

Lesson: 3 John 1:1-14.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I thank my God * * for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:3, 5).

I rather fancy that in the great day of His unveiling our Lord may take the words of this text upon His lips and salute the faithful in the Church with this great commendation. You may sometimes think you stand alone in your testimony for Jesus, but you are really just fellowshipping with Him who **was** alone when He gave His life a ransom for many—and Jesus remembers all you have done and will do in the furtherance of His Gospel, and thanks God for you!

Remember this when you pray for the missionaries of your church. One of the most callous faults of the average church member is indifference to the foreign legion of faith. We send men and women half way around the earth to preach Christ, and when they are removed from us by ten thousand miles of distance and two thousand years of culture and progress, we simply forget them until time for their furloughs! There they are, surrounded by squalor and filth, their ears offended by blasphemies, their nostrils assailed by the stench of sin, their eyes shocked by the common practices of heathen rites and forms of living: and we leave them to stand alone. Is it any wonder foreign missionaries are pathetically grateful for the limited few who **do** remember them daily in prayer, weekly with cheerful letters, and on every anniversary with some small but loving remembrance which says, "You are not forgotten, we are standing by"?

I wonder, how many pastors of churches to which you have belonged, feel this way about you? Of all the great teachers who have ministered to your spiritual growth and understanding, how many can never forget you because you helped them in their service for God? An honest answer to that query might show **you** where you can improve your service for God!—Selected.

II. Heart of the Lesson

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. It seems that Gaius' health was not good at the time. There was no doubt in John's mind about the soundness of his friend's spiritual condition. He placed great confidence in Gaius, and wished or prayed that his physical health might be as sound as his spiritual condition. Many people today would not dare offer such a prayer. With many the terms would need to be reversed, for their physical bodies are stronger than their spiritual lives.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true, verse 12. Note, this Demetrius, of whom he mentioned with commendation (A. D. 90). The Demetrius, mentioned in Acts 19:24, was a maker of silver shrines of Artemis at Ephesus (about A. D. 52). It is probable that Demetrius, the disciple, was the bearer of the Third Epistle to Gaius, and probably was not well known to Gaius. It is worth noting here that the other Demetrius (Acts 19:24) was the leader of the uprising in Ephesus against Paul around A. D. 52. Christians should be ready to bear record to those who are righteous, and commend them for their integrity to stand for the truth.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

III. The Lesson Illustrated
Another Diotrephe

In Mecca of Arabia, during the year 570 A. D., a child, destined to shape the fate of multitudes, was born. Early in life he developed epilepsy. With the passing of the

years, he claimed the spasms suffered, to be trances. On those occasions, he said the angel Gabriel appeared and revealed to him the contents of what became to his followers, a bible—called the Koran. The name of this man was Mohammed, which means, "the praised."

As a boy Mohammed was serious and thoughtful. His friends called him "trusty." He became a trader and took large caravans to Syria. There he came in contact with Judaism and Christianity. Judaism being perverted, and Christianity having apostatized, neither were capable of influencing the young man along right lines. Had he come under the influence of a true preacher of the Gospel, the history of the Arabian world would today read differently.

Mohammed claimed to be chosen of God to give the latest divine revelation to mankind. He called himself God's mouthpiece, and claimed infallibility. Next to Judaism, Mohammedanism developed into the most intolerant religion in the world. At first, the new prophet tried to win a following through teaching, but failing, took up the sword and demanded surrender or tribute. His revelations became warlike. — Defender Magazine.

Today there are 225 million Mohammedans in the world. They figure in the trouble in India. The Arabs are Mohammedans in belief and here they are opposing God's plan for the return of the Jews to Palestine.

ANGELS

The Bible abounds in angelic appearances and angelic ministrations. Angels meet us at the beginning of the Old Testament, and are closely associated with some of its most remarkable histories and events. They meet us also throughout the New Testament. We find them ministering to our Lord, and to His servants the apostles; and we learn from the wondrous book which closes the sacred canon, that they have an important part to fulfill in the events that shall wind up the dispensation. —Charles D. Bell.

DON'T LIVE IN SIN

I warn you friends for I know
That sin will get you on the down-
ward road
So change your ways and do what is
right,
So it will be pleasing in God's sight.

I know dear friends for I have lived
in sin,
And thought it was the thing to do;
Till God saw fit to pull me out,
And has put me safely through.

He has saved my life so many times
I know
And right on in sin I would go.
Until I got on my knees and prayed,
And he turned me from sin that very
day.

So, dear ones, stop your sinful ways,
And get on your knees and pray;
And God will come to your rescue.
And he will save your soul today.

We look around every day.
And see them living in their sinful
way
And see the road that they do trod.
Please change your ways and turn to
God.

He will help you
And teach you what is right.
So when you leave this old world
You will have a home in that mansion
that is bright.

Don't put it off and wait until to-
morrow.
For it might cause you to see lot of
sorrow.
So change your ways and turn from
sin
And God will be glad to take you in.

So come dear ones and listen what I
say
Living in sin sure is the wrong way
So say these words that I am through
with sin
And I know that God will take me in.

I am through living a sinful life.
For I know it is the wrong thing to
do.
I am going to live for God above.
And meet my loved ones in Heaven
that I love.

Come on please
And take this warning from me,
For I am telling you what is right
I want to see you change your ways.
And gain a home in that mansion so
bright.

I have stopped living a sinful life;
For I want my light to shine bright;
So, my friends and neighbor's will
say
That we know she is living right.

I have made my poem long enough
For this time I know.
I want you to turn your back on sin
And to Heaven you sure will go.

Written by
Mrs. Minnie Sharpe,
Route 1,
Newport, N. C.

THANKSGIVING

"In everything give thanks; for
this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
concerning you" (I Thessalonians 5:
18).

"Giving thanks always for all
things unto God and the Father in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"
(Ephesians 5:20).

The annual Thanksgiving day is near.
And we're grateful for another boun-
tiful year.

But everyday is thanksgiving to me,
For God blesses us each day, you see.
First of all He blessed us with His
Son

Sent from glory to die for every
one.

The cruel death of Calvary for our
sin

That we might live eternally, with
Him.

His hands still bears a nail-scar for
me

O, I trust one day those hands I'll
see.

Is this not enough for to give thanks
each day?

And to know—He lives, He lives al-
ways!

"In everything" and "always" give
thanks, we read,
These words from God, do we daily
heed?

"Everything" includes each joy or
tear,
And "always" is not just once a year.
So are we just another thankless
child?

Receiving rich blessings all the while.
Always complaining—never thinking
to say

"I just thank you Lord," each time
we pray.

Giving thanks each day should be one
must

For God withholds not his blessings
one day from us

He is our portion, Father and Friend
And the comforts He gives are with-
out end.

Sure, we have burdens that seem
hard to bear,
But where roses grow, we'll find a
thorn there.

For if all were sunshine and no rain,
There would be no harvest of golden
grain.

So 'tis in life, midst joys and peace
A thorn appears and our pleasures
cease,

Then we ask ourselves why this must
be?

Should I be thankful that it came to
me?

Yes, we ought to be thankful, and
realize

It might be a blessing in disguise.
For all threads used by the Master's
hands

Are needful to complete the design he
has planned.

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters,
Pinetown, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I am now pastor of Calvary Free
Will Baptist Church of Durham,
North Carolina, and my address is
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passing through or have business in
Durham stop by and pay us a visit.
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at Duke Street and a hearty welcome
awaits you there.

If you do not have our address you
better jot it down.

At your service,
Allen B. Bryan

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thanksgiving morning Edward stood at the kitchen table and watched his mother as she stuffed the chicken and sewed it up with a needle and a long thread and put it in the roasting-pan and set it in the oven. He then went into the living-room where Father sat holding baby Ethel and reading a magazine and announced: "Chicken is all stuffed and in the oven. Yum, yum, I can hardly wait till it's done."

Presently arrived Aunt Bertha and Uncle John, who had been invited to dinner. Aunt Bertha took the wrapper and cover from a box of fudge and put the fudge on the sideboard, saying it was for the whole family.

"May I have some now?" Edward asked his father.

"One piece," replied Father. "After dinner you may have some more."

"May I have all I want after dinner?" questioned Edward.

"I think I would better tell you a little story, Edward," said Father. "Once upon a time there was a little boy who was quite well and jolly and happy on Thanksgiving morning. Then when dinner time came he sat down with the rest of the family and some company to eat a Thanksgiving dinner. He ate some white meat and some brown meat of the turkey, he ate some dressing, he ate some potatoes and turnips, some pickles, some cranberry sauce, and some pumpkin pie."

"He was awful hungry, I guess," put in Edward, "that was why he ate so much."

"I guess he was hungry," said Father. "And of course it was perfectly right for him to eat just all the Thanksgiving dinner that he wanted. But after the dinner was over he went on eating things. He ate some apples, some nuts, and many pieces of rich candy. After a while he felt very uncomfortable, and became quite cross and unhappy."

"Daddy," said Edward, "you need not tell any more of that story because I know it. That boy was me, last year. But it isn't going to be me this year."

And it wasn't.

—Sara Ward Stockwell

REVIVAL AT GRACE F. W. B. CHURCH

A. J. Jenkins

We were invited to conduct a revival meeting at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, which is a new church located at Blount, West Virginia. We arrived on Thursday afternoon about 5:00 P. M., and took supper with Brother and Sister W. J. Holstein. This family, mother and father, sons and daughters, had formerly belonged to Putney Church which is located near six miles away. This writer had the privilege of organizing the church nineteen years ago.

The meeting at Grace Church began that Thursday night at seven o'clock, and the subject for the sermon was "God Wants a Man (Woman) to Deliver His People from Bad Habits." This writer preached for four nights and on Sunday. There were two who claimed to have been forgiven of their sins and infilled with the Holy Spirit. There were also five more who were reclaimed to the cause of Christ, and they were greatly blessed and strengthened in the Lord.

Later on we will go back to dedicate this church when the finances are in the hands of the officials of the church to pay off the balance of the indebtedness. I have already dedicated eleven churches in the State, and this one will make the twelfth. I am predicting for this church that it will become one of the strongest churches in the Kanawha Quarterly meeting in a few years.

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"OWE NO MAN ANYTHING"

Do we have to go in debt for the advancement of our Mission work in Pinar del Rio, Cuba? Do we have a right to go forward until God supplies the funds? His Word is "Owe no man anything." Prayer and missions go hand in hand. The greatest of all help in missionary work is that of intercession. God has promised to answer prayer, so let us trust Him. He is able to move on the hearts of His people in answer to the prayer of faith, and cause them to contribute. Debt is a disgrace and it is dishonoring to God. Listen! Take yourself and see what you are doing for missions. Then look at what Christ gave us:

1. God gave His Son.
2. God the Son as Jesus Christ gave His life.
3. God the Spirit gives His power.

What should we give? Our hearts, service, and means. We must concentrate on advancing our work in Cuba. You say "How"—I'll tell you the most important things. This: WE MUST ADVANCE ON OUR KNEES. Christians let the burden of your prayer be a crying to God for help in Cuba. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit might convict us of our sins of selfishness, indifference, disobedience, and many others. That He might reveal to us the greatness and glory of God's plan for Cuba! That He may get hold of our hearts with such power that we would sincerely present ourselves a living sacrifice for the advancement of His redemptive program!

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Sincerely in Him and Cuba,
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ARE YOU GOD'S PARTNER?

Robert B. Crawford

Immediately when some ask a Christian "Are you God's partner"? they answer, "Yes." "We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain" II Cor. 6:1. May we look at the possibilities that would follow should we conceive of life in terms of a partnership in which God, the Senior Partner, and men, the junior partners, work together. Jesus knew He was in a partnership with God. He came as a special representative of the Senior Partner to transact important business for the firm. **The Senior Partner has invested much more than the junior partner.** God has invested the whole material creation—He created all things for man—and the junior partner gets to use all the rich and inexhaustible fruit of the Creator. We need to be careful not to take the generosity of God for granted. There are also responsibilities—we have to pay taxes to have property—the government can get our property if they need it—even our own flesh and blood. God has invested all the personalities He has created. One thing we ought to appreciate is the creative and reproductive qualities of living beings. We need to remember we are a product of the eternal creative life of God. God has put Himself into this partnership. God is no absentee landlord. "God with us" we **need to remember every instant we are doing business with Him.** What then should the junior partners invest? If the Senior Partner has invested his all in the partnership, then, in simple fairness, the junior partners ought to meet his all with theirs. A junior partner can not meet his all with theirs. A junior partner cannot honorably do less than put everything he has and is into the business. **The junior partner ought to try to understand the partnership and try to serve the purpose of the partnership.**

The Lord is the Executive Head of the partnership. He holds the controlling interest and exercises decisive authority in determining policies and directing operations. God has a

longer and larger investment, He has the greatest ability to direct the business life. There is a covenant or contrast for the partnership—God dictates the terms—as junior partners men are to abide by them, be loyal to the interests of all the partners in the enterprise as his supreme concern. We will all agree to "save souls and nourish them." To help carry the spirit and purpose of Jesus is the main interest of the partnership.

There are interests which men must recognize with particular concern—men must make the largest contribution of which he is capable of making for the success of a partnership. The Senior Partner knows we need material gifts to enjoy effective and wholesome living. We are to try to understand our fellow man's interests and objectives and live in cooperative relations with one another. We have to have love for our fellowman to prove we are God's partner and that we are Christ's disciples.

For any enterprise to be successful—such as denominational enterprises, Bible colleges, mission work, etc.—we all need to understand we are partners with God. We must try to awaken the indifferent, careless, self-centered people to their true relationship as partners. Yes, there are many today who are more or less clearly aware that life ought to be organized in accordance with the will and purpose of God but who do not have a very clear notion of what that will and purpose are. We now as a denomination know much of what the Lord is placing at our hands to do. We know no profit will come to us unless we get into the business with the Lord and be loyal to our covenant. "We must leave all that would hinder, and follow Jesus. It all depends on whether we are "crucified with Christ" and that "Christ lives in me" or us. Have we decided for Him to be Lord. Christ must be made Lord of all, or He can not be Lord at all.

"The tithe is the Lord's"—not, it shall be—but it is. There is no doubt that the Church of Christ greatly needs this enlarged giving for the

purpose of carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord. We ought to give a truly honest and regular acknowledgment that God is the giver and owner of all things. We are to be good stewards and get the holy habit of worshipping the Lord with His tithe and a large offering.

Will you please read II Cor. 8:1-5 as an example for us as individuals of His great Cause. These Macedonians knew they were partners with God so they begged Paul to take their offerings for the poor and for himself. They gave in "a great trial of affliction." They were poor people—but they gave as rich people in the things of the Lord—with joy. They wanted Paul to minister to the saints and they would give him support or backing. There are many churches today who are calling, crying, and praying for their minister to be somebody and do something for them and with them for the Lord and His own. Our ministers could be gathering a big harvest for the Lord if they could really see what their position should be with God as their partner. Our laymen would be partners to the ministry if the ministry would work a little harder for their Senior Partner. May we look at what our Savior did for us in giving. "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." We must give willingly, cheerfully, according to our ability, but more than that we should give sacrificially. "To their power, ye and beyond their power they were willing of themselves." When we can give like this—our regular gifts as well as our special gifts will be a genuine pleasure. The cross will cast a shadow over our giving—we can then be partners with God to make some conditions different in a world gone wrong. If you will be wise and Christlike—count it a favor to be allowed to give—and then we will not receive the grace of God in vain. Are you God's partner?

The tactful man knows how and when to avoid trouble.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His Great mercy and infinite wisdom saw fit to call from us our dear beloved member and co-worker, Mrs. Lou Boyd, we, the Woman's Auxiliary of Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, do hereby resolve:

First, That because of her consecrated and devoted life to all Christian service and to her many friends, we bow in humble submission to the divine will of God who doeth all things well;

Second, That we reverently thank God for her great faith and Christian works which she so nobly exemplified while in our midst;

Third, That we extend our deepest sympathy and sincere prayers to Sister Boyd's bereaved family, and commend them to Him who alone can give comfort in the hours of trials;

Fourth, That in losing Sister Boyd this Auxiliary has lost a faithful member and a devoted worker. May her faithfulness and her devotion linger in our memory; and

Fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to the Free Will Baptist paper for publication, and a copy be retained in our minutes of the Auxiliary.

Committee:

Mrs. W. E. Warren,
Mrs. R. S. Pollard,
Mrs. D. A. Windham,

SUTTON.—It is with a sad memory that I attempt to write the obituary of Mrs. Pearl Wilkins Sutton who passed away on August 28, 1947.

Sister Sutton was a victim of cancer, and although we knew she could never be any better in health here, we with sad hearts commended her to our heavenly Father, believing that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord.

She was 43 years old at the time of her death. When a girl of 18 she was married to Emmett Wilkins who died in 1928. To this union were born 5 children, 3 of whom still survive. On November 1, 1930, she married Clarence F. Sutton, and to this union were born 5 children. With her husband and children, two half-sisters survive.

She was a member of long ridge F. W. B. Church and was faithful to her church as long as health would permit. The funeral was conducted in the church by her former pastor, Rev. J. R. Forrest of New Bern. The body was laid to rest in the family burial ground beneath a mound of

beautiful flowers. To the lonely husband and children we would say that we know you loved her much but God loved her best.

The flowers on your grave
Are withered and decayed,
But our love for you
Will never fade away.

The memory of those happy days,
When the family was together,
With mother in her rightful place
Will live in our hearts forever.

There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which we all must go alone;
And there's a light that we can see,

But our Lord knows His own.

Beyond this gate our loved ones
Find eternal happiness and rest;
And we find comfort in the thought
That our loving Father knows best.

—Writer by her Sister-in-Law,
Mrs. Ben Sutton,
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Zeal in Labor

Go, labor on; spend and be spent,
Thy joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still?

Go, labor on; 'tis not for naught;
Thine earthly loss is heavenly gain;
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not;
The Master praises—what are men?

Go, labor on; your hands are weak;
Your knees are faint, your soul cast down;
Yet falter not; the prize you seek
Is near—a kingdom and crown!

Toil on, faint not; keep watch, and pray!
Be wise the erring soul to win;
Go forth into the world's highway;
Compel the wanderer to come in.

Toil on, and in thy toil rejoice:
For toil comes rest, for exile home;
Soon shalt thou hear the Bridegroom's voice,
The midnight peal, "Behold, I come!"

—Horatius Bonar

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RESOLUTION

Olivia C. Campbell

"I'll be a boy the Lord can trust,"
Said Ned to Annie May;
"Who'll answer 'no' to self and sin
At school, or home, or play."

"I'll be a boy," said little Ned,
"Who'll answer 'yes' to right;
Who'll stand with Christ and over-
come
Temptation in its might.

"To help the devil is no test
Of manhood; I can see;
And one with Christ is mightier
Than ever he could be."

"I'll be His dirl, His little dirl,"
Lisp'd little Annie May;
"I will say 'es' to what is dood,
An' 'no' to w'ong to-day."

Who'll be the soldiers He can trust?
Who'll not forget to pray?
For Jesus, our Almighty Friend
Will help you day by day.

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GOOD REVIVAL AT HAZEL PARK

We just closed a good revival at our church with about twenty professions. After coming to Detroit, to pastor, I have been attending the Detroit Bible Institute. It is a good school, but I am so thankful that I was privileged to attend our own school first.

Homer E. Willis,
Hazel Park, Mich.

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ANOTHER CALL

We wish to call attention again to our patrons of the publications which the Press is publishing for the church people of the denomination. Will you please place your orders for Sunday School and League literature, and also for Christmas gift books, as early as is convenient? We want to serve each customer without delay before the Christmas holidays actually begin. To be able to do this, all orders for religious books and for literature should be received in time for all shipments to be mailed out by December 23, or before so that each package may arrive in time for proper use.

During the Christmas season will be a good time for those who are soliciting subscriptions for the Baptist paper to do quite a bit of canvassing among the church and Sunday School people for new subscriptions. A great many more of the church people should be taking the church paper. The circulation of the Baptist paper is not anything like it should be. There are too many of the church people who are not taking the paper, nor are they being informed concerning what the denomination is doing for missions, Christian education, orphanage work and for other phases of the denominational work. They should take the paper and become informed about the progress which is being made in the different sections of the country for the cause of righteousness.

We are urging the ministers, the Sunday School workers, and the Auxiliary leaders of the women's work of the church to stress before their groups the need of the Baptist paper going into more of our church homes. We want each local church to have someone designated to take subscriptions for the Baptist paper, the year round, and send in the names of the subscribers and the money for them regularly. Remember, for each ten subscriptions that a solicitor gets a complimentary subscription will be given for one year to any worthy person

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YOUTH'S BANNER

Those who have been receiving copies of the **Youth's Banner** like it very much. It is what they have been wanting for some time for the young people and the children of the home and the Sunday school. They think it is very attractive, and the reading matter is good. The thought obtained from the different messages in the **Banner** is clean and wholesome, interesting and uplifting, and it serves to enlighten the mind upon fine spiritual truth—the very thing that the young mind should have for good spiritual growth.

Why not sit down and mail in a postal card, requesting sample copies of the **Banner**, and then read what it contains. You will like it, too, and will want to have it coming regularly into your Sunday School. You would not do without it for anything. Try it and see for your

self. Others have and they are getting it regularly for their homes and also their Sunday Schools. It comes in folder form, one copy for each week, and is printed and mailed out once a month. The price is 75 cents per year, or 60 cents per year when five or more copies are to be mailed to the same address. Subscribe for it for one year; you will like it; and you would not be without it for anything.

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REMEMBER THE MISSIONARIES FOR CHRISTMAS

This is special for everyone, for each Sunday School and League, and for every local church within the bounds of the denomination. Start a rally drive among your church people to raise a lovely Christmas offering for the missionaries in Cuba and also in India. Use your own method in getting together all the different cash gifts together in one lump-sum offering, then when the Christmas holidays are over mail your checks to Brother Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri, stating how your Christmas gift from your church is to be divided between the two mission fields of our denominational work. You will be surprised to see what a fine list of gifts Brother Davis will be able to publish in our church papers, coming from this special Christmas drive in the churches for our missionaries. Try it and see what the results will show in January when Brother Davis makes his report for the church people to read.

Some might desire to use this method: Get a box, make a slot in the lid through which the money is to be dropped. Then decorate it beautifully with Holly, mistletoe and other Christmas colors. Place it on the Communion Table in front of the pulpit. At church and Sunday School on December 21, or Christmas Day (if you have service in your church on that day), at the opportune time, have the congregation to stand and sing a beautiful Christmas carol, and while singing let the people march by and drop into the mission box their offerings or gifts for the missionaries. Try this and see if it is not a success for your special Christmas offering.

Others may prefer this method: Dress up a little boy and a little girl, one in Cuban dress and the other in oriental Indian dress. Place a nice large Christmas wreath about the shoulder with the word **MISSIONS** written in large golden letters. Let them stand before the Communion Table, each holding a collection plate in the hands. While the congregation is standing and singing an appropriate song for the occasion, let them march down the aisle and drop their mission gifts into the collection plates as the two children stand before them. See how this plan works for your special Christmas offering for the missionaries in Cuba and in India.

Whatever method you use, let it all be done for the glory of God and for the cause of missions in Cuba and in India. God will bless if done in the spirit of Christ.

≈ An Old Way to New Life ≈

In the cemetery office a uniformed chauffeur approached the clerk at the desk. "The lady is too ill to walk," he explained. "Would you mind coming out with me?"

Waiting in the car was a frail, elderly woman whose sunken eyes could not hide some deep, long-lasting hurt.

"I am Mrs. Adams," she said. "Every week for the last two years I have been sending you a five-dollar bill—"

"For the flowers!" the clerk remembered.

"Yes—to be laid on the grave of my son.

"I came here today," Mrs. Adams confided softly, "because the doctors have let me know I have only a few weeks left. I shall not be sorry to go. There is nothing to live for. But I wanted to drive here for one last look, and to thank you."

The clerk blinked at her irresolutely. Then, with a wry smile, he spoke:

"You know, ma'am, I was sorry you kept sending the money for the flowers."

"Sorry?"

"Yes—because the flowers last such a little while! And nobody ever sees them."

"Do you realize what you are saying?"

"Oh, indeed I do. I belong to a visiting society. State hospitals. Insane asylums. People in places like that dearly love flowers—and they can see them and smell them. Lady, there are living people in places like that."

The woman sat in silence for a moment. Then, still without a word, she signaled the chauffeur to drive away.

Some months later the clerk was astonished to receive another visit; doubly astonished because this time the woman was driving the car.

"I take the flowers to the people myself," she announced, with a friendly smile. "You were right; it does make them happy. And it makes me happy. The doctors don't know what is making me well—but I do! I have something to live for."

Condensed from Christian Herald
Fulton Oursler

She had discovered what most of us know and forget; in helping others she had helped herself. This knowledge is the principal tool of a physician friend of mine who seems to possess miraculous healing power. Without drugs or knives he makes many of his patients well and happy; difficult cases, too, people suffering not only from personality difficulties but from heart trouble, alcoholism or paralysis. His colleagues are often mystified but he insists it is childishly simple:

"My patients make themselves well by using a prescription given long ago in Galilee. I wonder what would happen if the Sermon on the Mount were taken literally by the medical profession? Certainly Jesus gave us dependable keys for mental and physical well-being. Unselfishness is the greatest of safeguards against self-pity, hate and fear; therefore it is a kind of specific against many forms of insanity."

And then my friend told me of the search for happiness of a girl named Emily.

One day she came to the office of Professor Ernest M. Ligon, head of the psychology department of Union College. She wanted to know what she could do with her life. She was a hapless, chapfallen figure, too tall and bony, and instinctively awkward. When Emily shook hands the professor winced—her palms and fingers were nervously cold and moist. And she had poor taste; her clothes, he declares in unacademic language, "were a mess!"

He said to her, "Emily, I want you to go out and buy yourself a new dinner dress—but remember, just ask the saleswoman to select a dress that she thinks becomes you. Then I want you to get a new hair-do—but again, just ask the hairdresser to do what he thinks is best for you. Then, in

your new gown I want you to come to the church social next Tuesday night."

Emily shook her head.

"I'll get my hair fixed and I'll buy the dress, but I won't come to the party."

"And I know why!" exclaimed the professor. "You think you won't have a good time. When you arrive don't look around with a sickly smile, hoping to heaven somebody will be polite to you. Just stand composedly and as soon as you see some man standing alone go over and ask his name and then inquire if he has a hobby. Then come and tell me. If he collects stamps I'll introduce him to another stamp collector; if he likes to fish, I'll bring him a fisherman. Meanwhile, you go looking for another candidate. Keep yourself busy as if you were hired for the evening to look out for everybody's comfort. And promise me you will stay till the party is over."

Now, such are the unsearchable ways of life, Emily had a fine time. She was actually popular that evening. The professor could never make her lovely—but she was making herself lovable. And, youth being even stranger than fiction, within six months Emily married an attractive man she had met at the party.

My doctor friend is a famous New York neurologist, and many dipsomaniacs come to him after having been pronounced incurable by other specialists.

"Know what I do with them?" he asked me. "I'll tell you about a man we'll call Bill Wilkins."

Bill Wilkins, Wall Street broker, woke up one morning in a hospital for drunkards. Despondently he peered up at the house physician and groaned:

"Doc, how many times have I been in this joint?"

"Fifty! You're now our half-century plant."

"I suppose liquor is going to kill me?"

"Bill," replied the doctor solemnly. "It won't be long now."

"Then," said Bill, brightening, "how about a little snifter to straighten me out?"

"I guess that would be all right," agreed the doctor. "But I'll make a bargain with you. There's a young fellow in the next room in a pretty bad way. He's here for the first time. Maybe if you showed yourself as a horrible example, you might scare him into staying sober for the rest of his life."

Instead of resentment, Bill showed a flicker of interest.

"Okay," he said. "But don't forget that drink when I come back."

The boy was certain that he was doomed, and Bill, who considered himself an agnostic, incredibly heard himself pleading with the lad to turn to some higher power.

"Liquor is a power outside yourself that has overcome you," he urged. "Only another outside power can save you. If you don't want to call it God, call it truth. The name isn't important."

Whatever the effect on the boy, Bill greatly impressed himself. Back in his own room, he forgot his bargain with the doctor. That was more than 12 years ago and Bill still hasn't had that promised drink. Thinking of someone else at long last, he had given the law of unselfishness a chance to work on him; and through him it worked so well that he became a founder of a highly effective movement in healing faith—Alcoholics Anonymous.

—In Reader's Digest

WHY HE WOULD NOT CHEAT

A Chinese house-boy was given a sum of money to buy something for his mistress. A visitor remarked, "Aren't you afraid of entrusting him with money? He is only a youth."

"I have no fear," said his heathen mistress, "because he serves and worships a living God. He says his Jesus rose from the dead, and is always looking down on him. That boy will not cheat or steal, for he does not worship dead idols!"—Unknown.

If we are able to pray WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

Chester E. Shuler
Condensed from "Gospel Herald"

When, several times daily, our radios blare forth their distressing tidings, one feels helpless—and hopeless. When we glance at the disheartening newspaper headlines, we feel that things are indeed in a terrible condition. When we listen to the average worldly conversation about world affairs, we learn that the average heart is bowed down, troubled, much puzzled and perplexed.

We are tempted to say, "What's the use?" We often conclude that after all there's nothing which we can do about it.

"I'm only one," a lady sighed, "and there's nothing that one can do to help. I'll have to leave it to those in authority—folks wiser than I am."

But she was very much mistaken.

There is something every Christian can do, no matter how black the outlook may become.

Every Christian can pray! He may not actually pray, but it is his privilege. He may not know how to pray effectively, but it is his privilege to learn if he so desires.

Prayer is a mighty power! We think incorrectly of prayer as the act of mumbling a few sentences before we retire or in a prayer service. We fail to delve into the subject until we learn that it is indeed spiritual dynamite. Dynamite that moves mountains, that will change events, people and things.

The first rule in learning to pray is: pray. As no writer ever learned to write without writing, so no prayer warrior ever learned to pray without praying.

But prayer is work—hard work. No indolent pray-er ever wins real victories. Real prayer is not merely dropping to one's knees sleepily at bedtime. It is not our muttering, automatically, "Our Father which art in heaven . . ." Such efforts are commendable, of course, and a step in the right direction, but they do not constitute real, victory-winning prayer.

E. M. Bounds, that great man of prayer, once said, "It is necessary to iterate and reiterate that prayer as a mere habit, as a performance gone through by routine or in a professional way, is a dead thing!"

To pray well requires calmness, time and deliberation, and above all else a union with Christ—through whose blood Satan was defeated and his works destroyed (I John 3:8). Since all prayer, to be heard of God, must be made in Christ's Name, it is easily seen that unless we, the pray-ers, are in Him and He in us, forming the perfect union, we shall not be in a position to pray effectively.

Perhaps nothing is so utterly degrading in God's holy sight as the attitude of a Christian professor who treats prayer as a mere routine duty—something to be gotten out of the way before he can eat his meal or go to sleep! The shame of such an attitude! We would not think of so treating the privilege of talking across the transoceanic telephone to some loved one. How much greater is the privilege of talking to the Heavenly Parent over the earth-to-heaven telephone of prayer!

"Knock often at mercy's gate," said Spurgeon, "but wait until it opens to you. Too many prayers are a sort of 'runaway knock,' and not attended with expectant waiting upon God." How discourteous, then, to mutter a few requests in prayer, and if the answer be not forthcoming almost at once, "run away" and fail to ask again!

There is so much to consider when we think of true prayer, genuine praying, by a consecrated pray-er.

But the first rule of prayer is to pray—and keep on praying, even when the outlook is darker than before. We can do something about world conditions, if we ask aright, ask properly, ask persistently, ask unitedly,

"Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

—In Christian Digest

"Dear Lord, we ask that Thou to-day Will guide our feet along the way; Direct our hearts and minds that we May come in closer touch with Thee."

NEWS FROM MT. BEULAH CHURCH

Sixteen months ago I was called to pastor this country church. At that time they were having preaching service twice a month, and they were paying their pastor about twenty dollars. The church was constructed of blocks and all cracked up. We had anywhere from 50 to 70 persons in the Sunday School at that time. There were 41 church members on the roll. The Sunday School offerings averaged eight to twelve dollars a week, and we were having only one revival meeting a year at this church. What a fix the church was in! When some had made a confession of faith, it was so long until the next revival that they would go back in the world of sin. Oh, how we did need a full-time work!

God called me into the ministry, and the people called me as their pastor. Oh, how I did work and how I did pray. What I have been through the past year no one will ever know until we reach heaven. My first **Tithing Sermon** which I preached, five of the church members left the church and called for their letters. We gave them their letters and I labored on in the work. Two weeks later I preached from Malachi 3:8, and how I did watch the faces of the people! I watched to see how the message was setting with them. After the service was over, the Sister who played the piano said, "Brother Noah, I will pay my tithes." So, the two of us began to pay our tithes.

Two months later I spoke from Second Timothy, fourth chapter. My Sunday School superintendent walked out and also the chairman of the Board of Deacons. After service Sister Godwin came forward and said, "Pastor, I will go with you out at the back door to keep them from hurting you."

But I labored on and God did bless. I fought a good fight. Thank God those days are gone, and I can go to my pulpit, and hear many "Amen's" coming from the church people. Today God has given us 80 people who have been saved in our church this year. We have built a new church which has cost us between seven and

eight thousand dollars, and all of this is paid for except two thousand dollars.

The church is paying me one hundred and twenty dollars per month, and this month they are going to raise it to one hundred and sixty dollars per month. We have anywhere from 120 to 140 people in the Sunday School each Sunday. We have had three revival meetings this year. We want to have four revivals next year if it is the Lord's will. I do want to thank God for Brother J. E. Floyd, Marion, North Carolina, who preached for us in the revival that just closed on November 9. The Lord did really bless this meeting for there were 39 souls saved, or who made a confession of faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Master in this revival meeting.

I can recommend Brother J. E. Floyd to any church for revival services. He is the best I have ever been with in meetings. May God bless him and his work. There are now 15 converts who are waiting to be baptized. I do want everyone to pray for us in this church. Oh, how we do need the prayers of the praying people! I wish to extend a cordial invitation to everyone to come to our church when convenient, and to worship with us.

Yours in His service,

Rev. Noah Brown,
Rockingham, N. C.,
Route 2

LETTER OF APPEAL TO FREE WILL BAPTISTS

My Dear Brother and Sisters
in Christ:

It is through this medium that we, the newly established church of Portsmouth, Virginia, are making our appeal to you for help and advice.

As you probably have read in a previous issue of our paper that we organized a church here in Portsmouth on August 12, 1947, with 32 charter members. We elected for our pastor, Rev. H. Edgar Harden, of Norfolk, Va.

We went along fairly well and seemed to be making some progress,

until our pastor resigned unexpectedly, Nov. 2, 1947.

We being without a pastor all of a sudden, Brother Joe Ange, a layman of the Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church in Norfolk, kindly consented to carry on for us until a pastor could be procured.

We were already weak financially and our treasury completely depleted owing to high rent from Prentiss Park Community Hall we are holding services in, pastors salary, etc.

We were up against a problem and it becoming more acute by many of our members quitting with the pastor.

We have too few members left to meet the financial needs of a full-time pastor with living cost so high.

We therefore are making this plea, to see if some plan can be worked out, through the denomination whereby we can continue our little church with the few we have left so it won't die in a missionary stage.

We are confident we have a potentially rich field here in Portsmouth, for our denomination, if we can withstand this setback. Our members we have left are so sincere, willing and consecrated until we do hate to see it all fail.

Any help or advice from anyone will be highly appreciated and we assure you, you will have our prayers that the richest blessings of God will rest and abide with you according to His riches in Glory.

Maybe there is a minister in our faith that could come up here and serve our little church, that would be willing to do some other work at the same time to help himself financially, until we could get strong enough to pay him a living salary. We are willing and anxious to do all we can towards his support, while we are gaining strength, and we can do right much every week.

If there is anyone that could do this we would like very much to hear from him at once.

Now with the Benediction of Jude we close, and it is to this Benediction we resign our fate:

"Now unto him that is able to keep you (us) from falling, and to present you (us) faultless before the

presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

To the only wise God our Saviour, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and ever. Amen."
—Jude 1:24, 25.

Very anxiously and Prayerfully
yours,

D. W. Cherry,
Route 1, Box 497-A,
Portsmouth, Virginia

WE WONDER WHY!

We have often wondered why it has been the practice among most churches of all denominations in the past to hold only one revival meeting during the year. Has it been the fact that one revival was sufficient, or did the church people feel that they could not pay for more than one revival each year in their church? Or have they carried in their minds the thought that sinners could not become converted to the Christian faith only at the time of the revival meeting which was always scheduled in a certain week of a certain month of the year?

But here of late we have heard of and read of some churches holding as many as three and four revivals during one year, and the results were splendid. It appears that in those churches many were saved during the course of those revivals. Moreover, we read that the church members were greatly revived in spirit and were moved to greater interest in the work of the church. Also the people supported with their finances these revivals in a fine way. Great good was accomplished, it seemed, in all of those revivals. These things have given us some concern, something to think about. People who go to church often like to go to church. They get more out of the services, learn more and have a greater fellowship one with another. In fact, they become better friends and better citizens of the community in which they live.

We have come to realize the truth that one revival each year in the church is not enough in this age in which we are living. Things have

moved up to great speed, and greater activity in every phase of human endeavor. Old ways and methods are passing away, and new ways and new methods come in to take their places in our modern civilization. The church must move up, too, for Christianity is a live thing, if it is to be worth anything to the human heart. Spiritual revivals do stir people to a sense of their duties and responsibilities. They awaken the sinners to see their lost and ruined condition, and once-a-year revivals are not enough. Evil is too great in the earth now for one revival to suffice. A revival meeting in a church for each quarter of the year will always do good, when the power and the Spirit of God is behind it.

We have come to think that most churches should think this over. We believe they should plan ahead for each revival meeting in their church, and pray for God's blessings to be showered upon them for the meeting when it begins. We feel that good gospel preaching is always necessary to draw the sinners to Christ, and the more of it we can have now in this turbulent world the better will conditions become. Think it over, church people, and plan for more than one revival at your church next year.

Tom Moore

PROGRESS BEING MADE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

I sometimes wonder why there is no news in the Free Will Baptist paper from South Carolina, but I guess it is because no one ever writes from the Palmetto State.

The Free Will Baptists are 125 years old in our State, but only recently have we begun to awake and show any marked progress. We now have five associations and conferences in the State. Five years ago we organized a State Association. Some marked progress has been made by some of our churches in the Beaver Creek Association in the last two years. The Lockhart Church at Lockhart, South Carolina, recently completed an air conditioning system at the cost of \$1,100. This church

now has a full-time pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter, who is doing a good work with those people.

Whitney Church at Whitney, South Carolina, recently completed a fine parsonage at a cost of several thousand dollars. This church is in the pastoral care of the Reverend Paul Shehan who is now in his fifth year as pastor of this church.

Cole's Chapel at Arcadia, South Carolina, has recently added three Sunday School rooms, and is now installing a heating system in their church. This church is now pastored by the Reverend B. F. Cousin. This is Brother Cousin's first church, and the church is making progress under his leadership.

The Beaver Creek Association is composed of nine churches, five of which are located in Spartanburg county. We have several copies of the minutes of our last association, and will be glad to mail a copy to anyone who is interested.

Floyd A. Sawyer,
Arcadia, S. C.,
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EVANGELIST WOOLLEY
ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Bob Woolley has resigned his work as pastor of Calvary Free Will Baptist church in Durham, N. C., to return to full time evangelistic work. He is available for meetings after January 1, 1948. Address all correspondence to Rev. Bob Woolley, P. O. Box 85, Raleigh, N. C.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Sin of Man

The Bible assures us that man was made in the "image and likeness of God," and God pronounced him "very good," but the Scriptures teach us that man fell by disobeying God, and when man had disobeyed God and had fallen into the low state of sin and corruption, man became "very bad," as has been evidenced from the very beginning of man on the outside of the garden of Eden. Free Will Baptist according to our knowledge have always believed that man was pure and holy before the fall and they have always believed that the very nature of man is sinful and corrupt since the fall.

Our Treatise Says

"1. Of Man. God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his maker." Here is the Scripture for this belief: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7).

"So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him" (1 Cor. 6:20). "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright" (Eccle. 7:29).

Section II—Primitive Man, and His Fall—

"Our first parents, in their original state of probation, were upright. They naturally desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previously to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the

first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil.

Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God; but they are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam."

Man's Condition after the Fall or Sinful State

"Behold, I was shapened in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5). "The wicked are estranged from the womb" . . . "Their poison is like the poison of a serpent" (Psalm 58:3, 4). ". . . God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). ". . . I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth" (Gen. 8:21). "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). "Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lust of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Ephes. 2:3). "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14).

Thus we learn that man is totally depraved and cannot please God in any sense in his natural state and for this cause—total depravity. Jesus says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"

(John 3:3). This is not just a making of repairs; it is an absolute new creation—not of the flesh, but of the spirit. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephes. 2:10). Thus our nature is changed and we are made the children of God by a new work of grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:3, 4).

Thus the Scriptures teach that man is a fallen being, alienated from God through sin and lust, but the new birth which comes with true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ makes us to be Children of God with Divine nature. There is an inward man—Spiritual man—that is so much like God that we are called the "sons of God." "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1, 2).

Through Grace by Faith

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephes. 2:8). Thus we are not saved by our goodness, if this could have been, Christ need not to have come to the earth to redeem us from sin and death. But because we were dead in sin and had no power within ourselves to please God. It took the Gift of God, Christ's shed blood to redeem us. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). "What must I do to be saved?" "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and

thou shalt be saved, and thy house"
(Acts 16:30, 31).

NEWS FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

By Homer Nelson,
State Evangelist,
Box 280, Wheelersburg, Ohio

We are here giving the readers of the Baptist paper some important news relative to our work and churches in our State. First of all I want to report about the Jackson Quarterly conference convening in the Wellston F. W. B. Church at Wellston, Ohio. A large delegation was present, and all of the other quarterly conferences in the State were present. I had the privilege of serving as moderator, with Rev. Gus Graham as assistant moderator. Rev. Frank Delawder is the clerk. In the morning session the Pulpit Committee selected Rev. W. W. Morris, of the Porter Conference to do the preaching, and he surely did a wonderful job in bringing the message.

In the afternoon the usual routine of business was transacted, and as Jackson Q. M. has six churches, four responded by letter and two verbally. All of the churches are in need of help, and need our prayers for revivals which would stir hearts, and sinners would be converted. In the month of October, I conducted two revivals in this quarterly meeting; one at Puritan and the other at Coalton, Ohio. Both churches are very low, and we did not have much success at the Puritan Church, but a few were reclaimed at Coalton.

It is very discouraging at times, when men will leave their homes and families to preach the gospel and then see the members of the churches complacent and unconcerned. We are in need of a revival which will stir the members of churches. Prayer is needed that God will hear our cries in this awful day of apostasy.

I also attended the Porter Quarterly conference which opened at Bethesda Church on November 15. This conference had a nice attendance, and it was one of the best which I

have attended in a long time. It has ten churches in it, and all of them, except one, reported. Rev. Doll served as moderator of this conference, and as usual did a fine job of it. I had the privilege of preaching in the morning service. Then a testimony meeting followed. In the afternoon session the regular business was transacted, and it went along very nicely. One minister was ordained and one deacon was also ordained, and one minister was given license. They also set up a committee to organize new churches. The Porter Conference contributes regularly to the cause of missions, both foreign and home. The next conference will be held at Long Run Church.

Pine Creek conference, our own conference, I also attended, which was held at Bethlehem Church on November 22. It is now made up of twenty churches, as we took in two new churches which were recently organized; one at Oak Hill and the other at Oswego. Rev. Edward Percell was the moderator and he served well in this capacity. During the morning session Rev. Jesse Sizemore from Lawrence County brought the message, and it was enjoyed by all present. In the afternoon, the usual routine business was disposed of in the proper manner. There were two men who were examined for ordination but they failed in their examination on the doctrinal points of the church. We also appointed a committee to get three ministers' papers who were not in fellowship with our conferences. Our next conference will be held at Stony Run Church.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

IN NEED OF WORK

This is to announce that I am in need of work, and that I am available for pastoral care of churches or to do supply work for any minister pastoring churches in the Ayden vicinity whenever they need to call someone to fill in a Sunday appointment for them.

I want to be in the service of the Lord, and also I need the remuneration for the support of my family, as everything is so very high and my income is quite limited

Rev. R. H. Mason,

Ayden, North Carolina

YE GAVE ME NO MEAT

By Margaret J. McNaughton

I found him in the ruins of a church
Gazing dumbly on a pane of glass,
The picture stained thereon, defaced
and scarred—
Poor pastime when there was so
much to do:
Rebuilding churches, homes, and
such! But men
Would rather beg than stir them-
selves to work.
I was there for work—God's work—
and so
Made haste to ask, "Dost know thy
soul is lost?"
He turned his gaze a moment from
the pane,
Then fixed his sunken eyes on me and
said,
"Lost? All is lost—home, loved ones,
- food,
Clothes, and land. So doth it really
matter
Greatly that my soul is lost as well?"
I sighed; 'twas plain to see his heart
was hard.
Again I asked, "Dost know that God
loves thee?"
He scarcely raised his eyes from off
the pane,
But murmured low, "My child is hun-
gry, naked,
Destitute—and how doth God love
me?"
"The love of God was manifest when
Jesus
Came to die," I said. "Who? Jesus?"
Is
Your Master truly He who broke the
loaves
And fed the host of old in Galilee?"
His face was rapt—"for then I know
thou gladly
Wilt feed me!" I bent and looked
upon
The glass he held—the likeness was
of One
Upon a crowded hillside breaking
bread.
"The kingdom is not meat and
drink!" I said—
And left forthwith. One cannot force
a man
Against his will into the gate of
heaven!

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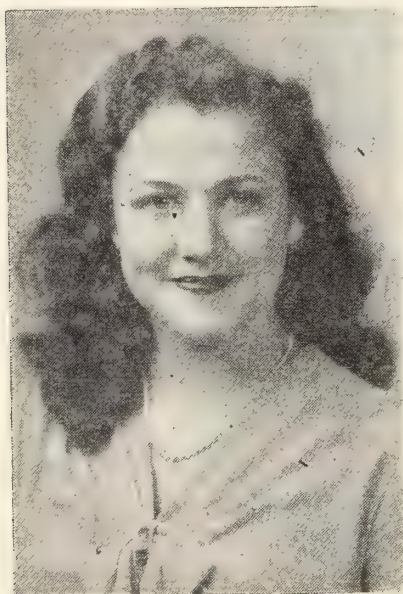
Gladys Hines Talks With Teen-agers

INTO ALL THE WORLD

(MISSIONARY)

Hello Teen-agers,

Have you ever wondered why people are missionaries? Have you ever thought that you would like to be one? Today we want to consider why the Christian church lays so much emphasis on its great missionary enterprise. A large number of the bright names on the pages of church history are those of men and women who have spent their lives in missionary work. Why is it that these people have been willing to give up all and go into distant lands to preach the gospel story?



MISS GLADYS HINES

Let's glance back at our topic, "Into All the World." This was taken from the great commission Christ gave to his disciples. The message, and the challenge it bears, has ever been one of the central teachings of the Christian church. The spirit of sharing that is contained in the command is one of the reasons for the vitality and freshness of our religion. It is important for us as young people to understand this fully and to realize that if our religion is going to mean all to us that it should, it, too, will have to possess the spirit of the missionary.

Why is it that our religion, above all others, is a missionary religion? Why is it that men and women have been willing to give their very lives, if need be, that others may hear the wonderful story of Jesus.

The answer to these questions cannot be found in the money that one gets. A quick glance at the missionary's pocketbook would be ample proof of that. Certainly it is not because it is easy life because the missionary faces many difficulties and inconveniences. But let us turn to our Bibles. Throughout the Book we see the word Love. It is the love of Christ and the love for Christ that has led our people on. They love Christ and they aren't satisfied with the idea that there are so many who do not know Him. It is their desire that all might know Christ and love Him as they do.

Of course, there are exceptions to every case and even in our missionary work we have some few who have had unworthy motives that led them to take part in this sacred activity. I am sorry to have to admit it, but we have had a few who went merely because of adventure and a desire to see the world. There are some who think of the missions as a protective force. That is, if we do not Christianize those who are not Christians, they may some day destroy us. Such motives as these are unworthy of the Christian Church, and its followers.

On the other hand, there are motives of true worth to guide us. The greatest of these is a realization of the world's need coupled with the assurance that Christ is the only One who can meet that need. Jesus and His Gospel of love are the only things that will answer the longing in men's hearts. They are the only things that will put an end to the strife and struggle in which so many people are engaged. They alone will make friends of those who were once enemies.

If we love Christ we can do no less than try to bring others to Him that they, too, might know the joy there is in His service.

ANOTHER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN OKLAHOMA

105 E. Marrick St.,
Henryetta, Okla.

In September of this year, Rev. W. V. McPhail was driving through this town on his way to Wetumka, Okla., and God seemed to say to him this is the place for a church. He didn't know a person in the town, so he began to pray about how he could begin among strangers. In about a week after this, while he was preaching at the Allen Church, near Weleeka, Okla., he met a man, Rev. Gus Turbyfill, who was living in Henryetta, and they began to discuss the matter, and found that Bro. Turbyfill was an ordained minister, former-

ly from Houston, Texas. Well, that was real encouragement to find one other person, who had a burden for the work there.

After much prayer, Bro. Turbyfill found an Assembly of God building that they wanted to sell, so we got permission to conduct a revival with the intention of starting a church. Rev. W. C. McPhail, and Rev. Virgil Bradford got the revival signs, and had the hand bills printed, and began preaching night about, and as they both have "Public Address Systems," they really covered the town, advertising the meeting. Well, many people said that it could not be done. Others said we admire your courage, but after preaching for two weeks the people were convinced that it could be done. On Sunday night, November 16, the church was organized with twenty charter members, with the prospect of more coming in.

The chosen council was Rev. W. V. McPhail, Rev. V. Bradford, Rev. Stevenson, Rev. Story, Rev. Turbyfill.

The church elected Rev. McPhail to pastor it and the revival is still in progress, with good interest. so pray for us that God will use us in a great way to advance His Kingdom.

Mrs. Opal McPhail, Reporter,
Wetumka, Okla.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Most people like to read something. Some read for entertainment, while others read to gain information, as the news in the daily papers. Then there are still other people who spend some valuable time each week reading good books for knowledge and to better qualify themselves for certain positions in life. They may be classed as thoughtful readers with inquiring minds for ideas that will help to enrich their lives and broaden their understanding.

But there are some people who are looking for trashy books and magazines to find frivolous stories and romances to please their nature. They want to be entertained by fanciful imaginings as they read page after page of senseless descriptions and portrayals of scenes that have no

real meaning for life, and the good of society.

To which class of readers do you find yourself? Are you a "soft reader" or are you a "thoughtful reader"—one who is looking for mental food and worthwhile ideas to enrich your life? Check up on yourself. See what you are reading and why are you reading it. Can you pass on to someone else the thoughts which you have read that will do them good, or will they be frivolous stories of senseless things? Will what you read elevate you or will the type of reading that you do tend to lower your frame of thinking? Be honest with yourself. When you read is your time worth anything? Or are you reading to "kill" time?

The world is filled with good books and excellent literary magazines. They are to be had for reasonable sums of money, and are easy to get. Think it over, What are you reading? What reading examples are you setting before your children in your home? What kind of reading matter do you buy for them when you go to town? Do you get the trashy novel, and the cheap grade magazine? As a child thinketh so will he become when he has grown to adult life. He will love to read things that you taught him to read, or allowed him to read when he was small. Place before him good reading and he will love good reading when he becomes a man.—Sam Clark.

GOOD EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS HELD IN TENNESSEE

This is a report of the evangelistic efforts of my churches, and the churches to which my ministry has led me to for service, and which I have been associated with for the last few months.

On the third Sunday in August, we began a revival meeting with my people in Knox County at the Wooddale Church, with Rev. J. F. Miller of Furfurton, Missouri, who did the preaching. This meeting showed much interest and inspiration to my church people. A number was converted and united with the church.

When we had finished the two weeks' meeting at Wooddale Church, we went to Forest Grove Church where we conducted another two weeks' meeting with the results that my church was revived, and a number was converted, and they united with the church. Brother Miller did the preaching for this meeting also. We were very glad to have had Brother Miller's wife to be with him in the meeting. She found a warm place in the hearts of our people.

The Millers went from these meetings to be with another of our very fine pastors for a meeting in his church, this being the church at the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage. The pastor is Reverend Jesse Laws.

During the month of October I spent four weeks with Rev. F. C. Adkins in his work in which time we were in a meeting at Bridges' Chapel in Jefferson County. The results were very good there. We went from that church to Johnson's Chapel in Granger County for our final meeting of the season. This meeting is also being remembered by us, as one of very good results, in fact the Lord did bless us in a most wonderful way in all of our evangelistic efforts this year for which we are very thankful to him.

Yours in the Master's name,
E. M. French,
Newport, Tenn.

OCTOBER REPORT FOR CRAGMONT

Statement of Receipts—Oct. 6 to Nov. 15

Gifts for Cragmont Assembly—	
King's Cross Roads S. S.	\$ 3.00
Shady Grove Sunday School	1.40
N. C. State F. W. B. Aux. Conv. --	15.16
Hopewell F. W. B. Sunday School --	2.25
Marlboro Sunday School	1.66
Goldsboro First F. W. B. Church ---	5.00
LaGrange F. W. B. Sunday School _	1.56
White Oak F. W. B. Sunday School	1.00
Western Conference	25.00
Pee Dee Conference	14.57
Rocky Mount Sunday School	1.85

Total Gifts for October ----- \$ 72.45

Gifts for November, through 15th—	
Bayless McDonald	\$ 2.50
Cape Fear Conference	25.00
Sandy Plain F. W. B. Sunday School	2.63

White Oak F. W. B. Church	1.00
Marlboro Sunday School	1.26
Hopewell Sunday School	2.00
N. C. State Convention	75.00

Total Gifts for November ----\$109.39

Miscellaneous income from rent on cabins and refunds light and tele- phone bills		\$ 73.31
Fountain Taylor: Acct. due for Sun- day School Ass'n.		75.00

Total Miscellaneous Income ----\$148.31

Total all income Oct. 6th through
November 15th ----- \$330.10

J. G. TEASLEY, Treasurer

BIBLE CLASS ROOM EXAMINATION

We have given several months for review and checking the material that has appeared in the columns of the Baptist paper.

Please mail your answers in to the Secretary by the first of December. Address Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury, N. C.

1. Define Theism.
2. Name four of the attributes of God.
3. Name four passages of Scripture in proof of the Trinity.
4. Name one barrier in the path of evolution.
5. Give one reason why we can not accept the evidence of archeology as setting at naught Biblical chronology.
6. What is repentance?
7. Define regeneration.
8. Define justification.
9. Define the doctrine of atonement.

10. (a) Give two passages of scripture proving the Gospel mode of baptism is immersion. (b) Was any other mode of baptism practiced during the life-time of the apostles?

11. What do we mean of inspiration of the scriptures?

12. Was the Lord's Supper and the Jewish Passover observed at the same time?

13. Did feet-washing precede or follow the Lord's Supper?

By Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

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LOYALTY UNDER PERSECUTION

(Lesson for December 14)

Lesson: Revelation 2: 8-11; 7:9-17.

I. Sentence Sermons

1. The eternal God, the First and the Last, who was dead and is alive, is our Refuge in every kind of trouble (Rev. 2:8).

2. Though it may sometimes seem as if God has forgotten us, we may be sure that He knows all about our tribulation, poverty and suffering (vs. 9).

3. God permits suffering to come into our lives in order that we may be tried (vs. 10).

4. None of our tribulations will ever go beyond the limits fixed by God (vs. 10).

5. The multitudes who have been martyred on account of their faith have thereby only been transported into the Lord's presence (7:9).

6. God's saving power is able to reach into every human family, and every human condition (vs. 9).

7. The greatest thing to engage our praise through all eternity will be the fact of our salvation (vs. 10).

8. The worship of God is not only for human beings but for all His creation (vs. 11).

9. No robe of righteousness will ever be as white as the one that was washed in the Blood of the Lamb (vs. 14).

10. In the past they were cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb; in the present they are in the presence of the Lamb and praise Him; in the future they will be continually led by the Lamb (vss. 9, 10, 14, 17).

11. Memorize the Golden Text,

please: Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.—Rev. 2:10.

II. Heart of the Lesson

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death, verses 10, 11. Followers of Christ are not to be afraid of criticisms, persecutions, and great trials in life, because they are certain to come upon them from their enemies. This has been true in every age of the Christian church. Accordingly, St. John entreated the church in Smyrna not to become fearful of sufferings because they would surely come against them. And they did. Some were thrown in prison, others sorely tried, while still others were ridiculed and considered contemptible by un-Christian people because of their firm stand for God and righteousness. These words of St. John had reference probably, to Polycarp, as well as to the whole church, because he had much to suffer, and was at last "burned alive at Smyrna, about the year of our Lord 166." The sacred records prove that the Jews were particularly active in this martyrdom. Surely, they were of "the synagogue of Satan."

It is said of Polycarp, when he was brought before the judge, and commanded to abjure and blaspheme Christ, that he firmly answered, "Eighty and six years have I served him, and he never did me wrong, how then can I blaspheme my kind who hath saved me?" The Christian who is ever true to the cause of Christ, and who overcomes sin and Satan when sorely tried and tested will not suffer the loss of his soul in perdition.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Note: Study each verse of the lesson carefully, using our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Who Is Right?

A keeper of the Bronx Zoo was superintending the men in the feeding of the animals and reptiles. He heard a shriek from one of the men, for a huge rattlesnake, awakening from a winter's sleep, had fastened his fangs deep in the man's arm. Immediately the superintendent rushed to the attendant, clutched his arm, covered the wound with his mouth, and with suction drew the poison from the veins of the arm into his mouth and spued the venom on the ground. If the superintendent had been suffering from a sore in his mouth, he would have been infected, and he would have borne the consequences. The sting of sin could not injure the Lord Jesus Christ, when He died under the load of human guilt, for He had no sin in Himself.—A. H. Wells.

"A young Russian woman who was a graduate of Moscow University, having told me she was an atheist, said, 'I was in the Crimea a few years ago when a terrible earthquake took place. It was the most awful experience of my life. But I did not pray for help, and I am very proud I did not, because I don't believe in God. I believe in Science, and I do not believe that Jesus ever existed!'"

Our guess is that this young woman won't be in hell ten years before she knows she was 100% wrong.

God Does Not Give Half Crowns

A minister in England was preaching to a crowd of people in a street meeting. A rough man, driving past, shouted, "Well, governor, you'll be getting a half crown for that job." Instantly, the minister replied, "No, my man, you are wrong. The Lord Jesus Christ, my Master, never gives half crowns. He gives whole crowns to those who serve Him."—The Gospel Herald.

Emotions are not easily controlled when God sees fit to separate us from a loved one.

You can bear the stings of evil tongues by keeping close to God.

REVIVAL AT PARKER'S CHAPEL

It was on second Sunday night in October that we should have begun our revival meeting, but as we were building some to our church and repairing the old part, we were unable to get it finished for our revival. There was still preaching on second Sunday morning, however, with no way to have any heat. The members of the church voted to postpone the revival meeting until a month later, so they could get the church finished.

Now to let the readers of the Baptist paper know just what we have had done to our church I will try to tell you about it. A section was added to our church, sixteen by fifteen feet on the back. There were two front doors which were taken out and one large door placed in the place of the two doors. We took out the coal heaters and put in two oil heaters, one on each side of the church. We painted the church inside and outside.

On the second Sunday night, November 9, 1947, our revival meeting began with Rev. P. C. Wiggs doing the preaching. Our pastor, Rev. J. D. Vernelson, was with us each night, but two, yet he was still in the service of the Lord, although he was not with us.

Brother Wiggs did some very good preaching during the week. There was only one person who gave his life to God in the meeting. I know that there were others who should have given their hearts to the Lord, but they would not open the door and let Him in. I am praying that they will before it is too late.

On Saturday night we were very happy to have had with us two visiting preachers, Rev. Marshall Joyner and Rev. T. P. Ellis, also little Miss Linda Faye Whittenton, and Miss Shelby Jean Fowler, both of Dunn, N. C. They sang a number of songs which everyone enjoyed.

Those who read this please pray for us here at Parker's Chapel that we may do the things that God would have us to do.

Miss Louise Harris,
Greenville, N. C.,
Route 5

TAKE HEED

Jesus said these words to his disciples a little while before he was offered up to be tried and crucified: "Take heed lest any man deceive you."

There is a lot of deception in the world today, and one needs to heed these words of the Master. Some people will deceive others for material gain, while others will trick a friend in order to get the best of him in business, or in public relations with his fellow men. Some seek to deceive people in order to be able to gain prestige or personal honor. They want fame at the expense of others, and at the cost of down-right wickedness. Today one can hardly tell who is his true friend, or whom he can trust in business or in a social way. Some people will do anything to gain a point for themselves. They are in for personal glory at any cost, regardless as to the people they might harm either socially or otherwise.

Such people are "snakes in the grass" seeking to hide their deception from the eyes of the public. But God knows who they are and whom they are serving. They are to themselves their own worst enemy. They are living in darkness and are drinking the bitter gall of corruption. They shall reap what they are sowing some day, as truly as Ananias and Sapphira did long, long ago, unless they repent of their sins committed against God and their fellow men.

Take heed, therefore, you who seek to treat your fellow man right, and strive to walk in the path that Jesus trod. Be not swayed by their smooth words, nor their cunning devices. Weigh their words, watch their actions, and move cautiously when they make offers to you. Be guided by the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Let your good judgment and clear understanding be foremost in your acts. Season your answers with deep thought and make your decisions in accordance with the guidance of the Spirit of God. Let the Word of God be your guide, your support and your trust, whenever you are tried and tested by cunning deceivers.

Jean Stanley

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING

Do you sit in Sunday School
And listen to His Holy Word?
Do you think of what He's done,
Or of the things you've heard?

Do you realize that without Him
No sound, no song, or such
Could ever come to you again?
I ask, do you think of this much?

It is something we all hear
As we live from day to day,
But do we live by His Holy Word?
Or do we shove it away?

We should sit and listen carefully
To what the Teacher has to say;
And put into practice what we hear,
As we go through life from day to day.

Miss Jane Tyson,
Raleigh, N. C.

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M. L. Hollis

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I am now pastor of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, and my address is 763 Roxboro Street. If you are ever passing through or have business in Durham stop by and pay us a visit. Our Church is located on Club Blvd., at Duke Street and a hearty welcome awaits you there.

If you do not have our address you better jot it down.

At your service,
Allen B. Bryan

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

MOLLY'S SPONGE MISSION

Florence Ekstrand

From the steps where she sat this morning, Molly could look down the long hill, past the cluttered wharves, right out on the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. But Molly wasn't looking at the water. She was just sitting and thinking hard about Pietro, the little neighbor in the next block.

Molly had thought a great deal about Pietro the last weeks, ever since her Sunday School class had sung, "Bring them in, bring the wandering ones to Jesus." Pietro, whose family attended no church at all, insisted that he did not have time to be interested in Jesus, or in Sunday School.

"I'm going to be a sponge diver some day," he would say, "and I won't have time for church. And your God wouldn't be interested in fishermen. Both my brothers are sponge hookers, and my father's a diver, and some day I'll be good enough to be a diver."

Molly had begged him to at least let her read her Bible to him. But Pietro shook his head stubbornly. Instead, he had arranged for his father to take Molly and him along to-day on a short trip to a coral bed where sponges grew, for he wanted her to see how thrilling was the life of a sponge diver.

Molly heard a loud "halloo!" from down the street. There were Pietro and his father now. She suppressed a sigh, and ran to meet them. At least the trip would be interesting, and maybe she would have another opportunity to talk to Pietro about her beloved Jesus.

Molly had never been on a large fishing boat before, and her eyes sparkled with excitement as their feet "thump-thumped" over the plank that led from the dock to the boat.

"This is to be only a short trip," Pietro's dark-eyed father explained.

"Sometimes we stay out many days, sometimes weeks. Now our fleet is really in dock for a while, but we are making this trip to investigate a new bed where sponges are said to grow thick on the sea bottom. That's why you youngsters could go along."

Molly and Pietro tried to run from one end of the long deck to the other, but there were ropes and cables on the deck, and men hurrying back and forth.

"I think we are in the way," called Molly and they found a corner where overturned kegs made lovely seats from which to view the excitement. The sunny morning hours seemed to drift away like magic. Pietro had seen all this before, and his tongue nearly tangled itself in his eager haste to explain it all to Molly.

"See the little boats we are passing?" he cried. "Assidi and Donato work on one of them. They are called 'hookers' because they travel in shallow water and hook the sponges from the bottom with long, hooked rakes. Some day Donato and Assidi will become divers, and before you know it I'll be a diver, too."

There was more activity than ever on deck now. The shoreline had disappeared, but a faint rim on the horizon showed that islands must lie over there. Molly looked around wonderingly. "Why, we seem to be stopping!"

Pietro jumped up on his keg, better to see the bustle going on further down the deck. "We are! This must be where they think the sponge bed is. Soon you'll see Father go down. Oh, see, there he is now!"

Molly's eyes opened wide with surprise. That could not be Pietro's father! Not with those absurdly large feet and giant rubber suit! And his head all encased in glass and steel!

"His shoes weigh forty pounds," Pietro announced proudly. "That's so he can balance down there. See the cable that carries air down to him?"

But even Pietro's enthusiasm dimmed a little when his father was lowered over the side, and the water closed over his head.

"It frightens me when he goes down," he confessed. "What if the cable should snap?"

"We will ask God to take care of him," Molly replied calmly. "God will keep those we love from harm."

"God wouldn't care about fishermen," Pietro scoffed.

Heavy-hearted, Molly looked out across the water. What could she tell Pietro that would make him realize how wonderful God was? For a long time she looked at the waves, breathing a silent little prayer, when suddenly a Bible story flashed into her mind.

"Pietro," she exclaimed, "your father can go under the water. But did you know that Jesus once walked on top of the water?"

Pietro looked at her unbelievably.

"It's true Pietro. It is in the Bible, and you ought to read about it. And once in a storm, when all the others were afraid, Jesus told the waves to be still, and immediately they became calm. Yes, and once when some fishermen had no catch at all, He told them to lower their nets, and the nets became filled."

"You mean all that's in the Bible?" Pietro wanted to know, and when Molly nodded he was quiet for a long time. Finally he said, "And this Jesus, was He really interested in folks like us?"

"Jesus isn't only interested," Molly said earnestly, "but He loves absolutely everybody!"

Again Pietro sat quiet for a long long time. Then the feverish activity began again on the deck, and in a moment the rubber-encased figure of Pietro's father hauled over the side and up on the deck. In his hand was a huge brown sponge. Pietro jumped down from his keg.

"Wait!" exclaimed Molly. "Where are you going?"

"To tell Father," Pietro called back, "to tell Father that Jesus wasn't afraid of the sea, that He knew all about fishermen, and that He loves every one of us!"

And the very next Sunday, when Molly went to Sunday School, she was delighted to find that Pietro had found his way there, too!—The Junior's Friend.

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A POCKETED KEY

Have you ever heard of the man who said to his son, "My boy, did you practice the piano while I was gone last week?"

"Yes, Daddy," he answered.

"How long did you practice last Friday?"

"one hour."

"And yesterday?"

"One hour and a half."

"Well," said his father, "the next time you practice be sure to unlock the piano. I have been carrying the key in my pocket ever since I left a week ago."

Do you suppose that boy has ever heard that all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire?

"Can he never go to Heaven?" you ask.

Yes, he can if he will hate his sin and turn from it. But he will have to ask God to forgive him for sinning and ask Him to wash that sin from his heart. God will do that for boys or girls the very minute they ask Him to.—O. P. Boys and Girls.

HINTS FOR BIBLE READERS

Read the Word over and over again until you become so familiar with it that it may be memorized almost without effort. It is a great advantage to know the Word "by heart."

In my own study I like to **read it aloud** at times. That helps fix it in mind. Then again I read the same portion in **another edition** of the Bible in order that I may see each verse in different type, and in another setting. Another help is to read it in **another translation**. Personally I prefer J. N. Darby's excellent translation, but the Revised Version and Weymouth's are also very good.

I never let the fact that I may not always understand the Bible keep me from reading it regularly. The Ethiopian eunuch read the Word even

though he did not understand it. But the Lord did not leave him there (Acts 8:26-39). Now the Lord may not always send someone to explain the Scriptures to us, but he has sent His blessed Holy Spirit, and "who teacheth like him?" (Job 36:22).

The best time to read the Bible is first thing in the morning. However little time you may have then, let nothing, not even your favorite religious broadcast, take the place of personal reading of the Word. The very reading of the Word will do something to you. It is God's provision for cleansing and refreshment. The "sincere milk of the word" is given that we may grow thereby.

The more you read the Word, the more you will want to read it. You will delight in it; you will love it. If you love the Word you will find yourself meditating upon it even in the night seasons. And we know from the first Psalm that blessed results will follow.

Let us read the Word patiently and prayerfully, and let us meditate on it continually in order that its blessedness may be ours.—Carl Armerding.

VOICES IN THE NIGHT

"... And in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life."—Psalms 42:8.

By Mrs. Commissioner Wm. C.
Arnold

Sweet voices I hear in the silent night,

When all of the house is still,

They enter in secret the mind and heart,

A purpose they would fulfil.

They tell me of courage when lights are low,

Of stars in a cloudy sky,

They lift up my spirit above myself,
And point to the Power on high.

They come to my heart in the wakeful hours,

When the night is dark and long,
In silence they whisper the words I need.

Or sing me a silent song,
They come with a promise from God above,

They quote me a helpful psalm,
And out of the night of my restlessness

Comes peace as a healing balm.

The voices are angels of strength and light,

In answer to quiet prayer,
They come from the skies like a lightning flash,

And lighten my load of care.
Some say they are thoughts that have come by chance

In the wakeful hours of night,
But, oh, I am sure that they come from God,

Who guideth them all aright.

HE CARRIED THE LAMBS IN HIS BOSOM

Of all the pictures of our Lord,

The one I like the best

Is that where, as a shepherd kind,

He holds against His breast

A tender little snow-white lamb

That in His arms finds rest.

Naught speaks to me more of His love,

So infinite and deep,

That could in others' joy rejoice,

With others' sorrows weep,

Than this, where in His arms He holds

That tiny baby sheep.

—Heart and Life

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the church people of North Carolina that I resigned the position as secretary-treasurer for the State Board of Education. Rev. J. C. Griffin, 204 N. 11th Street, Morehead City, North Carolina, is the present secretary-treasurer for Christian Education. Send your offerings for Christian education to him.

Yours to serve,

Rashie Kennedy

"As long as I keep my face toward the light, the shadows will fall behind me."—
John Madison Younginer.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

BAZEN—In memory of Mrs. Mamie Bazen, we the members of the Ladies Aid society of Beulah Church wish to pay tribute to the loving memory of this good lady. She was called from her earthly home on August 1, 1947.

Her life will be remembered as one who was loved by all who knew her, regardless of race, color, or denomination. Her Christian character and gentle manner was an inspiration to those with whom she associated. Her Christian life will ever be a noble example to inspire others to higher ideals.

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we extend to her loved ones our deepest sympathy and share with them their loss;

Second, That we bow in reverence and submission to the will of him who doeth all things well;

Third, That we give thanks to God for our association with Mrs. Bazen as a friend; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the F. W. B. Press for publication, and a copy be included in the minutes of our society.

Mrs. G. D. Jones,
Mrs. H. I. Hyman,
Mrs. I. J. Hardee.
Committee

HARRIS—This is written in memory of Van Ray Harris who departed this life one year ago, November 27, 1946. It was on the night of November 27, 1946, that the death angel came and took away the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris. He only stayed with us four months and four days, but we learned to love him dearly.

He was just a little flower budded on earth to bloom in heaven. In all his sickness his eyes remained bright until death. Everything was done for him that doctors, nurses, relatives and friends could do, but the Lord saw he could do more than they, so he took him home to be with him to live in glory. The Lord needed him as a little Jewel to shine in heaven for him.

He left to weep his broken-hearted parents, a brother, Charles Earl, besides a host of other relatives. His funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Vernelson, and his little body was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

The finest lillies are the first to pull,
The sweetest first to fade,
The fondest, sweetest, best of all,
In peaceful rest was laid.

—Mrs Lee Harris

MORRIS—On Sunday evening, March 16, 1947, the death angel visited the home of Raymond Morris and removed from our midst a beloved husband. He was born on January 10, 1890. For a year he bore all his suffering with patience and made no lamentations.

He left a wife, 6 sons, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren, one brother, 4 sisters. All was done for him that wife and children and physicians and friends could do, but God knew best. He was a member of Gum Swamp Church, and was a faithful member there.

The funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. D. W. Alexander. The remains were laid to rest in the Bar-

row cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Weep not dear ones,
But prepare to meet him
On that bright and happy shore.

There will be no pain or parting,
No sorrow or farewell,
But all will be peace
And love for ever more.

—Written by his wife,
Mrs. Raymond Morris

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For health and children, home and friends,
For comfort in the time of need,
For every kindly word and deed,
For happy thoughts and holy talk,
For guidance in our daily walk,
For everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,
For verdant grass and lovely flowers
For song of birds, for hum of bees,
For refreshing summer breeze,
For hill and plain, for streams and wood,
For the great ocean's mighty flood,
For everything give thanks!

For sweet sleep which comes with night,
For the returning morning's light,
For the bright sun that shines on high,
For the stars glittering in the sky,
For these and everything we see,
O Lord, our hearts we lift to Thee.
For everything give thanks!

Miss Helen Isabella Tupper

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I am sending out an appeal to all of our N. C. State Auxiliaries to report to me the results of their Week of Prayer, which was supposed to be observed from Monday, Nov. 17th, through Friday, the 21st. The few I have heard from, report a glorious week, with very gratifying attendance and interest.

The reason I am asking this is that we may know just how much the Week of Prayer meant to our women, and to have some of the results. I am hoping and praying that great good has been accomplished in the Master's name, and that all of us will devote more of our time in earnest prayer, for "Prayer is the Christian's vital breath." Who will be the first to report?

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President,
N. C. State Aux. Convention,
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Lessons learned in hard times are forgotten in good times.

That's Worth Keeping

It goes without saying that when I left my friend, I had made up my mind to become a sentence collector, and I have; and I believe it is one of the most rewarding hobbies a boy or girl can start. Such sentences are often helpful in different phases of school and church work besides being helpful to the hobbyist alone. And it is a hobby that one never outgrows.

Don't despise a man because his clothes are worn and tattered.

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Editorial

"BUT TO THINK SOBERLY"—

The Apostle Paul was constantly giving good advice in his gospel ministry. To the Romans, he wrote these words: "I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3).

Paul addressed these words to the Roman Christians in Rome, and they were for "every man that is among you." He cautioned them not to be "puffed up" because they were followers of the Lord Jesus. Do not think more highly of yourself than that which becometh Christians. Think soberly, wisely, in a sensible manner so as to manifest at all times the meekness of the Master. Let your faith in the cause of Christ be measured by your humbleness, your peacefulness, and your sincerity of purpose to live the gospel truth, preach the truth of Christ, and win the love and favor of those whom you seek to win for Christ.

Do most Christians today think soberly, calmly and wisely? Are they careful as to the way they consider themselves as compared to those about them who are not Christians? Is their attitude toward un-Christians genial and tempered with the spirit of Christ? Do people in general like to draw close to them, and seek to share their cheerfulness and kindly spirit? Do they show that they love human beings, and want to help those who are in trouble and in sin? That is what Christ did.

We believe Christians in general need to show a little more of "the milk of human kindness" in order to "catch the nearest way"—to do the most good for the cause of truth and righteousness in the world. A little more of "the spirit of brotherly love," than of self and of self-righteousness. Let sober thinking for the good of mankind flow from the Christian's soul that human life about him might be enriched with Christian love and brotherly affection. Christ sought to do these very things while he went about doing the will of the heavenly Father.

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"SILVER AND GOLD HAVE I NONE"—

These are the words of the Apostle Peter (Ac. 3:6a). "But such as I have give I thee" (v. 6b). The paralytic at the Beautiful Gate was seeking alms of Peter and John, as that was the way he sought aid of the people going up to the Temple for worship. It is human nature for rational-minded people to want to seek their own support. This is a God-given nature, for God told Adam, when He had driven him out of the Garden of Eden, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread."

The Apostles Peter and John were poor men, but

they were rich in the grace of God, and in love for mankind. They could give the poor man at the Gate something greater than money, food or clothing, or a comfortable place in which to rest his ill-deformed body. And they did that very thing by the grace of God. "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (v. 6c). Accept God's healing power by faith and obedience! Be a well man! Through the grace and divine power of God, we give you this miraculous blessing.

This man accepted the gift of healing, and arose, shouting praises unto God, and went with John and Peter into the Temple for holy worship. This was worth more to him than silver and gold—a normal body, a joyous heart and a renewed soul in the power and Spirit of Almighty God. God's servants are to give, by the grace and power of God, unto others the spiritual blessings of which they are standing in the greatest need today.

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"MARVEL NOT AT THIS"—

Jesus uttered these words to those gathered about him. He said "The hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice" (Jon. 5:28b). This is his assurance of the resurrection in that great day, both to the righteous and to the unrighteous. He declared unto his hearers that "they that have done good shall come forth unto the resurrection of life." Marvel not at this, for they shall reap their reward for their loving obedience unto the will of the heavenly Father. They shall live with him in glory throughout all eternity. Don't wonder at this, for you shall rejoice for evermore.

But said He to them eagerly listening to Him, "they that have done evil shall come forth unto the resurrection of damnation." Those who have lived and died in their sins, who obeyed not the commandments of the Father, nor walked in the way of righteousness shall reap their reward of punishment. Marvel not at this, for God is a just God, giving unto everyone that which he deserves. The good shall drink the sweet, but the bad shall drink the gall.

People today are to marvel not at the troublesome time in which we are living. Past sins, both individual and national, are weighing heavily upon us. It is a bitter cup, but a part of it will have to be drunk here and now to bring us to sober thinking. Some may have to endure the rest later in the great beyond. Marvel not, God will, through his justice, love and mercy, mete out to each one a just reward in the great day. Marvel not that the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus, shall endure throughout all eternity.



"God is good: His Presence is real: He can be trusted."

HELP ASSURED

The account of the healing of blind Bartimaeus suggests that the blessings that our Lord conferred upon men did not have to be wrung from Him by pleading and begging. All that was necessary was for men to have faith in Him, and the Divine help flowed into their lives just as electricity flows through the conductor that is in contact with the generating center.

We do much to make the Christian life bright and happy when we rest in the truth that Christ does not have to be urged or struggled with in order that we may secure a blessing from Him. On the contrary, He is always seeking to bless. It is not simply our need, but the loving impulse of His own nature, that puts Him into helpful relations with men.

There are many blessings of God that come to us independently of our character. "He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." But these general blessings, however abundant, always stop short of satisfying the whole nature of man. There is always something lacking, of which the blindness of Bartimaeus may be regarded as a type. God does not mean that we shall find the necessities of our nature met apart from direct relationship with Himself. David had a true, deep insight when he said: "I have no good apart from Thee."

It is this sense of need that brings us to God, and it is faith in Him that opens our souls to receive His help. We are constantly tempted to lack of faith because we feel that we need so much. But, from another point of view, the sense of need is what brings us to God, and when faith in God is added to it, the channel is open between the little bay of the human life and the ocean of the Divine resources and love.

In certain moods we shall find the richest lesson of this narrative in the man's disregard of human counsel. It is not necessary to suppose that those who "rebuked him that he should hold his peace" were unsympathetic with the man's blindness. They simply did not see that good could come

of his appeal. They lacked the sense of need and the faith that he had. It is a picture of the isolation of the human soul in the midst of many souls. Bartimaeus dared to let his own need and the faith guide him rather than the best intended counsels of men.

Over and over the Bible emphasizes the supreme importance of being loyal to the best impulses of our own hearts. Pontius Pilate illustrates the attitude which the modern phrase describes as having "the ear to the ground." The counsel of friends, neighbors, and public opinion may be followed to our eternal hurt. In the deepest things of human life we can eliminate all but our own souls and Christ. This communion is bound to lead us to the best in this life and for eternity.—The Watchman-Examiner.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT AGAINST ALCOHOLISM

Evanston, Ill., Dec. 5.—Public sentiment for the legal prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages is again on the upswing, with one-fourth of the nation by area again dry or banning hard liquor by ballot, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, President of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, said on the fourteenth anniversary of repeal, here today.

"The new revolt against alcoholic beverages," Mrs. Colvin said, "is resulting in more than 500 drying up local option elections nationwide, annually, and indications are that this number will increase greatly next year because of the opportunity for special issues at the general election.

"Drink associated crime and unsocial conditions, ranging from murder and sex offenses to poverty, backfiring against the liquor traffic, are the major causes in the drying-up process. People are discovering that decency and alcohol do not mix."

Mrs. Colvin made public what she termed a "black list" of nine major effects of repeal on the nation. It follows:

"1. Americans have become the world's most drunken people, consuming 231,000,000 (M) Gallons of liquor (distilled spirits), 140,000,000 (M) of wine, and 79,000,000 (M) barrels

of beer annually, or four times as much liquor and wine and twice as much beer as in 1934, first complete year of repeal.

"2. They now spend \$8,770,000,000 (B) annually for alcoholic beverages as compared with \$2,003,000,000 (B) in 1934, These amounts being also increasingly equalled by the cost of drink-caused crime, insanity, disease, juvenile delinquency, broken homes and other human waste.

"3. Repealists' promises that the saloon would never return have broken to the extent that a record of more than 446,500 taverns worse than saloons and other retail liquor places, one for every 85 families, are now operating in this country.

"4. Their promise of 'No advertising or sales promotion,' is scrapped and alcoholic beverage advertising is colored to glamorize drinking and add to the 3,500,000 alcoholics and heavy drinkers in vicious disregard of the public welfare.

"5. Liquor caused and associated crime, including gangsterism and sex offenses, is sweeping the country increasingly; some authorities estimating that drinking is a factor in more than one-third of all crime.

"6. One of every four currently reported admissions to psychopathic wards of general hospitals is an alcoholic, as is one of every fifteen men and women committed to state, county, city, veterans' and private hospitals for permanent care of mental (psychiatric) patients.

"7. Arrests for drunkenness including drunken driving are now one for every 43 persons in the country, an increase of 250 percent over the last year of prohibition. One fifth of those arrested are under 25 years old, an aftermath of uncurbed drinking in military service.

"8. The National Safety Council reports that a driver or pedestrian who had been drinking is involved in one of every four fatal auto accidents.

"9. Enough grains have been wasted in alcoholic beverages since repeal to feed all the starving of the world and the amount of money spent for drink similarly, would more than pay for all world relief needs, currently and years hence.

"An aroused public, humbugged

into repeal by wet dishonesty and by politicians having little conscience, is uniting in a reaction against booze. The one-fourth of the area that is dry contains one-fifth of the population."

Mrs. Colvin said it is interesting to note that all major promises of the repealists, in accomplishing repeal, including the one by President Roosevelt that "the saloon would never return" have been broken.

"The saloon," she added, "has not only returned, it has invaded residential neighborhoods where it knew it did not dare appear before prohibition, and has brought with it the old-time red-light district."

(End)

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SPIRITUALLY PREPARED MINISTERS

This subject is one which should be considered seriously by all of us, for when we speak of a prepared ministry, it really means something that we should hold up before the people. Now remember, that I am not going to say something against the minister or ministers who had not the opportunities of a Bible college or a Seminary education, for if I were to do that then I would be speaking against myself. I was raised by poor parents, and I was never able to prepare myself educationally, but understood we can be a prepared minister if we never go to a Seminary.

I am proud of the fact that I can advocate the need of education, and I can advocate the need of salvation. When men and women feel that we are called to the gospel ministry, it is needful that we should count the cost, and realize what it would take to prepare ourselves spiritually to the full command of our Lord. We can prepare ourselves educationally in such a way as to be able to have the title

of D. D. added to our name, and then be very far from being a spirit-filled minister of the Lord. It is the truth that the most essential thing is the preparation by the Holy Spirit for the true gospel ministry. When we make that preparation, then we can and will be looked upon as a minister in deed and in truth. This kind of preparation by the Spirit of God will enable us to resist the temptations of the Devil, it matters not what likeness they come in against us to deceive us.

We are very sorry to hear of some preachers who claim to be prepared to face the public as prepared preachers, simply because they had gone to some Seminary, and had received their diplomas as prepared messengers of God, and later on he found that they had gone in the way of sin. The reason of such is due to the fact that they had left off the most important preparation—the infilling of the Holy Spirit in the heart. I say let us have prepared preachers who have been prepared by the mighty power of Almighty God, than those who are only prepared by educational training. There was a certain preacher who was only prepared educationally, and who was recommended as pastor of a certain church, but the church turned him down because he was not prepared spiritually. If he had been prepared spiritually, then it would have been different, for the church would not have turned him down.

I, therefore, appeal to all ministers, if you are not prepared as you should be by the power and Spirit of God, then I urge you to get prepared by the infilling of the Holy Spirit in your heart. Then your preaching will be a success, for the people will see that your gospel messages are of God, whether you had ever been able to enter a Seminary or not.

Now, I do not want anyone to think that I am against a good education, for I am not. I do oppose people thinking that a preacher can preach simply because he is educated. I donate to our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and I believe that when a person is called to the ministry, and is prepared spiritually, and can go to the Seminary for training

then he can study the word of God more effectively than he can at home.

Brethren, I say for us to make full proof of our ministry from start to finish, and to do this we are enjoined to become prepared in the Spirit of the Lord. Then your good works in the ministry will not become naught, nor will it be evil spoken of by anyone. All who read this short article, please pray for me that I may be able to continue to be a prepared minister in the hands of the Lord, for I still have the desire to preach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. It is needful to be preached in all its purity that it might be able to remove sin out of the hearts and lives of the people, so that they can become prepared souls for the Lord.

Rev. W. A. Sellers,
Camilla, Georgia,
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CONTENTMENT

Behold the ravens on the trees,
They neither sow nor reap,
Nor do they gather into barns
Store for their winter's keep.
Yet every one thy Father feeds,
And should He pass thee by?
Does He not know His children's
needs,
Nor heed them when they cry?

Behold the lilies as they grow,
They neither toil nor spin,
Yet human ne'er wore robes as fine
As God hath clothed them in.
Could He, who clothes the fragile
flow'r,
Forget to clothe His own?
In faith lay hold upon His pow'r,
To Him thy cares make known!

Seek not what ye shall drink or eat,
Nor be of "doubtful mind,"
Such is a hopeless world's conceit,
Ye have a Father kind!
Seek ye the Kingdom of the Lord
And seek His righteousness:
With all good things, so says His
Word,
Will He His children bless.

—Benjamin Schlipf

God deserves more than skimmed milk from the cream of your earnings.

Gladys Hines Talks With Teen-agers

Our Part In the Missionary Enterprise

Hello Teen-agers,

We studied something of why we have Christian missions last week; now we want to become very personal and study the ways in which we as individuals and as a group can take part in that great work.

It is quite obvious that the most any one person can do is to become a missionary himself. That is so, but not everyone can go to the field. Perhaps you're thinking, "Well, just who should go?" I think the ones who have definitely had God's call should be the leading ones. The task of the missionary is hard at best, and unless one is certain that he is in the right place he is apt to fail in some crucial period.

It is just one step from going to the field to giving. Those who go give all they have. We who stay at home must do our part by giving to their support. Unless we do our part, they can't do theirs as well. Christ tells us to give a tenth. I wonder how many of us actually give a tenth to the Lord? I wonder how much we give directly to the missionary work? Our trouble is that we have so many things we think we need, and we take such good care of ourselves that we overlook the other fellow even if we have anything left for him. It is no wonder that so many today are in the lean spiritual condition in which they find themselves.

Prayer is something else we can all do in addition to giving. For whom shall we pray? We might always pray for the same person and let another needy one go. If we will remember ALL the missionaries each time we pray, however, God will see that the one in need will get the most good out of it. I don't mean to insinuate that it isn't all right to have someone special to pray for; I think that it is fine to remember some special friend in need in your prayers. But do you include the others who need your prayers also?

These three things . . . going, giving, and praying are something we can do as individuals and also as a group. A united group can always accomplish more than an individual. Of course your whole group can't go abroad as missionaries but you might be able to do some work similar to the missionaries in your own community. Are there any families in your community who do not know Christ as their personal

Saviour and who do not attend church services? If there are, you have a wonderful opportunity to do mission work right here in America.

FOR YOU

Dorothy Dix Porges

I believe that the world was created
for you,
Oh, children with brown eyes and
children with blue,
You darlings with gray eyes, you
treasures with black,
It was made and launched forth on
eternity's track
Just to make a big play-ground all
colors and gold,
All turquoise and scarlet and green;
and I hold
That we who are mothers, the dear
God let's stay
Just to care for and guard you, and
watch o'er your play.

For we who are mothers, were once
just as you,
Little children with gray eyes, and
black eyes, and blue;
We romped in the meadows, and
laughed in the sun,
And at night, tired out with our fro-
lic and fun,
We went to our mothers who made us
all neat
From the crown of our heads to our
two little feet,
And with loving arms 'round us, they
taught us to pray—
Ah, yes, we were children like you—
yesterday!

And our fathers stood by us as yours
stand by you,
And stooped just the same for a
sweet kiss or two;
And his look, as he held out his arms
wide apart—
His look—why it just matched the
love in our heart.
When we stand by you, darlings, and
watch as you play;
Ah, yes, children, we, too, were like
you—yesterday!
And the dear God permits us to be
here with you
Because when you need us, we know
what to do.

—Christian Home

"RESTORE SUCH AN ONE IN THE SPIRIT OF MEEKNESS"

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness."—Galatians 6:1a.

In dealing with a case of this kind, it is a very delicate proposition, and one needs the Spirit of prayer, wisdom and tact, as well as meekness, and then be sure that he is in the will of the Lord. If we are not sure, then we should stay on our knees until we do know the right way to deal with one overtaken in a fault. I have seen things made worse by the church not sending the right men to deal with the one overtaken in a fault. Perhaps, you have, too.

The Apostle Paul distinctly says, "one who is spiritual." I personally know of more than one person who have been driven farther away from the church when cold professors of religion were sent to deal with backsliders. And I have seen persons who, after having made a mistake, did their best to stage a comeback, and do their utmost to rally and come again with tears and prayers, yet the main ones who should have helped them up kept throwing stones at them until complete discouragement overcame them and they gave up all hope in despair.

Their excuse, they say, "We must keep the church clean," when in fact, it seems to me, they find satisfaction in crushing someone to the ground, and lording it over them. Be sure that you know that you are in the will of the Lord, lest you go in the wrong spirit, and thus make bad matters worse. There is quite a difference in going in the Spirit of God than in the spirit of the flesh. Remember, we have to give an account before a just God when we deal with the sheep who have gone astray from the "ninety and nine."

A certain young woman who had gone astray, and had made a wreck of her life, later was wonderfully saved in the Blood of the Lamb. And she went to work for the Lord, and tried to live her past life down, but she saw that she could not do it in her community, therefore, she went

to a distant city to live her life anew, working for the Lord. When she was doing a good work, and had a good reputation, some wicked reprobate who had known her, came to that town, and warned the people to be careful about taking her in, for she had a bad reputation in her own town. She became discouraged and went to another town, and in a few weeks to witness the same experience again.

If I know anything about the Bible, such a person, as the one who sought to down that woman, will have a hard time to get right with God. So, dear Free Will Baptist readers, let us be careful when we select individuals to go to talk with backsliders. Paul is the best authority I know on such questions, because he says for one who is spiritual is the one who is to go to try to restore such an one overtaken in a fault. Be sure and get that word—SPIRITUAL—in our mind. First, just one go, and if you cannot get results, then take another, and if that fails, then take the third, and if you get no results, then tell it to the church (Matt. 18:15-17).

Naaman Borders,
Waverly, Ohio

REPORT OF FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

Woman's Auxiliary Convention of First Mission Association met November 19, with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Theme—"Cast thy Bread upon the Waters."—Ecc. 11:1.

The session opened at 10:00 A. M., with singing directed by Mrs. Eula McLaughlin. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Hattie Newman. Mrs. Ethel Renegar gave the welcome and Mrs. Anna Manning the response.

The president's message was delivered by Rev. Leona Mayfield. A special number in song was rendered by members of the Lewis Ave. Church after, which the morning message was delivered by Rev. Cleo Pursell. Text: Ecc. 11:1.

Afternoon devotions were conduct-

ed by Hazel Reeves. Reports were given by the following Chairmen:

Enlistment—Mrs. Willard Day

Christian Education—Mrs. John H. West

Missions—Mrs. Bessie Staires

Stewardship—Mrs. Cleo Pursell

Benevolence—Mrs. Lula Kuykendall

Treasurer, Mrs. Myrl Wilson, reports total disbursements for the past quarter reached \$90.93.

It was recommended that each local Auxiliary send a special Christmas offering to our State Orphanage general treasury. (To be sent through district treasurer.)

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo., was present and talked in the interest of Superannuation.

The next convention will be held with the Bristow Church in February, 1948.

Publicity Chairman

THE PORTSMOUTH CHURCH

Portsmouth, Virginia
November 29, 1947

Dear Readers:

Since writing my letter of last week to this paper concerning our church here in Portsmouth, many good things have happened to us through the blessings of God.

Many of our former members have returned to us with the report that they got so much more out of their worshipping with us in friendliness, kindness, congenially and spiritually than they have been able to get elsewhere since they separated from us when our pastor quit about a month ago.

We have been conducting our worship since our pastor quit as before. Sunday School at 10 o'clock Sunday mornings; church services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, by a layman; church services at 7:30 o'clock Sunday P. M., also by a layman; Cottage Prayer services at 7:30 o'clock every Wednesday evening; Ladies Auxiliary every other Thursday at 7:30 o'clock P. M., and choir practice every other Friday evening at 8 o'clock. And to all these meetings everybody that attends

(and we have a good attendance in proportion to our membership) say they get many spiritual blessings.

For our denomination and readers can see that we are improving with God's help. But we need a pastor and all the help we can get spiritually, financially, and prayerfully, as we hope to get our building program started soon.

We received a donation of \$7.50 from the Ladies Aid Society of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Winston, N. C., this past week, for which we thank them so very much. Prayers, help and advice are appreciated, and gratefully appreciated. So it is with the admonition of Micah that we close this letter, "He hath shewed thee O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8).

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CHINESE STUDENTS FLOCK TO CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

Latest reports just received by the United Board revealing a heavy fall registration at the Christian Colleges show the high favor in which these institutions are held by the Chinese. More than 11,000 students enrolled for the fall semester, and these were but ten per cent of the total who applied for admission.

Recent cables give the following registration figures: Lingnan, 1,058; Hanchow, 891; Yenching, 921; Nanking, 1,188; Ginling, 437; Fukien, 590; Cheeloo, 478; Hwa Nan, 223; and West China Union, 1,733.

Because of the constantly rising inflation, tuition fees in many of the Colleges have climbed to the fantastic total of more than CN \$1,500,000—a sum four or five times the fee paid last term.

If we all daily stand for the Truth and Right,
Peace of mind is ours when we retire at night.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

"Not Saved Until Death"

Sometime back I received a letter which stated in part, "We do not know that we are saved." The writer went on to say, "We are saved by hope," and gave Romans 8:24 which reads, "For we are saved by hope." But let us quote the whole verse, "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" We certainly accept the salvation spoken of in this verse, but what is the inspired man of God talking about? He certainly is not talking about the soul and spirit of man. In the preceding verses of this chapter, Paul plainly teaches that we are already the "sons" of God, not waiting until death to become the "sons of God." Let us examine the Scriptures. Paul tells us to "rightly divide the word of truth" (II Tim. 2: 15). And Jesus says "Search the Scriptures," and if we would "search" and rightly divide the Scriptures, there would never be any conflict in our theology.

Then, let us study the preceding verses. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (verse 14). Notice the tense—"they are," right now "the sons of God," not having to wait until death to become sons. But, let us now consider the 15th verse. "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba Father." Here Paul tells us that we "have received" a present perfect tense declaration. (Thank God for Salvation now.) "The Spirit Himself (R. V.) beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Yes, again I beg you to notice that it says, "We are the children of God." We do not have to wait until death to know that we

are children of God. Now, let us examine the 17th verse. "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." All these verses, with a great number of other Scriptures, teach that we are saved while here on earth, and while we are sane—capable of exercising faith in the Lord Jesus. "What must I do to be saved?" was the cry of the Philippian jailer. The answer came back, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." The Scripture says again, "He that believeth on the Son hath" (right now) "everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God, abideth on him" (John 3:36). Then Paul says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8).

Again, listen to Jesus, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:15, 16). Now, for our last Scripture on the subject of Salvation Now and here it is: "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory" (Eph. 1: 13, 14). Paul says "Ye were sealed." God does not seal a child of Satan. We must get into God's family by the new birth—regeneration—which comes through Faith in Jesus Christ, before God places **His Seal** on us.

The Creature to be Delivered

The deliverance of the Creature is by hope, as we will find if we will rightly divide the word of God. "For I reckon that the suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but

by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption." Notice the words, "also" and "bondage".

In the preceding verses we are plainly taught that "We are the sons of God" brought out of the bondage of sin. Spiritually, we are the sons of God, because we have been regenerated—born of the Spirit. Now the writer says that the "Creature" shall be "also" delivered from bondage (verse 22). "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." Yes the whole creation is under the curse of "pain and suffering," and to say that it is not is to dispute the word of God. Now let us examine the 23rd verse of this message. "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." Here we are "waiting for the adoption," but back in verse 15 we are already "Adopted." Paul says, "Ye have received the Spirit of adoption." Now we are "waiting" for what "Adoption"—the "redemption of our body." So what is it that is saved by hope? The answer is plain—"The Body." So the inward man is saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and saved the very moment that we believe, and the outward man is saved by the resurrection from the dead. Now, let us go back to the 11th and 12th verses to prove this statement.

"And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

We know that we are saved by "His Spirit that beareth witness with our spirit," and we are patiently waiting and hoping for the resurrection of the body in the last day. Now, John says: "Beloved, now are we the

sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is, and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure" (I John 3:2, 3).

Remember that the apostle says, "and every man that hath this hope, purifieth himself, even as he is pure." It would be false hope to live and practice sin. How can a person hope when there is no foundation for his hope. I believe that the person who hopes to be like Jesus, will strive to be like him. We know that Christ is HOLY, so if we want to meet him with a smile and hope to that end, we will live the life which He says that we must live.

If you curse and take God's name in vain occasionally, you might be cursing at the appearing of the Lord Jesus. Would you like to do that? Would you like to be found at the ABC store or off drinking intoxicating liquors? We would not be visiting any place that we would not want to be when Jesus comes. Would you like to have Jesus come and find you on the ball-room floor? Would you like for Jesus to come and find you "tattling" about your neighbor, actually telling false things? No, you would not, if our heart has been made pure by regeneration. Our heart's desire is to be like Him. Christ said, "be ye also ready for ye know not the day nor the hour."

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN NEED OF WORK

This is to announce that I am in need of work, and that I am available for pastoral care of churches or to do supply work for any minister pastoring churches in the Ayden vicinity whenever they need to call someone to fill in a Sunday appointment for them.

I want to be in the service of the Lord, and also I need the remuneration for the support of my family, as everything is so very high and my income is quite limited

Rev. R. H. Mason,
Ayden, North Carolina

Great talkers are often little doers.

REV. FRED E. MAXEY JOINS FAIRMOUNT PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Fred E. Maxey, evangelist and teacher, comes to the Free Will Baptist brotherhood. To me, this is just another thing I can add to the many blessings I am thankful for on this Thanksgiving Day. I have known, and have been closely associated with brother Maxey for the past six years. I have listened to him bring God's Word in six evangelistic services, running from two to three weeks, and

I have had him conduct a two weeks' revival in the Hickory Chapel Church of which I am now pastor. My heart has been made glad to hear a man who proclaims clearly, simply, and without fear, the WHOLE Word of God, and yet who always proclaims the Word in love. Brother Maxey has lived in my home and his presence has been a blessing to my family and myself.

Brother Maxey comes to us from the Missionary Baptist organization. He has been devoting his entire time to evangelistic work and Bible teaching for more than twenty-five years in twenty-six states. He is a native of the State of Virginia. Before his conversion he was by profession a lawyer and lecturer. He has traveled the United States in lecture and organization work for a number of fraternal and labor organizations.

God saved him and he has dedicated his talent and his varied experience to the Lord. On joining the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist, he stated that he loved the Missionary Baptist brethren no less, but that he fully believed that the command of Jesus concerning the order of washing the saints' feet is an ordinance of the New Testament placed there by Jesus Himself. "I believe," he said, "that Feet Washing as practiced and taught and commanded by Jesus Christ, is as sacred an ordinance as baptism and the Lord's supper. I find in the Free Will Baptist brotherhood an opportunity to observe this ordinance and I feel that I am expected to take advantage of every opportunity presented to me to partake of every sacred ordinance

that Jesus himself observed and commanded his servants to observe."

I am sure that the Free Will Baptist brotherhood will be a blessing to Brother Maxey, and that he will be a blessing to us. We praise God for his humble spirit, for he does not depend on his education, or his experience, but relies solely upon the Holy Spirit. I know that he will find in our brotherhood, a warm welcome and sweet fellowship with the saints. I am sure that any church needing a man of God for revival work or Bible teaching would receive a blessing from brother Maxey's service.

J. A. Alexander,
Pastor Hickory Chapel,
2549 Vincent Ave.,
Norfolk, Virginia

CRAGMONT CAMPAIGN

My Dear Brother Minister:

During the months of January and February a special effort will be made to raise eight thousand dollars, (\$8,000.00) to pay off all indebtedness on the Cragmont Property. Each minister in the State will be given a book of receipts, which, when filled out will total the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

When you receive this receipt book please go before your people and explain the plan. Donations of from one (\$1.00) to ten (\$10.00) dollars will be receipted from this book.

We shall be counting on you during these months stated above, to assist us in raising the needed funds. Any amount above ten dollars (\$10.00) will be greatly appreciated from any one person. We do, however, expect each minister to raise one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the total amount of receipts called for in the book.

If I can be of service to you in any way I shall be glad to do so.

Your Brother in Christ,
J. G. Teasley,
Executive Director and
Treasurer.

Approved by Committee:
Mr. Fountain Taylor,
Mr. R. N. Hinnant,
Mrs. L. E. Ballard

"DON'T LIVE IN THE PAST"

To live in the realm of past experience indicates a lack of progress in spiritual things.

One of the key characteristics of a Christian is his discernment of spiritual things. "Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth (discerns) all things, yet he himself is judged (discerned) of no man" (I Cor. 2:14, 14).

Peter speaks of those who progress in the virtues of Christ by faith as being neither "barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins" (II Peter 1:8, 9).

The personal privilege of every Christian is that of walking constantly with Christ. Through this fellowship he learns new and precious spiritual truths. This fellowship and its accompanying acquisition of truth can make the present so blessed that the past will hold no attraction.

When the disciples returned from the Mount of Transfiguration and were unable to heal the demon-possessed boy, they asked Christ, "Why could not we cast him out?" They had not discernment to see their own lack of faith. This lack of the disciples was due to their pride in past experiences, which thwarted their present spiritual progress.—James Wayland McGlathery.

NURSERIES OF DEMOCRACY

"There are a hundred different views about missionary activity in China, ranging from the critical to the laudatory, but there is one point on which virtually all observers agree: The Christian Colleges have done their job well.

"No other influence has made a bigger contribution to the democratization and general advancement of Chinese thinking. Wherever they have been established, Christian Col-

leges have served as show-windows of Western learning and nurseries of democratic thought. In many, many instances, the inspiration for progressive change has come from these schools. They have set the pace and been the example for modern education in China." — A. T. Steele, Correspondent, New York Tribune.

A WORD FROM PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

If there has ever been a time on earth when people needed to pray it is now. We need to be workers together with God now, for we do need help from the great heavenly Father. We do know that God does mean business. We need a house for God's people and we need funds. We do desire the prayers of all Christian people to help us with God's work. There are some who will not put a penny or a stone, or a tile in no place that God is pleased with.

We want Jesus to be the foundation of our church, yes, the chief corner stone, and the Head of all of it. We want it and we do need it. We must have it by the grace of God. Our blessed old tent is about six years old, and it really leaks when it rains. It really has stood the test for its purpose, because the people simply know the Lord, and how to call upon him for answer to their prayers.

Just last week when the weather had been so rainy, all our seats under the tent were filled in the service. We called a prayer meeting and asked God to let the rain slack and praise his holy name, it surely did cease raining. Thus, we had a dry place for Sunday School, preaching service and the Young People's League. A soul was saved during the night service. Oh, the world is hungering for the living **Bread of Life**. Christ said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me" (Jon. 14: 6). Please read Hebrews 13:1, 3.

We are praying that we may be able to purchase the lot, and hope to start erecting a building soon. Please pray for us, and those who will help

us on the building, we will give a receipt of the amount which they send in for this work. These children here must have a place, a Free Will Baptist church, to worship in on the Lord's Day. Will you help us all you can? May God bless everyone is our prayer.

Daisy M. Williams,
Pensacola, Florida

THE YIELDED LIFE

What is a Yielded Life?

'Tis one at God's command,
For Him to mold, to form, to use
Or do with it as He may choose,
Resistless in His hand.

What is a Yielded Life?

A life whose only will,
When into blest subjection brought—
In every deed and aim and thought,
Seeks just to do His Will.

What is a Yielded Life?

A life which love has won,
And in surrender full, complete,
Lays all with gladness at the feet
Of God's most Holy Son.

—W. A. G.

TO FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

I wish to express my appreciations to our good people of South Carolina for their splendid co-operation in our Foreign Mission drive. I am sure that you will be happy to know that we lack only \$197.12 having our quota raised for the year ending June 30, 1948, and we have five months in which to raise this amount.

When you shall have time to read this in the Baptist paper, three or four conferences will have convened for their quarterly Union meetings, and I am sure that enough money will be raised to make up this amount, the \$197.12, before the Christmas holidays begin.

But let us not feel that we have done all that the Lord expects of us, but remember that the \$1,800.00 was the quota which the Mission Board had hoped our people would raise. Some of our churches have given sacrificially, while others, I feel, certain-

ly can do more. Thirty-one of our forty-seven active churches have given some. Let us pray that God will help us to go forward in His Holy name that we may strive to double our quota by June 30, 1948, so that others can be sent to help our brave missionaries who are giving their all, and who are doing such wonderful work for the Master's cause.

Yours in Christ,
H. J. Sawyer,
Mission Director,
State of South Carolina,
452 Railroad Ave.,
Rock Hill, S. C.

NEW AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

The East Side Free Will Baptist Ladies Aid was organized November 25, 1947.

Mrs. Evelyn Coffee, elected President; Mrs. Daisy M. Williams, Vice-President; Mrs. Annie Valeta Cook, Secretary and Treasurer.

Members: Mrs. Irene Dorch, Mrs. Margie Alderman, Mrs. Alice Taucut, Mrs. Della Carnley, Mrs. Jennie Cook, Mrs. Della Holmes, Mrs. Julia Hart, Mrs. Lucretia Springer, Miss Lula Williams, Miss Mattie Lue Hammock, Miss Sarah Elliott, Jo Nell Williams, Jo Ann Potts, and Marylon Alderman.

Daisy M. Williams, Secy.,
104 Aragon Court,
Pensacola, Florida

MY DUTY

Just to be faithful in things that are small,
Just to walk steady where others may fall,
Just to be willing if Jesus should call:
This is my duty to Him.

Just to be friendly to those I dislike,
Just to act kindly when others would strike,
Just to keep busy with things that are right;
This is my duty to Him.

Just to drive somebody's darkness away,
Just to make brighter the world of to-day,

Just to strew flowers along life's pathway;
This is my duty to Him.

Just to let Jesus have perfect control,
Just to know daily His grace makes me whole,
Just to have Heavenly grace in my soul;
This is my duty to Him.

—Unknown

O LORD, I COME PLEADING

O Lord, I come pleading and praying to Thee,
I'm seeking salvation so full and so free,
I'm hungering and thirsting Thy fullness to know,
That I may be washed and made whiter than snow.

I fully surrender my will and my all,
Myself and possessions are Thine at Thy call,
I'll follow wherever Thy Spirit doth show,
If Thou wilt the fulness of blessing bestow.

O come, blessed Spirit, and dwell Thou within,
And sanctify, purge me, and cleanse me from sin,
Endue me for service with power from on high,
O God, to the world and the flesh let me die.

Oh, now I'm believing and trusting in Thee;
My offering's accepted—by faith I can see;
I'm resting just now in Thine infinite love,
Thy Spirit comes in like a heavenly dove.

—James Gilchrist Lawson

Hurt but Not Injured!

A skilled physician, about to perform a delicate operation on a patient's ear, said reassuringly: "I may hurt you, but I will not injure you!"

And it may sometimes happen that God's kindness to His children hurts. What, then, shall we do? Thank Him for His willingness to take something out of us that is for our best.

MAY I WORK IN THE FIELD?

I ask, "May I work in the field?"
He said, "No, you must work in town."

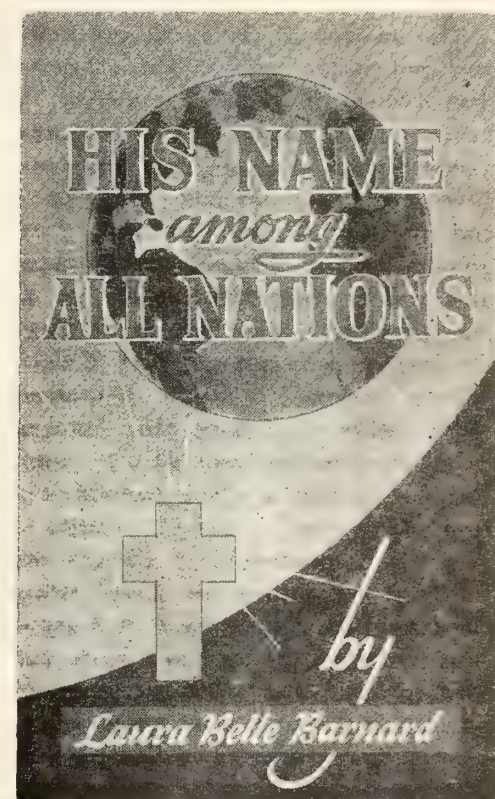
I said, "There are no flowers there."
He said, "No, no flowers but a crown."

I said, "My friends will miss me—that's what they say."
He said, "Choose now, is it I or they?"

I plead for time to begin.
He asked, "Is it hard to decide?"
It wouldn't have been hard in heaven
If you had followed the steps of your guide.

Into His hands went mine,
Into my heart came He;
I walked in the light divine,
A path that I had feared to see.

—Submitted by C. E. Baldwin,
Durham, N. C.



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THE PRINCE OF PEACE (Christmas)

(Lesson for December 21)

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7; Revelation 11:15; 15:2-4.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

The two clauses of the angels' chant cannot be separated: only as men accord glory to God in the Highest can there be the fruit of that glory.

The nations of the earth are again engaged in the ancient and oft-repudiated hope of erecting a period of peace by the means of covenants, agreements, leagues and promises. Once more they are attempting to do the works which are the fruit of regeneration by unregenerate persons and means, forgetting that figs do not grow on thistles. How much glory do they plan to give to God if their efforts succeed? None whatever! With deliberate intent they inaugurated their pretentious plan by denying God a place in their councils and when they chose a man of learning to head the department of culture and international education, they picked the most notorious atheist in Europe. And he promptly set the future pattern of his educational program by announcing that he had given up the idea of the existence of God twenty-five years ago, since to the modern, enlightened mind there was no need of God and no profit in the idea. So if such an organization does work a miracle and perform the improbable, and through its efforts peace comes to the troubled earth, will God receive the glory? **He will not!**

The world is basely deceived if it really believes God will tolerate this. The ancient utterance sounds in our

ears with undiminished force: "My glory will I not give to another"! When Pharaoh said, "My river is mine own, and I have made it"! God replied by saying, "**Behold, I am against thee**"!

Here in America we have so commercialized the birth date of our Lord Jesus scarcely a semblance of the original and holy idea remains. Count up the sum total of what you personally will have spent when Christmas is past, then ask yourself this frank question: "How much of this money went for the glory of God?"—Selected.

II. Heart of the Lesson

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. The child prophesied here is the same as is predicted in verse fourteen of chapter seven. He is represented here as a great Ruler, the King of the universe. Five remarkable titles are ascribed to Him; each one bearing testimony to His divinity, and showing His place of authority over the earth and His responsibility to the welfare of men. The prediction of the birth was fulfilled when Christ was born of the virgin Mary.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Concerning the song of Moses, as mentioned here, it has reference to the original song of Moses which was sung in the celebration of the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage just after the crossing of the Red Sea. The Scripture reference is found in Exodus 15:2-19. We are also to note that deliverance from sin and Satan had come through Christ, the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world. "The song of the Lamb" has reference to deliverance which was wrought through Christ. "The same song adapted to the state of suffering, but now to de-

livered Christians."—Clarke's Commentary.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

The Psalmist said, "**Great peace have they which love Thy Law: and nothing shall offend them**" (Ps. 119:165). Do you know Christians who are easily offended, and who are on the outlook for slights? Well, such Christians simply do not love God's Word, for our key-verse says, "**Great peace have they which love Thy Law: and nothing shall offend them.**" Do you become angry easily? If so, there is but **one** remedy: "Fall in love" with God's Word! Hide it in your hearts. Meditate upon God's Word day and night, and His Word will keep your hearts and minds in **great peace**. Can you say what the Psalmist said, "O how love I Thy Law! It is my meditation **all the day**" (vs. 96).

III. The Lesson Illustrated

The Only Rightful Heir to David's Throne

David Baron, the distinguished Jew, who was led by the Spirit through the unanswerable logic of Scripture to accept Jesus as Messiah, is reported to have said in one of his addresses on prophecy that, if the claim of Jesus to the throne of David had not been known in Jerusalem to be absolutely without flaw, the Jews never would have driven Him to the Cross. They would have needed only—on the day He entered Jerusalem, and was received with royal acclamation as the Son of David—to have denounced Him as an imposter and pretender, to silence forever any righteous claim He might make as leader or teacher; but neither on that day, nor on the day He put the solemn challenge to them as to the meaning of David's calling Him Lord, was a voice raised to dispute His legal title.

Mr. Baron is also reported to have said that, up to Christ's rejection as King, all genealogical records were preserved in the Temple, and easily accessible to all the people; but when Titus destroyed the city and the Temple, these records were also destroyed; and since that day the genealogical tables of Matthew and Luke alone remain to give the lineal descent

from David. Whatever may be the traditional belief of a Jew as to his family and his tribe, no man can bring legal documentary proof that he is of the tribe of Judah, and lineage of David, and rightful Heir to David's throne.

Therefore, the only living Man who to-day can bring an unbroken genealogy directly and incontrovertibly from David is Jesus of Nazareth, born King of the Jews, crucified King of the Jews, and to come again King of the Jews: "and His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the River even to the ends of the earth" (Zech 9:9, 10).—Prophetic News.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

A South African soldier who fought in World War II has written this poem on the need for waging peace NOW:

It is autumn again,
Smoky-voiced, cold-lipped autumn,
And the leaves are curling down,
A yellow lifeless rain,
Poor fragile skeletons that crackle
With dry dead voices underfoot . . .
Crushed by the rolling wheels,
Or trampled by heavy boots,
Or thrown upon the back lot fires . . .
They flash a moment in the sun
And disappear.

Autumn again!
The summer is dead and the year a-
dying,
And Peace, a wrinkled nightmare
Crouched among the skeleton leaves,
Weeping for all the broken promises
And the dying hopes

Is this the hill I stood upon
Four years ago, and watched the
golden sun
Strike life into the valley
With the fires of God?
And heard the mutter of the guns
Beyond the ridge,
And wondered then
Where lay the road when Victory was
won?
Now Victory has come and gone,
Slipped through our fingers,
Swallowed in the tumult of hate;

Drowned in oceans of mistrust and
fear;
Throttled by intolerance and whip-
ped by civil strife . . .
Gone from us . . . lost . . . and never
once
Looked back upon our empty hands.

Yes, this is the hill,
And this the hollow Victory
And the weeping Peace,
And once again as I stand here
I look up . . . and see the face of God!

Oh God,
What have we done?

What nightmare has our dream
Become within so short a year?
All that we've prayed for, given us
And we have lost it all.
Lord, once again give us the strength
To win a Victory.
This time, dear Lord, give us the
power
To beat our baser selves into defeat.
Renew our faith;
Give us the energy for Peace;
Teach us again to keep a promise
made;
Give us back love and truth;

Lift us above the languor and incom-
petence of fear;
Help us to trust our fellow men;
And, this beyond all things, Lord,
Lift again the candles of our memo-
ries,
Make us remember and remember
'Til we burn with shame . . .
The agony of nameless millions;
The cold drowned face of the sailor;
And the airman's last flamed glimpse
of life;
And the soldier with blood drying
Upon his speechless mouth.
Make us remember the tears
That fell so hopelessly upon the rub-
ble
Of a thousand tenements; the pain,
The screaming dark, the everlasting
years
Of separation; the brutal shock
Of death.

Make us remember
The men who fought and lived . . .
The broken men who live a shadow
life
In wards until they grow tired of
fighting

Death, and turn to it as their only
friend;
The whole men, without homes or
jobs,
Watching our promises broken one by
one,
Storing the bitterness in their hearts
Because we have forgotten them
So soon.

Make us remember the men who
fought with us
For freedom . . . the men of other
creeds and other tongues . . .
Make us remember the helpless and
the aged;
The wanderers and the outcasts of
the earth;
Make us remember the sound and
fury of our words
That pledged a bright new world;
Stamp them upon our hearts and
brand them on our souls,
And burn them upon our heedless
minds
Eternally.

Dear Lord, give us the wit to see
Our folly, and the shame
To recognize our perfidy; and teach
us humility
Again before Your face.
Give us the courage
To turn our backs upon our own stu-
pidity;
To honor the promises so glibly made;
To rip the hatred from our hearts
And make men truly free;
Help us have done with hollow men
And empty hearts and dead souls.

Dear Lord, teach us to act instead of
dream;
To work for Peace instead of wishing
for a miracle;
Make us honest men and honest wo-
men,
With the strength and the courage
To lift a dying Peace
From the ashes of empty Victory,
And make it live again.
Dear Lord of Heaven and earth,
Give us these strengths
While there's time,
To breathe life into Peace again,
And keep it a living fire,
Forever and ever.
Amen.

—Dick Diespecker
—In World Alliance News Letter

CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

JUST IN TIME

Ruth Carr

"What's the trouble now, Martha?" asked Grandmother from her chair in the chimney corner where she caught snatches of a heated discussion between Martha Blake and her sister, Bess.

"Oh, nothing, Grandmother! It's nothing."

"'Tis something, too," interrupted Bess, "why don't you tell her? Maybe she can help us persuade Mother."

"No, 'twon't do any good, for she always takes sides with Mother."

"Maybe I'll take sides with you this time, so let me hear what the trouble is," persisted the old lady laying down her darning.

"Well, it's like this, Grandmother, all the girls in our set have entertained our club with a card party and now it is our time and Mother won't hear to it, all because Papa is a steward in the church. I know lots of stewards who play cards, so why can't we?"

"The thing that worries us most," interrupted Bess, "is that the girls will think we are short or stingy or something, but we can't help it. Mother does not seem to care how humiliated we are."

"Does she know you have been attending card parties?"

"She knows we have been attending entertainments, but she does not know we play cards. It's lots of fun, Grandmother, and once I won the prize, but I hid it from Mother."

"O Martha, I'm sorry to hear—"

"There you go. I knew we would get scolded. Let's go, Bess."

"Wait a moment, Martha, I want to tell you and Bessie a little story out of my own life—a story I have never told a single soul before."

Bess Pulled Martha reluctantly to a chair and seated herself on her Grandmother's footstool.

"When I was a girl about your age and just beginning to have friends, I had some boy cousins who taught me

to play a game of cards called 'Old Maid.' I guess it has gone out of style a long time ago. I did not tell Mother of it for I knew she would object, but I often spent the night with friends and we played until a late hour. Finally the game seemed to grow tame and we decided to invite some boys to play. There were two boys, Ben Norris and Frank Little, who were members of our Sunday School class and we invited them to our parties. At first they would not play, but after much persuasion we got them into the game."

"Didn't they know how before? Every body plays cards these days."

"No; they were considered the best young men in our neighborhood and the mothers with grown daughters were all inviting these boys to their homes. Well, we enjoyed many a splendid game during the winter months, but in the springtime the boys had drifted out of our crowd and had quit going to church. Later we heard they were gambling, and one night Ben got into a fight at the saloon and shot a man for which he had to serve a long sentence in prison."

Grandmother heaved a sigh and wiped her glasses.

"Go on, Grandmother, tell the rest of it. I'm interested," said Bess.

"I hate to tell it, my dear, after all these long years, for it makes my heart ache. Well, Frank and I were engaged to be married and we were devoted to each other, but I refused to marry him till he quit gambling. He would promise over and over to quit and as often he would break his word. Finally he accused me of being to blame for it since I taught him to play and we parted in a rage."

"Did you ever see him again, Grandmother?"

"Not for many years, for he went away out west and did not return till your grandfather and I had been married a long time. He was furious when he found that I had not waited for him and to spite me, so he said,

he married the ignorant daughter of a washerwoman. I felt sorry for the girl and often helped her secure work among my friends. Frank would not support her, and she was forced to work for herself and little children. She cooked and washed to feed her family, and finally Frank ran away from home and she never knew what became of him."

"Is that all of the story? What became of the little children?"

"That is the saddest part of it, dear. The little boys ran on the streets all the time while their mother was at work and the little girl grew up without education or training and finally married a very rough man. I have seen them often since then and my heart aches every time I look at the wreck I have caused."

"Oh, did you cause it all, Grandmother?"

I fear I did, child; and if I could only turn back the pages of the past, I would certainly try to help Frank be the Christian that he might have been but for my influence."

"Poor Grandmother," said Martha with tears in her eyes, "I am sorry you have this bitter regret in your life! but it has saved me and maybe others, too. Bess, let's ask Mother to give us an old-fashioned candy pulling and it will be something new for our club and we will not have the feeling that we are ruining the lives of others. Thank you, over and over, Grandmother, for this sad story, but it has saved us," said Martha patting the wrinkled hand that lay on the tired lap.—Arkansas Methodist.

TOBEY'S CHRISTMAS RADIO

Because she was so quaint and old and alone-looking, and because people like Felice and Montez would laugh at her, Helga said, "Merry Christmas, ma'am," when she paid for her breakfast. Though Helga herself felt anything but merry.

"Bless your kind heart!" replied the little old lady, "may your good wishes come back to you many times over!"

The lights went out as Helga cleared the table.

"Oh, poor little old dear—she shouldn't have done it! I'm sure she needs this nickel," thought Helga as she carefully gathered up the dishes in the semi-darkness.

Her work day passed, and for once Helga was loath to go home.

"Ten dimes and a nickel!" she groaned despairingly, "and I need six dollars! I can't bear it—to see his faith hurt. This once I believe I'll buy the radio on the installment plan. After Christmas things will loose nup. But, how can I explain to Tobey's satisfaction?"

On the corner Helga waited for the bus. She took the little old lady's nickel from her pocket for the fare—and nearly screamed. In her hand lay five dollars in gold! (It was on a Christmas before the Government called in the gold.)

"Exactly enough!" cried Helga. "Ten dimes and a five-dollar gold piece! O Tobey, darling, your prayers have been answered!"

And then Helga was overwhelmed with an unhappy thought. "It is a mistake!" she moaned. "Of course, it's a mistake! That poor old body couldn't have meant to do this; she thought it was a nickel. I'll have to try to find her and give it back."

Wearily Helga went back to the coffee shop and told the manager about the poor old lady's tip. He laughed so hard that Helga was annoyed.

"I don't know whether it was a mistake or not, Helga, but she can afford it—she has bought this hotel! She came in on the early train unannounced."

"I—I'd like to be sure," stammered the astonished Helga.

"Then go up and ask her." He gave Helga the number of the suite.

"No, dear, it wasn't a mistake," said the little old lady, lovely in a lavender satin dressing gown. "It is a tiny token of gratitude for your kindness—God's own love in your honest heart—to a lonely old woman. Buy yourself some little luxury with it."

Helga told her about Tobey's prayers.

"Buy the radio, of course," she said, tears in her eyes, "but next Christmas," she added firmly, "no girl in my hotel will have to depend on tips to buy a little gift for her little brother!"—High-School Christian.

WHAT I WANT MY CHURCH TO BE

By CLARENCE F. BOWEN

Pastor East Nashville F. W. B. Church
Nashville, Tennessee

A long time ago a man of God cried with a heart sincere, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!" (Psalm 84:1). Something about God's holy sanctuary must have stirred the soul of this man. He must have found in God's House the conditions conducive to true worship.

I want my church to be a place where I can worship God in the truest sense of the word. And what is true worship? There are many definitions, but one I like very much is this one: "Worship is man's response in prayer and praise, in confession

and adoration, to God's outflow, to His revealing." I want to be proud of my church because at her every service I shall find something that will help me inside.

Once when a minister went into his sanctuary, he found there a young soldier who asked, "Do you mind if I sit here?"

"Of course not," the minister assured him, "that is why this church is always open."

"Thanks," the soldier added, "I love to come here. It makes you quiet inside and it makes you feel bigger than you are."

But I know I will not be able to worship truly in my church unless the "conditions conducive to true worship" are there. That is why I want my church to have deeply worshipful services, to be reverent at all times, to respect the presence of others who may be in an attitude of prayerful meditation. So let me be quiet, courteous, reverent, and prayerful when I come into God's House.

I want my church to be a place where I can hold fellowship with friends. I want to be proud of my church because of the encouraging warmth I know I can always find there among those whom I love. I know that as the Lord's Days come and go, and as I mingle with my friends, I shall become more and more a very real part of them—and they shall become a part of me. Though the Christ of God shall hold the pre-eminent place in my heart, I want to always find a little place for them. I want the great heart of my church always to throb with the warm love her members have one for another. "By this shall all men

know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

"There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
Tho' sundered far, by faith, they meet
Around one common mercy seat."

I want my church to be a place where God's world-wide program is carried on. I want to be proud of my church because her members are always eager to respond to the Master's call. Sometimes he calls for our financial support. Money is needed to bring into realization those facilities which will better help us worship him. Money is needed for many additional items in our church which will bring simple comfort and convenience to her members.

Sometimes Christ calls for our personal service. A new teacher is needed for a class. An official position must be filled by a godly man or woman. A consecrated missionary is needed from this church to minister to His "other sheep." A preacher of the gospel is singled out from our number, and God persistently calls . . . I want to be proud of my church because here God's people take seriously this matchless business of Christian living! — *East Nashville Church News.*

You can not be wholly successful
by half-hearted efforts.

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worldly pleasures are fleeting.

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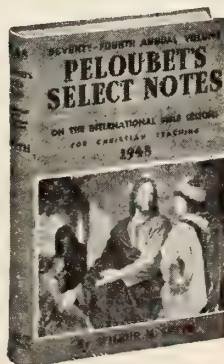
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MEEKS—It is with a very sad heart that I attempt to write the account of the death of my Father, W. Jim Meeks, who passed away on Friday, November 28, 1947. Dady had been in bad health for five long years. He had heart trouble for several years, and five years ago he had a stroke and lost the use of one side. He had been in bed every since that time. For about two months he had been very sick, but the end came very peacefully.

He suffered very much and was covered in bad bed sores most all over his body. Dad was born in 1865, and would have been 83 years old in February had he lived until that time. Father had been a faithful member of Cedar Grove F. W. B. Church for thirty years. As long as his health would permit him to go, he attended the services of the church. He is the last of an old family of people. He was a thoughtful husband and a good Father. Surviving are two sons and five daughters—namely, John D. Meeks of Portsmouth, Va., Lester Meeks of Robersonville, N. C., Mrs. R. C. Gurkin of Williamston, N. C.; Mrs. Luther Taylor of Williamston, Mrs. Lesley Simpson of Robersonville, Mrs. F. A. Nelson of the Hospital in Raleigh, and Miss Bessie Meeks of the home.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. James Perry at the home on Sunday, November 30. His body was laid to rest in the family plot under a mound of beautiful flowers.

Dady, the flowers on your grave
May wither and decay;
But our love for you, dear Dady,
Will never fade away.

—Written by a devoted daughter,
Mrs. Mattie Taylor,
Williamston, N. C.

IN MEMORY

On December 22nd, 1945, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to take my husband, George W. Copeland, to his eternal reward. He was a member of the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, and the Rev. A. L. Reynolds was serving the church as pastor at the time of his death. Others may have forgotten, but he is still living on in my life. The kindness and the loving disposition will never be forgotten. A quiet homey life, yet a friend to everyone. The days may seem dark and the nights long, but I bow in humble submission to the will of God; looking to the day when we shall be reunited in that home where separation will be no more.

Our God and Father surely knows
The evils that so oft oppose
And hinder us along the way.
He knows the trials of each day.

My disappointments even may
Be His disappointments for this day,
But He will help me with my load
Along life's rough and toilsome road.

Until His love and care are spent
I'll try to keep my heart content,
For, if the world shall cease to be
God lives and loves and cares for me.

Written for Mrs. Ida Copeland,
By A. L. Reynolds

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This is to inform the church people of North Carolina that I resigned the position as secretary-treasurer for the State Board of Education. Rev. J. C. Griffin, 204 N. 11th Street, Morehead City, North Carolina, is the present secretary-treasurer for Christian Education. Send your offerings for Christian education to him.

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Just to be glad the whole day through;
Just to be merciful, just to be mild;
Just to be trustful as a child;
Just to be gentle and kind and sweet;
Just to be helpful with willing feet;
Just to be cheery when things go wrong;
Just to drive sadness away with a song,
Whether the hour is dark or bright;
Just to be loyal to God and right;
Just to believe that God knows best;
Just in His promise ever to rest;
Just to let love be our daily key:
This is God's will, for you and me.

—Anonymous

In Earthen Vessels

The dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The gospel of a life like His
Is more than books or scrolls.

From scheme and creed the light goes out,
The saintly fact survives;
The blessed Master none can doubt,
Revealed in holy lives.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

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"He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son" (I John 2:22). That He is "the Christ." It is not that He died, nor even that He died for our sins, for demon doctrine will accept this; but that "he died for our sins according to the scriptures," died to make atonement for our sins, died as the fulfillment of "all things which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning him." This is "the doctrine of the Christ"; and if a man has it not, then, no matter how beautiful his character, the Holy Spirit declares that "this is antichrist, even he that denieth the Father and the Son."—Sir Robert Anderson, in *The Believer's Magazine*.

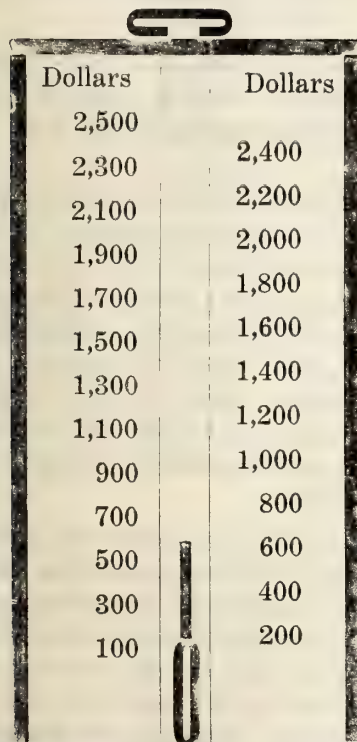
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Mark 7:33, 34

- I. The Heavenward Look for Help.
"And looking up to heaven."
- II. The Outward Look of Sympathy.
"He sighed and said."
- III. The Gracious Touch of Compassion.
"He touched his tongue."
- IV. The Helpful Word of Power.
Ephphatha; that is, "be opened."
The pattern is in His look,
His sigh, His touch, His Word.

—A. M., in Feathers

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LETTER FROM PORTSMOUTH CHURCH

Portsmouth, Va.
December 7, 1947

Dear Fellow Christians:

I am here again, with another letter from the Portsmouth Church, and I bear you glad tidings, for as the Psalmist puts it:

"I cried unto the Lord with my voice and he heard me out of his holy hill, Selah" (Psa. 3:4).

For it seems as if the Lord is already working wonders for our little church.

We have such a wonderful little group of faithful Christian people in our little church. Everyone seems to be so willing and anxious to do all they can for the church, and for God, and the advancement of his kingdom on this earth.

We have a good Sunday School; good mid-week prayer service, that everyone says they get such a spiritual blessing; also a fine Ladies Auxiliary; and Bro. Joe Ange, a layman, brings us some fine messages from the word of God Sunday mornings and Sunday nights.

Our members that quit have almost all returned to us, because they say they cannot get as much out of worshipping elsewhere as they can with us.

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive evermore. Amen: and have the keys of hell and of death" (Revelation 1:18).

"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hath a little strength, and hath kept my word, and hath not denied my name" (Revelation 3:8).

It is to those blessed gems of truth found in God's Holy word that we have held up in our church that our little crowd gets so much out of. They are food for the soul and they are found from Genesis to Revelation. The soul cannot live without spiritual food, that is what we realize.

Our attendance is improving and our finance is picking up considerably, too, and everything looks brighter to all of us.

We have started our building program and have already quite a few dollars in cash in the treasury, so we are hoping to have something up here soon that our denomination will be justly proud of, and all the help that anyone feels led to give us will be highly appreciated, and will be used for our building in which some day we will be able to invite you in with pleasure and pride with God's blessings.

There is no Free Will Baptist church in Portsmouth, and everyone of the other churches are looking on our efforts with interest and curiosity. So, we desire above all material things to show them a finished church.

The pastor that sees fit to serve us now (when we get one) will be blessed with some devout workers in Christ's vineyard, and I am sure he will receive many blessings from the hand of God.

If any of you have any relatives or friends up here that were Free Will Baptists at home or might become Free Will Baptists, please send me their names and addresses at once, so we can contact them. Thanks.

We close this time with this beautiful Promise of God. "... To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Last part of the 7th verse of 2nd chapter of Revelation.

Yours in Christ,
D. W. Cherry,
Route 1, Box 497-A,
Portsmouth, Va.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the Baptist readers that my address now is Box 283, Rock Hill, South Carolina, instead of Box 452, Railroad Avenue, Rock Hill, S. C. Those who desire to communicate to me by mail, please address the mail to me at the aforesaid new address.

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PRAYER

Marie Hyatt
President of W. N. A. C.,
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As I began to study the Word of God on the subject of Prayer, I felt it was a message for the auxiliary women of our church. There truly is a universal need of prayer. The prayers of the saints ascend as incense before God (Rev. 8:3, 4). I feel that the prayers of our women will make our church stronger in the service of our Lord. Then, the Holy Spirit aids in our prayers. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Rom. 8:26, 27).

There are certain conditions required before we can be successful "prayer-warriors." "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14). Contrition denotes deep sorrow for sin, growing out of love toward God. Contrition is sincere repentance of sin. Thus, we must have a born-again experience with the Lord before we can reach the throne of God through the channels of prayer.

Whole-heartedness is a condition of successful prayer. If every woman in our auxiliary organization had her entire interest in God's service, we would be able to do great work for Him. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:31). Let's be whole-hearted in our auxiliary work! Prayer is one of the chief aims of our organization.

Faith is important in our Christian walk. It is fundamental in Christian creed and conduct. In

faith all the other graces find their source. We are saved by faith. The whole of our salvation—past, present, and future, is dependent upon faith. It is vitally important in our prayer life. "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mk. 11:24).

Righteousness is a condition of a successful prayer-warrior. We must be righteous in the sight of God before we can pray in the behalf of the Cause of Christ. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Obedience is also required before we can successfully pray. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22).

The Christian life cannot be sustained without prayer; it is the Christian's vital breath. The apostles regarded prayer as the most important employment that could engage their time or attention. The lack of necessary blessings in life comes from the failure to pray. True prayer consists of such elements as adoration, praise, petition, pleading, thanksgiving, intercession, communion and waiting. It is a sin to neglect prayer (1 Sam. 12:23); we are commanded to continue in prayer—"pray without ceasing" (1 Thes. 5:17).

Read Matthew 6:5-13.

A CORRECTION

Under caption, "Revival at Parker's Chapel," in a recent issue of the Baptist paper there was an error. It was stated that the church had built an extension sixteen feet by fifteen feet, when it should have been "an extension sixteen feet by fifty feet was built to the church."—Louise Harris.

MISSION WORK BEGUN AT WARNER ROBINS, GA.

By the help of the Lord we started a Free Will Baptist mission point in the city of Warner Robins, Georgia. We held our first service on the third Sunday in November at the eleven o'clock hour, with five persons present for this initial service. We met again that night for service with twelve persons present for the evening service.

We held our next service on December 7, on Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour with five people present for this meeting. The evening service that Sunday night at 7:30 P. M., we had 13 people present for this service. We feel that this is not a bad beginning, and that there is a great opportunity for a great work in this place for Free Will Baptist people. We must not sit down and wait for things to open up unto us, but we are to go forth and do things for the Lord. We are expecting the co-operation of the Free Will Baptist people in this work.

In Matthew 28:19, 20 Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We have by the help of the Lord made a start in this work, and asking you Free Will Baptist people to co-operate with us. Come to see us, and pray for us that this work might go forward. Please let us hear from you. We will be letting you hear from us from time to time.

We meet each first and third Sundays with morning service at 11:00 A. M., and evening service at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. George W. Nobles,
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Warner Robins, Georgia,
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"ADDITIONAL TO NEW MISSIONARIES"

I feel definitely impressed to add to the article on qualifications for the new missionary, simply because the spiritual guage of our denomination registers through the type of men and women we train and send to the field.

The early medieval concept of the Christian ministry was that the ministry was the place for the weak misfits, the half-wits, and the strong rode forth gloriously clothed in armor capable of doing battle. The evangelical reformation, and we are known in history, as the period of the Renaissance, did away with this false concept of the type of worker we need in the ministry. Today of all days, and especially for the foreign mission field we need the highest type of Christian worker and the best prepared.

I am quoting from the "Missionary Digest," published by a friend, Sidney Correll of Dayton, Ohio. The article is by a missionary of experience, Julia H. Bronson, under the title "A Missionary Packs Her Trunk." This article was selected from the Missionary Link.

"What Not To Take"

1. Superiority Complex. Worse than useless over there. A positive hindrance to usefulness. A missionary possessing a Superiority Complex should get rid of it before sailing.

2. Tendency to snap judgment. Of doubtful value even in the hands of seasoned missionaries. First termers should leave such tendencies behind. Even deliberate judgment should be sparingly used by the new missionary. Better leave in the bottom of the trunk over the first year—better two years.

Critical spectacles. Usually come in a set with Snap Judgment Tendency. Very becoming to all mis-

sionaries; they render a new worker's appearance fairly ugly. They also work harm to the wearer, weakening and distorting the vision and causing permanent impairment of sight. If owned, discard.

3. Supersensitive nature. Very difficult to abandon when possessed from childhood. Nevertheless, it is likely to render a missionary non grata in a family or household. If a candidate finds it hard to leave this possession behind, let her call it by its true name—"Touchiness," "Self-centredness," "Conceit." Such treatment is a great help in giving it up.

4. Temper. This high explosive, dangerous enough at home, is inimical to success in the field, and should be definitely left in the discard. If brought out to Japan it destroys respect for its owner; in China the possessor will "lose face" at the first evidence of its existence; Indians will say little but are sure to put it in a balance over against a great many earnest words and deeds, with disastrous results.

"What to Take"

Clothes: Humility—A garb universally becoming and warranted to wear well and endure any climate. "Be clothed with Humility." Garments of Praise. A style for Christians that is never out of date. Protect the wearer from the frost of criticism, the blight of despondency, the rain of misfortune, and from all other conditions peculiar to the climate of the field. Shoes and other accessories. St. Paul, a missionary of experience, will advise any candidate as to the best type of shoes; he also is authority on many other articles of apparel. For ornaments, enquire of St. Peter. Girdles, sashes, etc. Take a large supply. The best as well as the most beautiful can be found in Colossians three, fourteen.

Equipment. Blankets. The candidates will find a variety of blankets

are to be had and should go well supplied. Yet, it is important to choose the right kind. The blanket known as "Wet" has been tried abroad with bad results. One perfect for wear and beauty is that one which "Covereth Sins." Field Glasses. Very important and useful part of equipment. Instead of wearing critical spectacles the new missionary should spend much time during the first term in quiet adjustment and a study of the field. Hours spent in patient waiting and "getting acquainted," are not spent in vain. Real Conversions. A new missionary cannot have too many, provided they have been "tested out" by experience at home. Lacking a few strong ones, she should tarry at home until they can be obtained. No success on the mission field can be had without them.

Emergency kit. For the Emergency kit, we would suggest a good supply of Sense of Humor. As first aid in attacks of discouragement or homesickness it has often proved useful. No missionary should sail without at least some equipment in Imagination. This should be of the right sort. Dr. Jowett recommends a "Sanctified Imagination."

Fillers-in. Every trunk needs soft fillers-in to keep the whole outfit smooth and steady. There are many fine fillers for missionary outfits. We would suggest **Patience** and then some **extra Patience**. No matter how large the supply it will never come amiss. And for that last filler—just tuck in a little more **Patience**.

Styles in purses. Unobtrusive and unostentatious styles are best. Just at present the Nationals are peculiarly sensitive about any display of purses. It will be well to keep the purse out of sight except when actually needed for purposes for sharing.

Now the trunk being packed—**BON VOYAGE!** The first term will show each one things that might better have been left at home, and will reveal what equipment is still lacking. How fortunate that the source of all supply is at hand, even in the remotest corner of the earth! "Seek, and ye shall find."

Thomas Willey

TITHING IS FOR THE TITHER

By Thomas Kane

In all the pamphlets written by "Layman" since 1876 two facts are made prominent. First:

The Law or Principle of the Tithe Is for the Benefit of the Tither.

The benefits to others, including the church, are secondary. Tithing is not a Mosaic law; it is a fundamental law or principle for the race, and God never established any law or any principle for the race, whether spiritual, moral, mental, physical, chemical, agricultural—in short, any race law or principle whatever—that was not primarily for the benefit of the individual man, woman or child who obeyed it. We have no right to suppose that the law of the tithe is the one single exception to this rule in all God's universe.

The other and second fact is that

The Tithe Is a Property Principle, and That It Pays to Obey It

Such a fact as this can only be proved by testimony. Testimony can only be obtained by asking questions.

All normal men, women and even children of thinking age are intuitively conscious that they are indebted to some higher power than themselves for all the material comforts and blessings of life. They are also conscious that verbal expressions of gratitude are not enough. They feel that they owe to this higher power something definite, something tangible, something that can be measured, weighed or counted.

Whenever and wherever this ages long and universal sense of obligation has found practical expression, the one common thought and practice, not only among Christians and Jews, but with people and nations whom we are accustomed to call Heathen and Pagans, has always been that the proportion to be paid from their gains is the tithe—the one-tenth.

Now, candidly, can you think of any argument in favor of the tithe as a fundamental law or principle of the human race as strong as this one fact?

Tithing Pays—Try It and See

In studying the history of the Jewish people, the two facts stand

out in bold relief, that both their piety and their prosperity could always be measured by their observance of the Tithe. With every declension both in morals and national prosperity came neglect of this duty, and every repentance was marked by its renewal. Their purses measured their religion to an extent little realized, just as modern purses measure modern religion.

Who Owns Everything?

Does not the admission that God made everything carry with it the admission that He owns everything? Does our changing the name or shape or use of any of His creations invest the ownership in us? If not, are we not in reality all borrowers instead of owners of what we claim to possess? If we are borrowers only, is it not probable that the Almighty applies the same common sense rules that we apply in trusting, favoring and honoring those who recognize our rights, and practice common honesty towards us in the ordinary affairs of everyday life?

Facts, Not Theories

In order to obtain in brief form the results in the individual lives of those who had adopted tithing, I wrote to hundreds of pastors, asking an answer to two questions.

First: What are the results of tithing upon the financial prosperity of those who practice it?

Second: What are the results upon their spiritual life and activity?

More than two hundred replies were received, all of the same tenor. The following are fair specimens. In making selections from the replies brevity has been the chief consideration.

Financial Prosperity

"Tithers have prospered to their surprise spiritually and through years of crop failures have prospered as in preceding years."

"Happier and more prosperous."

"Far in advance."

"Certainly not less prosperous."

"Three of the seven tithers have become owners of their homes by purchase on the installment plan within 14 months after they began to pay tithes."

"None are poor; some have in-

creased their incomes and business prosperity."

"Cannot tell but know that no tither has been less prosperous."

"They seem to have more and more to give as opportunities for giving present themselves."

Spiritual Prosperity

"I have three points in my charge. The point that practice tithing to fullest extent is most spiritual, receives more members, has more conversions, has better prayer meetings and is easy to get along with in all things."

"Prayer meetings larger and better. Bible study and family prayer great gain."

"There has been marked improvement in spirituality and work."

"All say they feel much better satisfied and enjoy religion much more than ever before. They are certainly much more active."

"The payments of one young man, a farmer who had been converted to tithing exceeded any and all of the rich farmers, who did not tithe. Yet many of these men said they were sure they gave more than a tenth."

Layman Tithing Foundation,
8 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Illinois

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

Young people, you who do not have a League in your church, are missing one of God's richest blessings. We, who are members of leagues, would like for you to enjoy wonderful fellowship with each other and our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Won't you ask God to lead and direct you in organizing a League in your church? There are many things He wishes us to do for Him, especially as Jesus' Birthday draws nigh. Miss Alethia Etheridge, our State Field Worker, will be more than glad to visit your church and help you organize and explain to you just what it is all about.

The F. W. Baptist League Convention of Second Union, Central Conference, opened its second meeting Saturday night, Nov. 29, by singing "Onward Christian Leaguers," followed by prayer by Rev. A. L. Reynolds.

Our president, Rev. Graham Baker, urged that young people gather together and give their talents to the Lord. To what better group could a young boy or girl contribute their gifts from the Lord than a League that "dies that it might live," which is the spirit of every League.

There were eight Leagues represented in this Convention. This was fine, considering the short time we have been organized, but think how much more we could accomplish for Jesus if you other churches awake and take an interest in your young people. It is time for we young people to WAKE UP and be about our Master's business. Shall we stand before Him in that day and have ought to lay at His feet? Come on, boys and girls, begin your Leagues and get busy and HAPPY working for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Rose Hill Choir rendered some very fine music and also four little girls from Gum Swamp Church sang two songs that lifted every heart nearer to God. Mrs. James Taylor recited a poem that was written by a member of Rocky Mount Church, giving thanks to God for His many blessings. Miss Edna Corbett spoke on "How to Live a Christian Life," and gave us Christians, especially, food for thought and meditation.

Our next Convention goes to Parker's Chapel, February 28, 1948. Be sure to represent by a delegate from each League (Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Adult) you have. I, as Secretary, also urge you to keep as accurate a record of what you do this quarter as you possibly can, so you will be able to fill the report blanks which will be sent to you. **Send the Blanks properly filled out with your delegates to the Convention. Do not mail.** Obtain a copy of report blank and post it where you can study it and know just what to work toward.

When you organize your Leagues, be sure to send me the name and address of every recording secretary that you have.

Thanking you for listening, and praying that many Leagues will begin to work for Jesus, I remain,

Yours for Christ,

Rachel E. Wooten

WHAT DID THANKSGIVING DAY MEAN TO YOU?

Irene Pollard
Fountain, N. C.

Please read Psalm 150.

Philippians 4:6, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Where Thanksgiving Originated:

When the first people came to our land and settled with such great success, they gave thanks unto God for sparing them through their many trials and hardships. Annually we now celebrate that particular day as Thanksgiving Day.

Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving?

Or why did we celebrate Thanksgiving?

1. Just to have a big dinner and to invite our friends in to eat with us, and to have "Turkey," as the saying goes.

2. Or do we celebrate Thanksgiving to thank God for the many things he has blessed us with throughout our lives (not to thank God for the good food we had that day to eat and stop at that).

For the Lord warns us today through his word as he did in the book of Deuteronomy, as he spoke to the Israelites. "Beware lest thou forget." We need that warning today. Because in return we are blessed with overflowing blessing, yet we forget to thank God for them. We are too much in the habit of just "remembering" to thank God on Thanksgiving Day, and forget to thank Him the rest of the time.

Let us mention a few of the things we should be thankful for:

1. First of all—for Jesus Christ, who loved us so that he died that we might live.

2. For that most infinite spiritual blessing of Eternal Life.

3. For the abundance of material blessings.

4. For our parents who serve as guardian over our earthly life.

5. To sum it all up, we should be

thankful and give thanks for everything we have, for everything we possess is God's. He has just loaned them to us so to speak, for a short time, or life here on this earth.

Now if we didn't thank God for all the things which he has so wonderfully blessed us with so far, let's undertake to do that in our prayer tonight, or do it right now—there is no better time.

REVIVAL AT PALMETTO CHAPEL

By Mrs. Marvin Wilson

It was during the last week of October that our pastor, Rev. C. D. Hamilton of Fountain, North Carolina, held our regular fall revival meeting. The Lord's presence in the Spirit was felt very much all through the meeting. Brother Hamilton delivered inspiring messages, and we were honored by having the Bear Grass Trio to sing for us on Thursday night. Everyone was made to rejoice and feel lifted up by the beautiful messages in song which those people brought for us.

There were five converts in the meeting. They were baptized and received into the church, with one other person who moved membership from another church to take membership with us. We believe the effect of this revival is living on in the hearts of the good people of our community. We have a very spiritual prayer meeting, and our Sunday School seems to be growing. Our L. A. S., while very small as yet in numbers, is trying to work for the best interest of the church, the community, and the other fields of our denominational work.

We have a fine group of young people in the Junior League. There are about twenty young people under the leadership of Mrs. Lawrence Wilson. They are very earnest and sincere in their work. Please pray for our church and community that the Lord may bless our feeble efforts, and make our Sunday School, L. A. S., and every part of our church work just what he would have them to be for his own glory. Pray also for our fine pastor and his good family.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Capital Punishment

We are often reading and hearing people say: "I am opposed to capital punishment," and they often quote the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," and try to apply this commandment to the State in taking the lives of those who wilfully murder, or rape and kill innocent women or little girls. Some use the term "two wrongs never make a right." This is true, "two wrongs never make a right," and certainly God said, "Thou shalt not kill," but God has admonished us to "rightly divide the word." When the word of God is rightly divided, there is no conflict, but when we take our little portion (little as we grasp the meaning), and try to make it mean something out of its setting, then we get God to crossing Himself.

Individuals Warned

As stated above, God said, "Thou Shalt not kill," which applies to individuals who get enraged, or who willfully take the life of his fellow-man. The man who does this has broken the law of God. And God has always furnished a penalty for the breaking of His law. It is God's law, "Thou shalt not kill," so if man is so much yielded to Satan, that old deceiver, that he rises up and kills his fellowman, whether it be man, woman, or child, the PENALTY is death for the crime.

God's Penalty for Murder

When God had given His law pertaining to the eating of blood, He then gave the law on shedding of blood. Not only does God require the blood of man for the shedding of man's blood, but God required it of the beasts of the field.

"But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely your blood of

your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man" (Gen. 9:4-6).

Thus God's word plainly sets forth the law for capital punishment. So when the law, "Thou shalt not kill," is applied to the government, it is for the lack of knowing how to rightly divide the Word of God. Individuals are forbidden to take the life of man under the penalty of death. So it is perfectly right to take the life of the individual who wilfully takes the life of his fellow-man.

God's Provision for the Defense of Murderers

God gives man a chance, even though man fails God. God gave to Moses a law of protection. The same God who gave to man the law, "Thou shalt not kill," gave to Moses a law of protection to the man who had made the mistake of taking life. Here is the law: "Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you: that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person unawares. And they shall be for cities of refuge from the revenger: that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment" (Numbers 35:11, 12). Here God teaches us to have legal procedure in the trial of murderers. There is to be no "mobbing" of the murderer because he is to have a fair trial for judgment to be passed.

God arranges for six cities of refuge and instructs Moses as follows: "These six cities shall be a refuge both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither." So the person who took life accidentally, or unawares, had a chance to stand before the judges. But let us go further with the penalty imposed by God on murder.

"And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die; he is a murderer: the murderer shall

surely be put to death" (Num. 35:15, 16).

"And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death" (verse 17).

God had a revenger, or an officer whose duty it was to meet out the penalty of death to the murderer, but this Revenger could not execute a penalty only on the conditions as laid down by the Lord, if so, he himself became a murderer and was tried and executed according to the death penalty. The 24th verse says, "Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments." In the 30th verse God says, "Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but not one witness shall testify against any person to cause him to die." God further admonishes the people and the judges, by saying, "Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction (take no delight) for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall surely be put to death" (Num. 35:31). That is, no one should wish to behold the execution to satisfy his desire to see a guilty soul punished. So, no person should be allowed to look on the execution of men who deserve death except the executioners. It is brutal nature that delights in seeing the life of man taken by gas, electricity, or by hanging. It is a pollution to execute the death penalty in ways conflicting with God's law. God says, "So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it."

If we believe God's law concerning the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," we must also believe and practice, as a government, the law of God concerning the penalty for the shedding of man's blood. If one is law the other is law.

But again, may we call your attention to the fact that it is a pollution of justice and against God's law for men to seek to witness the execution of the murderer, just to satisfy man's base and corrupt mind. It should be forbidden.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, Supt.

Middlesex, N. C.

SPECIAL NOTICE

All receipts reaching our office later than Saturday, November 29, 1947, will appear in the December report. It is necessary to have these receipts recorded in December in order that we may keep our records in balance with the bank. You will also note that your monthly donations have been added to your Thanksgiving offerings and appear in this report as one item. If you desire information concerning any one particular receipt please let us know and we will be happy to supply this information.

If there is some mistake in this report please notify us at once in order that we may correct it before the end of December as we would like to have all records straight at the end of the year.

Report for November, 1947

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. This is necessary to conserve space. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

French Broad Association

Avery's Creek	\$ 20.18
Ray's Chapel	8.40
Marshall	23.01
Asheville	27.00
Union Hill	12.00
Beaverdam	5.00
Mountain View	12.00
Homer's Chapel	14.00
Canton	29.36
Marion	26.60
Union Valley	11.00
Laurelton Chapel	2.50
Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Moretz and	
Ruth	10.00
Horney Heights	3.90
Red Hill	22.00

Swannanoa ----- 35.00

Total French Broad ----- \$ 261.95

Toe River Association

Little Elk ----- \$ 9.00

Piedmont Association

Caroleen ----- 20.00

Pee Dee Association

White Oak ----- \$ 2.00

Beaverdam ----- 17.00

Emerson ----- 7.55

Mt. Olive ----- 6.65

Highland Pines ----- 46.00

Total Pee Dee ----- \$ 79.20

Jack's Creek Association

North Bend ----- \$ 4.15

Rockfish Association

Bethel ----- \$ 7.00

Sandy Grove ----- 6.20

Mt. Moriah ----- 1.50

Total Rockfish ----- \$ 14.70

Albemarle Conference

Corinth ----- \$ 58.20

Sidney ----- 35.00

Little Creek ----- 105.36

Belhaven ----- 45.40

Piney Grove, Beaufort County ----- 18.52

St. Pauls ----- 37.45

Malachi's Chapel ----- 83.83

Hickory Chapel ----- 72.14

Mt. Tabor ----- 7.20

Gum Neck ----- 5.00

Mt. Olive, Washington County ----- 23.50

Mt. Zion, Washington County ----- 3.00

Elizabeth City ----- 10.00

Sound Side ----- 44.73

Total Albemarle ----- \$ 549.33

Cape Fear Conference

St. Mary's Grove ----- \$ 86.59

Goldsboro ----- 71.25

Hopewell ----- 55.37

Lee's Chapel ----- 37.01

Powhatan ----- 68.00

Shady Grove ----- 2.80

Daly's Chapel ----- 15.50

Corinth ----- 48.18

Tee's Chapel ----- 19.00

Robert's Grove ----- 95.90

Casey's Chapel ----- 112.70

Bethel ----- 125.40

Pleasant Grove, Harnett Co.	35.00
Yelverton's Grove	26.00
Riverside	21.01
Johnston Union	50.00
Smithfield	138.16
Oak Grove, Sampson Co.	94.16
Cape Fear Conference	50.00
Prospect	50.00

Total Cape Fear ----- \$1,208.03

Eastern Conference

Soundview	\$ 10.00
Sandy Plain	28.89
White Oak Grove	10.00
Deep Run	73.00
ReUnion Chapel	12.00
St. Mary's	80.35
St. John's Chapel	28.66
Spring Hope	10.00
Gethsemane	5.00
Core Creek	50.00
Arapahoe	12.00
Cabin	44.66
Dublin Grove	29.93
Morehead City	26.75
Warden's Grove	23.62
Jacksonville	21.50
Juniper's Chapel	46.74
Daileys' Chapel	35.45
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	12.40
Rock of Zion	18.73
Bridgeton	14.00
Union Chapel	51.11
Oriental	21.00
Edward's Chapel	19.00
Ephesus	35.00
Beaufort	157.22
Northeast	42.00
Davis	20.00
Core Point Chapel	20.90
Wintergreen	16.00
Ruth's Chapel	26.00
Sarecta	15.00
Pilgrim's Home	13.80
Woodington	36.00
Snead's Ferry	20.06
Mt. Pleasant	14.00
Whaley's Chapel	59.89
Oak Grove	10.00
Beulaville	11.89
Palmetto Chapel	40.00
Indian Springs	22.00
Piney Grove	6.00
Bethlehem	13.00
British Chapel	28.01
Kinston	82.00
Lanier's Chapel	10.00
New Haven	25.00
Smith's New Home	73.00
New Bethlehem	24.52
Moseley's Creek	13.00
Pearsall's Chapel	27.00
Snow Hill	15.00
Rooty Branch	40.00
Pilgrim's Rest	17.00
Free Union	53.80
Gray Branch	46.95
Friendship, Jones County	175.00
Total Eastern	\$1,893.83

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Central Conference

Marlboro	\$ 85.45
Shiloh	139.00
Rocky Mount	32.47
Otter's Creek	10.00
King's Cross Roads	73.40
Parker's Chapel	36.68
Sweet Gum Grove	54.28
Dawson's Grove	15.50
Harrell's Chapel	20.00
Fourth Union	34.04
Central Conference	253.61
Dilda's Grove	28.45
Bethany	308.84
Walnut Creek	20.00
Winterville	65.00
Black Jack	15.50
Gum Swamp	184.02
Aspin Grove	24.00
Pleasant Hill	20.00
Grimsley	101.32
Rose of Sharon	55.00
Elm Grove	331.75
Ayden	63.00
LaGrange	5.95
Owen's Chapel	15.20
Edgewood	57.00
Rose Hill	33.05
Daniel's Chapel	75.25
Greenville	122.03
Saratoga	203.17
Hickory Grove	75.00
Reedy Branch	317.41
Piney Grove, Pitt County	47.90
Spring Branch	239.95
Watery Branch	20.43
Arthur	17.00
Hugo	75.00
Maury	10.00
Sts. Delight	18.20
Antioch	20.00
Hull Road	516.53

Total Central \$3,840.40

Western Conference

Holly Springs	\$ 118.97
Rock Spring	20.00
Western Conference	125.00
Union Grove, Wayne County	18.65
Barnes Hill	15.00
Calvary	21.24
Shady Grove, Durham County	51.18
White Oak Hill	20.36
White Oak Hill by H. W. Lamm	10.00
Piney Grove	30.42
Friendship, Johnston County	108.00
Edgemont	85.71
Black Jack Grove	9.46
People's Chapel	100.00
Pleasant Plains	100.00
Rain's Cross Roads	106.35
Free Union, Wake County	3.00
Stoney Creek	106.23
Stoney Hill	10.00
Oak Grove, Wilson County	5.00
Rose Bud	19.05
Wilson	50.00
Stancil's Chapel	38.65
Mt. Zion	143.20
Marsh Swamp	68.00

Little Rock	5.00
Pleasant Hill, Wayne County	25.00
Pine Level, Johnston County	138.36
St. Mary's	13.01
New Sandy Hill	65.75
Elwood Lane	28.25
Everett's Chapel	33.75
Kenly	100.00
Micro	26.70

Total Western \$1,819.29

Miscellaneous Receipts

Selma Furlough	\$ 8.00
J. F. Morgan	5.00
J. W. Stone	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Steinberg	5.00
J. W. Benson	2.00
S. W. Richardson	10.00
Electric Motor and Repair Co.	20.00
Spring Hope Grocery Co.	10.00
J. H. French	20.00
O. D. Massey	5.00
Middlesex Furniture Co.	25.00
Mrs. Lester Hall	5.00
T. B. Mellette	10.00
L. J. Herring Implement Co.	15.00
J. E. Ballenger Refrigeration Ser.	15.00
Carolina Power and Light Co.	5.00
J. P. Barrow	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. V. W. House and Children	25.00
James H. Anderson Co.	10.00
Gus Swann	1.00
Carolina Packers, Inc.	50.00
Emlis McHan	1.00
Little River Ice Co.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Sawyer	25.00
Thomas B. Herman	10.00
Bettie Sharpe	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Herring	1.00
Raleigh Farm Equipment Co.	1.00
J. A. Efrid	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Pike	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Slocumb	5.00
Mrs. L. D. Broughton	3.00
Bryan Rock and Sand Co.	100.00
W. S. Williams	25.00
S. F. High, Jr.	20.00
Chad Russ	1.00
Dock Hester	1.00
Mrs. E. D. Batten	5.00
J. C. Cunningham	15.00
Claude Lewis	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harris	5.00
Mrs. Sarah R. Carroll	5.00
Miss Hazel Congleton	7.00
Jesse W. Fulcher	21.00
T. F. Davenport and Family	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Copeland	10.00
Rev. Q. Hansley	15.70
Bill Wiggins	1.00
W. H. Applewhite	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Green	1.00
Employees of Carolina Tel. & Tel. Company	12.00
Carbisco Flour and Feed Mills	25.00
W. B. Strickland	1.00
Romie Mitchell	2.00
Miss Imettie Raper	10.00

Mrs. D. L. Newsome and Miss Evelyn Pate	10.00
Rev. T. Renfrow	5.00
Rev. J. B. Ferrell	25.00
Frank Bass	25.00
Mrs. W. B. Strickland	1.00
Public Offering Thanksgiving Day	230.81
Ilda Johnson	1.00
W. E. Warren	10.00
Mrs. W. B. Harper	1.00
N. E. Strickland	5.00
J. T. Adams	10.00
B. D. Deans	5.00
Lonnie Lewis	20.00
Luke Nobles	5.00
Ann Jomp	1.00
L. H. Wetherington	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Barney Kirby	10.00
Rev. E. G. Holland	100.00
Mrs. E. G. Holland	10.00
Bunn and Company	100.00
Mrs. Nettie Evans	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Uzzell	200.00
Mr. John K. Pait	1.00
O. C. Holland	10.00
Mrs. M. C. Prescott	10.00
Y. P. F. Subscriptions	28.00
John David Daniel	5.00
Through Children's Relatives	272.40
Cash Sales, farm, dairy, garden	1,433.62
A. R. Flowers	1.00
J. W. Alford	10.00
J. H. Harper	10.00
Refunds	264.51
J. H. Harper	10.00
Truck Hire	61.00
High's Grocery Co.	5.00
Atoach	18.50
By Mrs. George Green, Valley, North Carolina	16.27
Miller's Chapel	3.20
Cramerton	13.15
Roberson Creek	18.00
Vale	14.50
Brice's Creek	31.00
Arrington Heights	10.50
By: D. D. Hunsucker	20.06

Total Miscellaneous \$3,769.22

CHAPEL RECEIPTS

Orphanage Alumni Association, (Mem. Win.)	\$124.00
Dr. M. Hinnant & Bros., (Mem. Win.)	100.00
Mrs. W. G. Wilson and Marie Phinney (Mem. Win.)	10.00
Swannanoa S. S., for Joyce Stevenson on Alumni Memorial Window	5.00
Mrs. Ben Casey (Mem. Win.)	100.00
J. C. Moye (Mem. Win.)	100.00
Mrs. Alice Wetherington (Mem. Win.)	100.00
Hull Road of Central (Pulpit Furn.)	10.00
E. F. Dennis & Family (Mem. Win.)	100.00
Johnston Union, Cape Fear, (Mem. Win.)	50.00
Refunds	16.20

Total Chapel \$715.20

CLOTHING RECEIPTS

4th Union of Central	\$ 34.45
Elm Grove L. A. S., of Central	30.00
Friendship, Greene Co., of Central	30.00
Bethany of Central	60.00
Mt. Zion L. A. S., (Pamlico Co.), of Eastern	30.00
St. John's L. A. S., of Cape Fear ..	30.00

Total Clothing

Total General Fund	\$13,469.10
Total Chapel Fund	715.20
Total Clothing Fund	214.45

Grand Total

Donated Commodities

Tippett's Chapel L. A. S. clothing ..	\$ 48.40
Surplus Foods through Fed. Sources ..	20.00
Mrs. W. L. Moretz, Clothing	2.04
Micro Church, Food	50.90
Gum Neck Aux., Household Supplies ..	6.50
White Oak Hill Aux., Food and Household Supplies	30.47
New Sandy Hill, Food	4.90
Lee's Chapel L. A. S., Food and Household Supplies	65.52
A. D. Williams, Food	5.00
Mt. Moriah L. A. S., H. H. Supplies ..	5.00
Rocky Mount, H. H. Supplies	8.60
Friendship L. A. S., (Jones Co.), H. H. Supplies and Clothing	20.74
Pleasant Hill L. A. S., H. H. Supplies ..	6.79
Mrs. C. H. Owens, Food	3.00
J. C. Penney & Co., Clothing	12.50
Mrs. E. L. Landreun, Food	5.00
Mr. Walter Sanders, H. H. Supplies ..	5.90
Mrs. W. D. Lupton, Clothing	5.00
Goldsboro Aux., H. H. Supplies	12.00
Oak Grove, Food	15.15
Black Jack L. A. S., Food	8.40
People's Chapel, Food	32.40
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Food ..	16.10
Pleasant Plains, Food	97.50
Mrs. Mary Turner, Food	1.80
Mrs. I. H. Phillips, Food	3.60
Friendship L. A. S., Jones Co., Food ..	1.80
Casey's Chapel, Food	9.60

Total Donated Commodities

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the church people of North Carolina that I resigned the position as secretary-treasurer for the State Board of Education. Rev. J. C. Griffin, 204 N. 11th Street, Morehead City, North Carolina, is the present secretary-treasurer for Christian Education. Send your offerings for Christian education to him.

Yours to serve,
Rashie Kennedy

You can not build real character
with faulty materials.

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN
MISSION TREASURER

Receipts during the month of November

T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.	\$ 10.00
Prospect S. S. of Alabama	20.00
State of Ga., by C. J. Harvey	32.16
Johnston Union Church, Smith- field, N. C.	25.00
Mt. Elon League, Hyman, S. C. ..	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ketchim, Shawnee, Okla.	30.00
Nat'l. Aux. Con., by Mrs. Huey Gower, Treasurer	110.44
Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Kettelman, Macedonia, Illinois	20.00
Jack McCoury, Johnson City, Tenn. ..	5.00
West Nashville Church of Tenn.	10.00
Union F. W. B. S. S. of Tenn. ..	5.00
Altona Church of Ohio	8.10
State of Mich., by George Ritter ..	8.00
John Straughn, Lexington, Okla.	10.00
Wade Jernigan, 1819 N. Park, Shawnee, Oklahoma	5.00
W. S. Gardner, Springer, Okla. ..	20.00
Mt. Zion League of Tenn.	7.75
Plaster Grove S. S. of Illinois ..	30.00
Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, North Carolina	1.00
Trinity Church of Nashville, Tenn. ..	10.00
State of Mich., by George Ritter ..	4.00
Shawnee, Okla., First Church ..	7.86
Union Ch. and F. W. B. League of Illinois	66.00
Young Folks Missionary Meeting, Stacy, North Carolina	5.00
Senior League of Oak Lawn Ch., of Tennessee	5.26
Alabama State Association	108.01
Alabama State Women's Aux. ..	8.00
Reulaville League of N. C.	10.00
State of N. C., by Wilson Parker ..	10.00
Sylacauga church of Alabama ..	18.60
Wewoka Okla., First Church ..	10.00
Florida State Association	147.02
Meads Chapel, Herald, Va.	16.00
Mary's Chapel, Coeburn, Va.	24.77
F. W. B. S. S., War, W. Va.	3.00
F. W. B. League of Olivet Church of Tennessee	25.00
Return deposit on lights at former office	5.00
Cumberland Association of Tenn.	34.75
State Association of S. C.	34.00
State of Mich., by George Ritter ..	4.00
Webb's Prairie Church of Illinois ..	67.00
Waltonville Church of Illinois ..	10.00
Oakland Church of Illinois	11.00
Offering from member of Hazel Park Church of Mich.50
Pittsburg, Illinois, Church	25.00
Mrs. J. A. Berry, Manning, S. C. ..	2.00
Mrs. G. K. Beetson, Manning, S. C. ..	2.00
Mr. M. L. Hicks, Manning, S. C. ..	6.00
Sole of Picture Poster Set	4.00
Refund by Miss Yeley of Cuba for money advanced because of emergency in September	100.00
State of Georgia, by C. J. Harvey ..	51.46
Heads Church of Tenn.	6.00

Refund from American Express Company32
League Rally of Hopewell Associa- tion of Oklahoma	2.00
Letcher County Conference of Ky.	75.00
New Hope League of Tenn.	3.53
Sunday School of Free Will Bap- tist Bible College	45.00
Midway Church of Tenn.	4.00
Midway Auxiliary of Tenn.	4.00
Auxiliary of Sylacauga Church of Alabama	6.35
Clayton Texas Church	4.40
Offerings for the Review	3.00
Sale of Books, "His Name Among All Nations"	102.00
State of Missouri, by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer	425.15
Totals for General Fund	\$2,341.67

DESIGNATED FUNDS

For Support of Cuban Students

Ladies Auxiliary, Camilla, Ga. ...	\$ 15.00
Prayer Band of Highland Park Church of Michigan	15.00
T. L. Scruggs, Outwood, Ky.	15.00
Women's Auxiliary, Highland Park Church of Michigan	15.00
Young People's League, Hazel Park Church, Michigan	15.00
Greenwood Aux., Camilla, Ga.	15.00
Belview Church, Leeds, Ala.	15.00
Bear Point Aux., of Illinois	15.00
William K. (Bill) Davis, Monett, Missouri	7.50
Mtn. Valley Church, Mtn. Grove, Missouri	15.00
Ina Church, Ina, Illinois	15.00
Intermediate Class, Mt. Elon Church of S. C.	15.00
Hazel Creek Union Church of Mo.	15.00
Total	\$ 187.50

To purchase Miss Barnard a radio

Greenville Church, Greenville, North Carolina	\$ 100.00
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Combined Total

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Reverend Noah D. Brown of Rockingham, North Carolina, is to hold services at Mount Moriah Church at 11:00 A. M. on Sunday morning, December 28, 1947.

The Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 10:30 A. M., at Mount Moriah Church, and everyone is cordially invited to attend every Sunday.

Rev. R. L. Clark,
Hamlet, N. C.,
Route 1



GOD'S ETERNAL RULE

(Lesson for December 28)

Lesson: Revelation 21:1-7; 21:22-27.

I. Sentence Sermons

1. Some of the greatest of blessings of Heaven will be the absence of everything that pertains to sorrow (Rev. 21:1, 4).

2. God has a definite place prepared for the eternal abode of His children (vs. 2).

3. God's great aim of eternal fellowship with man will be realized only in the new creation (vs. 3).

4. There is need of a new creation because everything of the present one is faulty or defiled (vs. 5).

5. He who cried, "It is finished" when the work of redemption was done on the Cross, will also say, "It is done" when the new creation has been brought in (vs. 6).

6. The heir of all these things is the one who has learned to overcome through the Blood of Christ and His own testimony (vs. 7).

7. Everything that does not fit into the perfection of the new creation will be confined to the place of destruction (vs. 8).

8. It stands to reason that the real Sanctuary, of which the Temple was a faint reflection, needs no other Temple in it (vs. 22).

9. In the presence of Him who is the Light of the world all other lights grow pale and disappear (vss. 23, 24).

10. No sea, no tears, no death, no sorrow, no crying, no pain, no defilement, no temple, no sun, no moon, no night, no curse.

11. But there is a greater attraction than all these. It is the climax

of the Christian life, the one thing for which we have been longing since the day we received Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

12. "They shall see His face." That is the most wonderful thing of all (Rev. 22:4). It is He who loved us enough to die for us, who saved us from sin by His grace, who kept us by His love through life's journey; it is Jesus of Nazareth, crucified, risen again, King of kings and Lord of lords! We shall see His face and be satisfied.

13. Memorize the Golden Text, please. "Thy Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations" (Ps. 145:13).

II. Heart of the Lesson

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

It is a City of immense size. It is said to lie "foursquare," which means that it is a perfect cube. Its length, breadth and height are equal. The dimensions are said to be twelve thousand furlongs. If our understanding of the furlong is correct, that means 1500 miles. Think of it! A City 1500 miles long, 1500 miles wide, and 1500 miles high! No city in the world can compare with that.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Consistently throughout the Word of God emphasis is placed on the coming glory. In fact, you will find that invariably God encourages us in the midst of present suffering by the promise of the glory we shall have with Him.

How different is this scriptural approach from the one so often taken by Christians. Frequently we comfort ourselves with the remembrance that others have greater suffering than we. The Word of God never does that. Logic should teach us the superiority of the scriptural ap-

proach; for if we should find ourselves in the worst possible condition, there would be no worst condition to which we could look for comfort in our suffering. Romans 8:17 and II Timothy 2:12 are illustrations of the scriptural view.—Moody Monthly.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. During ancient times the gates to the walls about the ancient cities were for the purpose of security of the inhabitants, to keep out robbers and the common enemies. They were carefully guarded to prevent the entrance of evil-doers into the city. But all will be different in the new Jerusalem for only the pure in heart shall be eligible to enter there. The gates will be open and all the redeemed will have free entrance into the holy city. "God will have some of all ranks and degrees of men to fill the heavenly mansions."—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Is the Lord Happy about You?

It happened last year. Mommie and the children were decorating the house for Christmas. The children were full of joyous excitement, and the house was full of bits of evergreen, pieces of tinsel and broken silver balls. (They didn't mean to . . . they all "just slidded, Mommie" from small fingers atremble with eagerness.)

Becky's little star-shaped hands reached deep into the box of Christmas-tree ornaments. Her blue eyes were as bright as the stars, and her pudgy little self wriggled with delight over every tinsel loveliness.

The children were nearly finished with their work and their faces were happy and satisfied. What mattered it that one branch of the tree was fairly drenched with silver rain and another had missed the shower altogether? (Mother could readjust the rain later.)

"Mommie," asked Jane, "what makes everybody so happy at Christmas?"

"Well, because it is the Lord Jesus' birthday . . . and because we love

Him . . . and because we are happy about His coming to this world."

Jane thought a minute and then said, "And is the Lord happy about you?"

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Oh, little girlie, what a question you've asked! Is the Lord Jesus happy about us on His birthday? Really happy because He sees within our hearts a deep, true love for Him? A satisfying love and not just a seasonal affection stirred up by the festivities of Christmas?

Does He see our Christmas activities centered in a love for Him, or is the festivity itself the center? It makes a difference, because what He wants more than anything else on His birthday is the love of our hearts. —The Doorstep Evangel.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF NORTH CAROLINA

We are reporting by districts or conferences and associations this month. This saves us from confusing the names of two or more churches which are in different conferences, for instance: "St. Mary's, New Bern, and St. Mary's, Wilson County. Therefore all reports will be by districts.

Central Conference

Central Conference, by M. H. Whichard, Treas. ----- \$ 40.00
Marlboro S. S., by David Reddick ----- 2.37
Rocky Mount S. S., by Mrs. James Taylor ----- 3.47
Total Central Conference --- \$ 45.86

Western Conference

Stony Creek Church, by Guy M. Pate ----- \$ 20.00

Cape Fear Conference

Tee's Chapel, by J. W. Tyner --- \$ 75.00
Corinth, by Earl Strickland --- 83.35
Shady Grove S. S., by A. F. Ballance ----- 3.50
Cape Fear Conference proper by H. T. Henson, Treas. -- 50.00

Oak Grove Church, by Leo Bass ----- 25.00
Shady Grove S. S., by A. F. Ballance ----- 3.75
Goldsboro, F. W. B. Church, by W. H. Johnson ----- 5.00
Hopewell S. S., by Miss Jane Johnson ----- 3.80
Total Cape Fear Conference --- \$249.40

Piedmont Association

Washington Street Church, Gastonia, by Rev. Sherman H. Oaks ----- \$ 20.00

Albemarle Conference

Conference Treasurer, T. F. Davenport ----- \$ 15.00
Free Union Church, by T. F. Davenport ----- 12.50
Total Albemarle Conference --- \$ 27.50

Total from all churches and Conferences ----- \$362.76

Balance on hand Nov. 1 ---- 2.12
Received in November ----- 362.76

Grand Total ----- \$364.88
Check to Henry Melvin, Treasurer F. W. B. Bible College ----- \$360.00
Balance on hand ----- \$ 4.88

Indeed we wish to express our appreciation to those who are supporting the Educational Program, and many thanks to be added to those who are acknowledging the State Treasurer in making their donations. Only can I make a report of that which I actually receive. Thank the Lord for those Sunday Schools which are making monthly donations.

Good News

November the 21st I received from Brother Melvin good news, as I quote: "Paid on '47 quota as of 11-19-47, \$14,944.57. Only need to meet 1947 quota by \$55.43. This was after receiving our check for the month of October. We do not know how much has been sent direct to the college, but if none has been sent since our October check was received, we have a credit on the 48 quota of \$304.57.

So, may we as a State set our faces toward clearing up the whole allotment of the \$20,000 by the end of June 1948. "We are laborers together with God." God will do His part. Will we do ours?

Also Brother Melvin said, "The over-all picture here is very good. The Student body is very content and happy in their work and a wonderful spirit exists. We really have some fine young people."

Praise God for the success attained thus far in the life of the Bible College. May this good work go on until Jesus comes is our prayer.

J. C. Griffin, Secy.-Treas.,
Board of Education of
N. C. State Convention

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Given by States—Nov. 1947
Brought forward from the month

of October ----- \$4,015.67
Received during the month of November by states as follows:

North Carolina ----- \$594.24
Missouri ----- 462.65
Illinois ----- 259.00
Alabama ----- 175.96
Tennessee ----- 165.29
Florida ----- 147.02
Georgia ----- 123.62
Kentucky ----- 90.00
Oklahoma ----- 84.86
South Carolina ----- 84.00
Michigan ----- 61.50
Virginia ----- 43.77
Ohio ----- 8.10
Texas ----- 4.40
National Auxiliary Convention ----- 110.44
Sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations" --- 102.00
Offerings for the Review --- 3.00
Return deposit on lights at former office ----- 5.00
Sale of Picture Poster Set 4.00
Refund by Miss Yeley on money advanced in Sept. for emergency ----- 100.00
Refund by American Exp. Company ----- .32

Total ----- \$2,629.17

Grand Total ----- \$6,644.84
Total disbursements during month 2,289.94

Balance in Treas. Dec. 1, 1947 --- \$4,354.90

WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

NO ROOM

Martha E. Hutchins

"Ronald Anthony! What are you doing?"

The twelve-year-old boy straightened the picture and sat down on the top step of the stepladder with his long legs kicking at the air. "Isn't that pretty, Mother?"

"And what do you intend to do with that picture of mine you took down?"

"Oh, put it in the attic, I suppose. Really, Mother, that old picture has been here so long I'm tired of it."

"That, my son, is a very famous painting by Cartwright. It is worth fortunes and you intend to put it in the attic and replace it with a picture of a baby?"

"That's not just a baby, Mother. That's the Christ Child." Rolly was now standing on the top step, towering defiantly above his mother.

"This is no Mohammedan museum, Rolly, and that picture is not going to hang in my drawing room. Put my picture back, and do not break it."

"Maybe I could hang my picture in the library or parlor or hall." Rolly sat down again and looked questioningly at his mother who stood sedately viewing her choice selection of paintings which were hung artistically on the walls of her large, elaborate drawing room. "Maybe I could sandwich it between a couple of yours if you won't let me take any down," he added.

"No, Rolly, it would spoil the arrangement. You can't hang it up so you might as well forget about it."

"Oh, all right, I'll put it in my room, but I did want it hanging where people would see it." He stood up again and carefully lifted the picture from the hook.

"No, Rolly, you can't put it there either. I've spent a good many hours and dollars picking the pictures for your room and you are not going to

take any of them down or put any more up. You were never religious before. Why do you want that picture anyway?"

Rolly thought a minute while he hung the expensive painting back in its accustomed place and then said slowly, "I don't know, Mother, except that it's almost Christmas and we ought to have something to remind us of the Saviour instead of all those trees and lights and bells and things."

Mrs. Anthony quickly changed the subject with, "Let James put the stepladder away."

"James is busy, so I'll do it," Rolly answered with a smile. When he came back for his picture his mother had gone. He stood for several minutes wondering what to do with his recent purchase.

Ten minutes later if his mother had looked in the stable, she would have been amazed at a sight as strange to her as the barn which was used for their riding horses. Leaning against the manger was the picture of the Christ Child and kneeling there in the hay was Rolly, tears streaming from his tightly-closed eyes. "Oh, Jesus," he prayed, "my Sunday School teacher said there wasn't any room for You in the inn when You were born here on earth and You had to sleep in a manger. There isn't any room for You in our house so I'll leave this picture of You here in the barn. But, Jesus, I want You in my heart. Forgive me for my sins and take my life. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

There was a peaceful look as he wiped the tears from his face and stood, gazing lovingly at the picture standing beneath the head of one of the ponies. "My Saviour," he whispered. "At least they can't keep You out of my heart."

Since earthly life is vanity, let us be sure we have eternal life.—L. L. K.

MRS. SOPHIA HARDEE GIVES PARSONAGE TO THE GREENVILLE CHURCH

On Sunday evening, November 30, at the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, while the Community Sing was in progress, the Pastor, Rev. C. L. Patrick, announced that he had been requested to call a Conference of the members.

Mr. Patrick announced that one of the members, Mrs. Sophia Hardee, had something she wanted to say and he presented Mrs. Hardee to the Congregation.

Mrs. Hardee, in her gracious manner made a beautiful and impressive speech, telling the congregation that out of her love for Christ, the Church and its membership, she had purchased a new, six-room home at 303 Meade Street, which she was presenting to the Church as a Parsonage, and asked that the gift and the deed for same be accepted by the Church.

Upon motion, duly carried, the members voted to accept the gift. Mr. E. D. Griffin, chairman of the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the entire membership, expressed appreciation for her most generous gift, her love and devotion to the church and assured Mrs. Hardee that God would surely bless her for her thoughtfulness of her Church, both now and in the future.

Mr. Patrick, the Pastor, expressed gratitude to Mrs. Hardee for seeing the present need of the church and he assured her, as the first occupant of this new parsonage that he was proud of her gift and he was sure that the future pastors would likewise be appreciative of her thoughtfulness.

The members present expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Hardee by shaking her hand and this night is recorded in our hearts as truly one when God opened the windows of heaven and poured out an abundant blessing.

Mrs. Herman Nobles, Reporter

Up, my brother! there is work to do, Sinners are many; laborers, few.

A WORTHY APPEAL FOR A NEEDY CAUSE

Huntsville, Texas
December 8, 1947

Dear Friend:

As we approach the Christmas season, we are reminded again of the love of our heavenly Father, in giving to us the greatest gift the world has ever known—His Son and our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, Blessed gift. He said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

At this time we are thinking of our missionaries and their needs. Among them are our beloved Brother and Sister McAdams, who have given thirty-eight years of faithful service to the Master, and thousands have been saved through their ministry, for which we thank God. These dear missionaries are not young any more, and one of their needs is a home. We feel God would be pleased for them to have an humble cottage, and is giving us the privilege of sending forth this letter to you that you might have a part in helping to make these servants happy at this Yuletide Season—by your love gift.

Brother and Sister McAdams have bought a small plot of ground in Huntsville and plan to make their home there in old age. Should the Master tarry and they live, they plan to start building a small house the first of the year, and, oh, such a privilege for their many friends to come along with a gift as the old year passes away, and we welcome the new one.

At this time they are working hard to build a new church in Huntsville and the work is growing under their leadership. May God richly bless each one who receives this prayerful appeal.

Thanking you in advance. Send your gift to Rev. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams, 1304, 10th Street, Huntsville, Texas.

Yours for Service,

Tommie Franklin,
Ruby Parker

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Convention for November, 1947:

Receipts

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1947	-----\$2,487.28
Regular receipts this month	-----722.53
Special receipts—(Repayment of Loan)	-----151.50
Total to account for	-----\$3,361.31

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated Ministers	-----\$207.50
Operating expense	-----29.50
To National Board	-----173.26
Total paid out	-----410.26
Balance December 1, 1947	-----\$2,951.05

Receipts Itemized

Friendship (Johnston Co.)	-----\$ 1.00
Marsh Swamp	-----50.00
Snow Hill Auxiliary	-----2.00
Mt. Zion Auxiliary (Nash Co.)	-----2.00
Johnston Union	-----25.00
Bethel Sr. League (Johnston Co.)	-----5.00
Edgemont Auxiliary	-----5.25
Washington St.	-----10.00
Gum Swamp S. S.	-----3.00
Pethel (Johnston Co.)	-----30.00
Cape Fear Conference	-----25.00
King's X Roads S. S.	-----3.65
4th Central Union Meeting	-----8.51
Old St. Delight	-----2.55
Central Conference	-----50.00
White Oak Hill	-----15.25
White Oak Hill S. S.	-----18.23
Rev. J. H. French	-----20.00
Belhaven	-----15.00
Casey's Chapel	-----18.65
J. W. Uzzell	-----10.00
Mrs. J. W. Uzzell	-----5.00
Grant's Chapel	-----3.00
Indian Springs	-----10.76
Friendship Auxiliary (Johnston Co.)	-----5.00
St. Paul Aux. (Sampson Co.)	-----10.00
St. Paul S. S. (Sampson Co.)	-----10.00
Malachi Chapel	-----34.64
Oak Grove (Wilson Co.)	-----3.00
Whaley's Chapel	-----11.60
Pearsall's Chapel	-----25.00
Antioch	-----12.40
Mt. Olive (Washington Co.)	-----3.62
White Hill	-----8.90
Smith's New Home	-----25.00
Stony Creek	-----20.00
Friendship (Greene Co.)	-----30.00
Gum Neck Auxiliary	-----5.25
Rain's X Roads Auxiliary	-----1.57
Core Creek S. S.	-----10.35
Howell Swamp	-----35.35
Sound View S. S.	-----10.00
Davis	-----5.00
Kenly	-----30.00
Stancil's Chapel	-----17.00
Pine Level	-----5.00
First Western Union	-----15.00
Wilson	-----50.00

M. L. JOHNSON,
Chairman-Treasurer

If you are right with God you can not be wrong with man.

You can hold up your chin when you conquer a sin.

THE HEAVENLY MERCHANTMAN

Christ offered for sale:

Gold—"That thou mayest be rich" (Rev. 3:18a).

White Raiment—"That thou mayest be clothed" (Rev. 3:18b).

Eyesalve—"That thou mayest see" (Rev. 3:18c).

Christ offers free:

Wine—"Without price" (Isa. 55:1a).

Milk—"Without price" (Isa. 55:1b).

Water of Life—"Whosoever will" (Rev. 22:17).

Christ offers to exchange:

Rich apparel for filthy rags (Zech. 3:4).

A heart of flesh for a stony heart (Eze. 11:19).

A new creation for the old man (Col. 3:9, 10; II Cor. 5:17).

Beauty for ashes (Isa. 61:3).

The oil of joy for mourning (Isa. 61:3a).

The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (Isa. 61:3b).

A crown for a cross (Rev. 2:10).

"I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown."

Mrs. Norman Gurganus,
Greenville, N. C.

The N. P. Gates' Publications on Sale

The following publications of the Reverend N. P. Gates, Hazel Park, Michigan, are on sale for those who might desire these religious booklets.

"The Unpardonable Sin"
10 cents per copy

"Saved, Saved, Saved! Whether or Not?"
10 cents per copy

"Baptism of the Holy Ghost, An Office
Work of the Holy Spirit"
25 cents per copy

"Gates' Rudiments of Music, and Special
Songs"
35 cents per copy

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Hazel Park, Michigan

HARVEST DAY AT WOOTEN'S CHAPEL

Wooten's Chapel, which is a new Free Will Baptist church, located six miles south of Garner, North Carolina, held its first Harvest Day on November the fifteenth. The weather was very bad, for it rained all day, but inspite of the bad weather, we had a very good sale of commodities, netting around \$150, for which we are thankful. We are hoping to have the debt on our church soon paid off, and we do so very much want the prayers of all the Christian people, for you know that our church does not have the floor in it as yet but we hope to get it put in very soon.

Rev. L. E. Ambrose of Creswell, North Carolina, is our pastor, and he and Mrs. Ambrose came to our Harvest Day, being greatly interested in the church. Please don't forget, Christian people, to pray for us that we might live close to the Lord every day.

Yours for the Master's cause,

Mrs. T. V. Wilkins,
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A WORD ABOUT THE UNION MEETING

Dear Baptist Readers:

Just a few words about our union meeting which convened with Rose of Sharon Church in Martin County on Saturday 29. I never have enjoyed a union meeting as much as I did that one. Everything was carried out in brotherly love, and I did miss our old moderator very much, but I do want to say that our new moderator did perform the officer of moderator well.

The Sunday School convention convened on Sunday morning, and Brother Graham Baker brought the message which was wonderful to hear a boy of his age to preach such a splendid sermon. Christian friends, let us hold him up to God in our prayers. The Sunday School superintendent was there with his class from King's Cross Roads Church. Those young people sang some real pretty songs

for us, which were enjoyed by all who were present. I want to say that he had a fine class. I took very careful notice that those girls did not have any rouge on their faces. It thrills me to see our young people working for the Lord, for we older ones will soon be missing, and the young people will be our church leaders of tomorrow.

I am afraid sometimes that we older church members do not take the proper interest in our young people that we should. I am hoping to see a

large number of people at the next union meeting, and I am asking the prayers of the Christian people to pray for me that the good Lord will heal my body, and that my life may be a light to others.

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By J. Warren Slate

Three Wise Men from the east observed
A strange star in the sky;
To let them know, the signal served,
That birth of Christ was nigh.
Star-led they followed night by night,
Then on a happy day
Their eyes beheld a wondrous sight—
In view the Christ-child lay.

Wise men to-day the signals see
That Christ has come and died,
As all the Scriptures do agree,
Atonement to provide;
Wise Men to Him their homage bring
Who once more lives above,
And from their hearts sincerely sing
His condescending love.

So on this happy, holy day
We celebrate His birth;
We take this way to laud and say
The God-Man lived on earth;
We gladly give exultant praise.
We joyfully acclaim.
And shall throughout eternal days
Give honor to His name.

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JUST AS THE SHEPHERDS TOLD IT

While angelic voices from heaven
Rang out on that glad midnight
clear,
The whole world was lying in slumber,
And none but the shepherds gave ear.
God opened the portals of Glory
That men might the wonders behold,
But only the shepherds were watching,
And by them the story was told.

Asleep in a dark, gloomy stable
Was Christ the Redeemer of men.
The shepherds came quickly to greet Him,
The first ones in all Bethlehem.
'Twas there they found Joseph and Mary,
The mother so gentle and mild;
And there, with their hearts overflowing,
They worshipped her dear Wonder Child.

Soon after, the shepherds departed,
And told everything that they knew;
And glad hearts with joy have repeated
This story the long ages through.
Tonight on the dear Christ-child's birthday,
We tell of His coming divine,
Just as 'twas told by the shepherds
Who found Christ that first Christmas time.

—Carolyn R. Freeman

Editorial

CONQUERING FEAR

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:10, 11.

Of all the emotions of the human heart, fear is the most disastrous, for its causation springs from various sources, and it affects both body and mind. It is common among all races, whether savage or civilized, illiterate or educated, rich or poor. It is man's great weakness in time of doubt, suspicion, and trouble.

In the Bible fear is first mentioned or expressed by Adam, when God spoke to him, because he had transgressed God's holy command (Gen. 3:10). He was conscious of his serious error, and thus was afraid to face God with his grave sin. He had fallen from his perfect, or sinless state, by having listened to the words of the old serpent, the Devil. Accordingly, Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden by the heavenly Father, thus punished because of their sin; for God said to Eve, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children" (v. 16a); and to Adam He said, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground" (v. 19a).

The angel Gabriel appeared at night to the lowly shepherds to announce the birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem. His bright and shining appearance over those shepherds, who were attending or guarding their sheep on the hillside of Judea, and his clear, trumpet-like voice unto them startled them and they were gripped with great fear from the supernatural appearance of this heavenly being. But he immediately allayed their fear with his good news—"tidings of great joy"—which revealed to them the truth that the Christ child was born in Bethlehem. In a moment this good news caused their fear to vanish like vapor in bright sunlight, and joy and hope filled their hearts. Good news of any kind to the human heart tends to remove all fear, any doubt, anxiety, worry, suspicion, or trouble, at least for the time being.

This was God's plan to announce to humble and faithful men the birth of His Son Jesus. He desired that those lowly shepherds be the first individuals to see the Lord Jesus lying in the manger, and then go to tell others that the promised Messiah had come to all men. This annunciation, and the coming of the blessed Saviour were for everyone everywhere. His coming in mortal flesh was to bring gladness to the hearts of His people, and to save everyone, all who would believe on Him as the Saviour of lost souls, from their transgressions. Those shepherds greatly rejoiced when they went and looked upon the child Jesus lying in the manger. They quickly went and told others of the "glad tidings of great joy" so that they, too, might receive with gladness the good news of the birth of the blessed Son of God.

Some news brings to the human heart sadness, disappointment, fear and great sorrow. This was true of Jacob, when he had sinned against his twin brother Esau. He feared death at Esau's hand, and thus he left home and his country to seek a place of safety in a strange land. His sin was the source of his fear. Likewise, David, in time of sorrow, cried unto God because of his great fear and consternation, when his great sin had struck deep into his soul and had found him out. He feared God's judgment would be speedily visited upon him with great wrath. Sin, when correctly sensed in the human heart and conviction is stinging the soul, makes cowards of many guilty people. Apprehended criminals dread to face the consequences of the civil law of the land, just as the penitent transgressor of God's holy law fears the future judgment and punishment of the righteous judge in the great and final day.

Christ came, as the Prince of Peace, to remove fear, distrust, hatred, and revenge from the hearts of sinful people everywhere. He came to inculcate in the mind and soul of mankind the principles of truth and justice, love and mercy, and righteousness and peace. He came to remove suspicion and doubt with truth and honor; to supplant ill-will and revenge with love and goodness. His oil of salvation is a balm for all human despair and hopelessness for the purpose of driving away the shadows of corruption from the hearts of men, so that God's eternal sunlight might shine forth and illumine the pathway of each loving child of the King. "Fear not, for I will go with thee." This is the holy promise to the true child of God. The Gospel Light dispels sinful darkness in human hearts, when God's Holy Spirit is allowed to come in; and fear and doubt are removed, and envy, strife and ill-will are set aside for brotherly love, peace, and Christian fellowship and human kindness to take their place in the life of the individual. Pure Christianity sets up in the human heart—in the born again person—these God-given and holy principles which are the source of all human joy. No one should fear, be distrustful, nor have doubt overshadowing his heart when Christ can remove these dreadful things from his mind if he will accept all that the blessed Saviour has to offer him.

Christmas is a time for rejoicing, for sweet Christian fellowship, and true worship unto the true and living God. It is a time for thanksgiving, for prayer, and for giving gifts to the cause of righteousness. Christians should be happy and resigned to the Lord's will, whatever may come, so that they might spread their cheerfulness and the Christlike spirit among those all around them. Christmas is a time when the fortunate people should share some of their material blessings with the poor and needy. It is a time to do good to any noble and worthy cause. May everyone hear the angel's cry, "Fear not," and look toward the birth of Christ as the remedy for all fear, suspicion, discord and ill-will planted in the hearts of men by the devices of Satan himself.

≈ The Nativity of Christ ≈

Arthur B. Chandler,
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'Twas Christmas eve, 1942. War had been declared but a few short days previous, and our entire nation was in a state of anxiety and agitation. Our Navy at Pearl Harbor and our Air Force at Hickman Field had suffered one of the greatest and most unforeseen disasters in the history of warfare. Like huge nocturnal birds of prey, the carrier-based planes of the Imperial Japanese Navy had swept over unsuspecting Pearl Harbor and the adjacent Island of Oahu, leaving a path of unprecedented destruction in their wake. Fear, panic, and wild excitement dominated the thought of America.

Far away on the broad bosom of the largest and most mysterious of oceans, sad, silent, and thoughtful, I stood on the deck of an army transport and gazed with wistful and melancholy eyes toward the distant horizon.

Twilight approached. Twilight, that holy hour, when the lonely soul of man seeks and holds communion with God. At this hour every emotion and aspiration of the human heart blends itself into a part of a consecrated prayer of humility and awe. Regardless of the position the body may or may not assume, the soul bends its knee at twilight. If there is one hour of the day that our Father has blessed and sanctified as more holy and more sacred than its fellows, that hour is twilight. The arrival of twilight seems to lift a burden from the soul, bringing about that same spiritual pacification and inner peace as the benediction that follows an hour of worship.

After the sun had descended to her vast and watery couch of repose, the shades of night rapidly settled over the fact of the water. The skyline and the horizon met and blended in such perfect harmony that it was nearly impossible for one to fully ascertain where the one ceased and the other began. A full moon, crimson and golden in color and much larger

than the moon of northern climes, slowly emerged from the wave—and, arrayed in majestic splendor of pomp and power, ascended to her purple throne to reign in undisputed glory as "Queen of the Night."

As I beheld this phenomenon of the western sky unfolding about me, for the first time the full significance of the day's date dawned upon me. In my fancy, on the wings of dream, I sailed silently back through the realm of space and time and became an eye-witness to one of the truly great episodes of history.

The wise men of the Orient, traveling over lone Judean sands, beheld in the eastern sky a star whose brilliance outshone the stars of glory. It was truly a star of prophecy, and the light from this celestial orb moved through the midnight sky and came to rest at length over the little town of Bethlehem, where in a rude and lowly stable the Virgin Mary, long heavy with child by the Holy Ghost, was enduring all of the pains and anxieties known only to motherhood to bring into this world One strangely destined to reveal for the first time in its entirety the true nature and extent of the love of God and the more than beauty of the lilies of the field.

His birth had been foretold by the prophets of old; His character, portrayed by Isaiah, saying: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not."

The wise men must have been conscious that this star, which illumined the eastern sky, foretold the birth of the Morning Star of Glory; the birth of Him Who, in one short simple sermon delivered from the top of a mountain, would revolutionize the thought of the world; foretold the birth of the Prince of Peace, Who brought to a world, which esteemed Him not, a doctrine of faith, love, and

self-sacrifice that reveals the true meaning of life and leads at length beyond the very gates of death to the throne of the Father and the fountain of eternal life; knew that He, this night making His debut in the flesh, would carry the sorrows of a sin-cursed world upon His aching back as He took those last slow, lingering, agonizing steps up Calvary; knew that as His precious blood streamed from His wounded side He would turn those soul-searching eyes toward heaven saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do;" so they followed the star across the trackless waste of the desert (hearing upon the midnight air the harps of the shepherds tending their flocks by moonlight and voices of the herald angels singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men) until they came to the birthplace of Christ, and, presenting their costly gifts of gold, of frankincense, and of myrrh, they fell to their knees and worshipped Him. On this night the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man became a reality.

Dear heavenly Father, by Whose divine providence all things are made manifest and by the blood of Whose only begotten Son all mysteries are revealed, grant us, we pray, that we like the wise men of the East may recognize the true light that has appeared in the midnight sky, and that we might follow with unerring steps its guiding rays across the void and trackless waste and through the realm of darkness, emerging at last, pure of heart and cleansed of sin, to the throne of the Father and the presence of Christ. Amen.

All was quiet. All was peaceful and serene. The stars looked down upon their own glorified reflection. The ship sailed on to her secret rendezvous. And I felt that my soul—my sad soul, which had known many sorrows—was, for once, at peace with God and the world.

"God with Us"

I. J. BLACKWELDER
Alma, Georgia

"... and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt. 1:23).

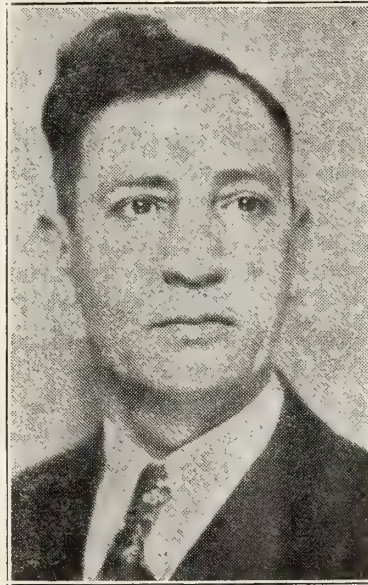
God made man to be His companion and associate, and apparently it was His delight to visit, associate, and fellowship Adam and Eve while they were in the Garden of Eden. This God could afford to do, as the first pair were innocent and sinless when they came from the omnipotent hands of their Creator. But in process of time the old Deceiver made his way into the Garden and enticed the first two people to commit man's first sin. As a result of their transgression, Adam and his wife were driven from their paradise home into a sin-cursed world to live, to toil, to suffer, and to die!

But the Lord would not allow Satan to thwart His purpose in the creation of man, and while they were still at the scene of the great tragedy He told the old Serpent that the "seed of the woman" would one day crush his head. The Lord's promise to redeem fallen man was re-affirmed to Abraham and to others, but He gave His people a still clearer meaning of the promise through the Prophet Isaiah, saying, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Is. 7:14). Matthew quotes from this verse and explains that Emmanuel means "God with us," which expression we shall consider briefly under three topics as follows: (1) God with us in the person of Christ, (2) God with us in the spirit of Christ, and (3) God with us in the person of the Holy Spirit.

In fulfilment of His promise of redemption for lost humanity, "the Holy Ghost came upon Mary, and the power of the Highest overshadowed her," and she conceived of God and gave birth to God's only begotten Son. Through this miraculous conception and birth, God became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ. Yes, the Lord dared to take upon Himself the likeness of sinful hu-

manity in order that He might be with His people and have them with Him again as in the beginning.

But to be with His people on earth and to live with them in the flesh for a season was not the Lord's main objective. In fact, His earthly ministry was requisite to the accomplishment of His eternal plan and purpose. Consequently, Jesus must die for His



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people in order to secure their association and fellowship in eternity. Indeed, it was for this specific purpose that God was with us in the person of His Son. Yes, the Lord Jesus came to earth to die for His people, not to live with them.

God loves His people and His great love for us has been shown beyond a shadow of doubt. Think of it! "Why, it is scarcely conceivable that any one would die for a just man . . . But God gives proof of His love to us in Christ's dying for us while we were still sinners" (Rom. 5:7, 8, Weymouth's translation).

Too, God was with us in the person of Christ to heal the breach that sin had made between God and man. That breach must be healed, if man should be restored to the place and purpose for which he was designed by his Maker, namely, to "glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

The earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus was consummated in His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, and He was with us no more in the flesh. But the ascension did not mean that Christ was no longer to be with His people, but that henceforth He would be with them in spirit. This means that we have "God with us" still in the spirit of Christ, and this fact is evidenced by the words of the Lord Himself. He promised those to whom He gave the Great Commission that He would be with them "always, even unto the end of the world."

And again He said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23). Furthermore, He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." And to the sinner He says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

Moreover, we have "God with us" today in the person of the Holy Spirit. In a measure and at different times and seasons the Holy Spirit has always been with God's people. But on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came as never before, and He was with His people in mighty power. The advent of the Holy Spirit, as He came on Pentecost, had been foretold by the prophets of old, but the immediate assurance of the Spirit's coming was given by the Lord Jesus just before He went away.

And not only did Jesus assure His disciples that the Spirit would come, but that He would come to be with them for ever. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth . . . for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:16, 17). Indeed, the Holy Spirit has been in the world ever since Pentecost, as teacher, helper, guide, and power of God's people. Without Him the Christian people of today would be as sheep without a shepherd. They would be a helpless, powerless group.

But thanks be unto Him, Who,

in the person of Christ, was "God with us," and Who, in the spirit of Christ and in the person of the Holy Spirit, is "God with us." And it is

in His honor, Who was born of the Virgin Mary and Whose name was called Emmanuel, that we celebrate this happy Christmas season.

The Gift that Keeps on Giving

L. A. Holliday,
President South Carolina
State Association

While walking along the street one day during this Yuletide season I noticed many suggestions for gifts in the windows of the stores along either side, and this one appealed to me very much as a subject—"The Gift that keeps on giving."

The spirit of giving is inseparable from Christmas and it should be that way for we celebrate Christmas in consequence of the greatest gift that has ever been given. The giving of God's Son to the world is the greatest expression of love that God could make to a people lost in sin.

The Wise men wanted to worship God's gift therefore they gave gold, frankincense and myrrh, worshipfully. This is the true pattern for our giving at this Christmas time. We give and receive gifts because first of all "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

The scope of the Christmas Spirit is both interesting and strengthening to one's faith. The Spirit of Christmas affects the non-believer also. Many welcome Christmas for commercial gains, but even they become affected by the Christmas Spirit. Christmas time affords an excellent opportunity for the church to witness for Christ the Supreme gift which God has given to the world. There are so many people who have not received the gift of God (His only Begotten Son), but they may become the happy recipients of the gift during this Yuletide Season. The spirit of Christmas contributes favorably toward the Church holding up Christ to a lost world. Christmas time is a very good time for church people to strengthen and nourish the Spirit of brotherhood so essential to

a Spirit filled church. Every church should be on the alert to avail herself of this opportunity to build stronger fellowship among its constituency.

Many pastors hunger for some expression from his people that would re-assure him that they appreciate his efforts as a witness for Christ. Certainly there is no better time for the Church to do that than now and no better way than presenting him with a nice Christmas gift. I was given that assurance a few days ago when my churches presented me with a new Chevrolet car for a Christmas gift. Lebanon, Camp Branch, and Mt. Elam churches have made this Christmas brighter for us and we feel more keenly our obligation to them by their having remembered us in such a wonderful way. Because of their gift I want to try harder to serve Christ that their gift to me, in the name of Christ, may keep on giving.

Many churches will be remembering the sick and destitute during Christmas time. Our Lord placed a premium on this kind of witnessing. In preparing this work the church should not neglect to stress the fact that it is because God gave that we can make others happy by giving. It is the Gift that keeps on giving.



ALABAMA CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. K. V. Shutes
Chairman of Board of Trustees

There are nine children in the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama. Brother W. H. Ryland has told us that he has passed on seventeen others, so when the additional seventeen are taken into the Home, that will like three being the quota for 1947.

Our license is granted by the State of Alabama only one year at a time. We have to meet the State laws in order to be able to operate the Home. I do not know at this time how many the State Board will allow us to keep in the Home for next year.

If we had all the equipment that we need, we could be able to keep one hundred children in the Home. There is quite a lot of equipment which is needed, such as single beds, washstands, or dressers, etc., but our greatest need is money.

The State informs us that it will take \$2,000 per month to run this Home, but the superintendent believes he can get by much cheaper. We have asked in our application for license to be allowed to take children from Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Oklahoma, and the State officials tell us that we can take a limited number from these other states.

Remember, we have between one and two hundred thousand dollars worth of property in this Home, but there is yet repairs and furnishings which need to be supplied in the Home. Will you ministers take up this matter in your churches and associations, and send us money or produce to this Home: Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama. Make up a truck load of provisions in your association, or your churches, and take it to the Home.

God has blessed our work in Alabama far more than we had expected, and we do praise the Lord for what He has done for us. We are thankful for all that the church people have done for this institution thus far. So, please remember this Children's Home at this Christmas season.

Christmas

By Mrs. Edwin Roper,
Ransomville, N. C.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Prince of Peace"—Isaiah 9:6.

As we approach the Christmas Season and the Day of our Lord's birth, I am wondering just what Christmas means to each of you who read this message.

To many, Christmas means presents, parties, drinking, eating, etc. When I say presents, the emphasis is placed on **receiving** and not giving. To some perhaps the day will bring sad memories, thus you say it means nothing to you.

To me, Christmas has only one meaning, namely: The Birthday of the Lord Jesus Christ. It matters not what the day brings in the way of pleasure, disappointment, and sadness—"A Saviour was born to us, a Son was given—and the government shall be upon His shoulders, His name shall be called Wonderful, Mighty, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Too many forget this important fact. Not only at Christmas but all through the year. It is heart-rending to think of how little is said or thought of the real meaning of the Lord Jesus. Oh yes, to most people He was born and still lives, but He is only a being and is classed as a moral being, instead of an incarnate supreme being. Christianity is no longer a super natural, spirit-filled life, but a good moral, social life mixed with the world, instead of being separated from the world. It is very difficult to pick professed Christians of today from those who do not profess Christianity.

Let's celebrate the birth of our Christ this year in like manner as did the shepherds and wise men of old. Let's rededicate our lives anew to Jesus by worshipping Him truly, because we love, and appreciate Him. Then let's give our gifts to Him in the form of some weary souls who do not know Him, or to some ragged,

starving child, man, or woman who is dying because nobody cares. "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" Matt. 25:40.

We have everything to make us happy; living in a land of a plenty of everything. There are millions of others who are less fortunate than we. Don't forget our missionaries and their cause this Christmas.

A few days before Christmas last year, I found myself afflicted with a serious ailment. Upon telling my husband of my condition, he wanted to take me to a doctor immediately. I said, "No, I'll wait until after Christmas. As for me there'll be no Christmas, it's already ruined, but I do not want to ruin it for the rest of the family." Sometime later, when I was alone with my thoughts, how sorry I became for the statement I had made, "as for me there'll be no Christmas." I asked God for forgiveness and said, "No matter what might befall, Christmas shall always have it's same meaning." Never shall there be an alternative; for truly upon this Day—Our Saviour was born, a Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and one day ere long the government shall be upon His shoulders, and ever shall He reign, King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen. Praise His Name.

WHY CHRISTMAS?

By E. B. Williams,
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Why Christmas?
Oh! why should God give
The best that He had,
That men might live?

Why the sacrifice?
Why the price?
Just to redeem men,
From darkness and night.

Men whom He made perfect
Without and within;
Yet fallen so deep
In the mire of sin.

Why should He pay the price
For sin on the tree?
To redeem unworthy creatures
Like you and me.

Why should he leave
His throne up above?
John Three-Sixteen
Tells me it was Love.



If we always have faith, and hope,
and love,
Our reward is sure in heaven above.

Banish all thoughts of self if you
would be your brother's keeper.

Only when we play the game fairly
can we merit a good name.



Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

No Room for Christ

When Christ came forth as a babe of Bethlehem, born of a Virgin, there was no room in the Inn. He was crowded out to make His appearance to the world in "a manger" where the oxen and camels and other stock were housed. This was the best place offered to the Son of God.

It was a very busy time of the year. The town was filled with guests from all sections who had assembled there to be "taxed" according to the law of the Romans. Naturally this made it hard to get rooms and homes. It was such a rush, but I do not think that it was downright meanness on the part of the Inn keeper, nor on the part of the inhabitants of the city of Bethlehem, but just a crowded condition that pushed the expectant mother and Joseph out to be the guests of the lower animal residence.

But the crowded condition in the life and customs of today have crowded Christ further away than the "ox stall" from the hearts of men and women. When Christmas comes, there are but a few who recognize Christ. Santa Claus has taken the place of Christ in the hearts of men and women. Mother's and fathers teach their children so many false things about Christmas and the Santa Claus "myth" that children are as far from the true spirit of the birth of Christ, generally speaking, as those who live in heathen lands. They have been told that this much worshipped person, "comes from far away North, on reindeer sleighs, loaded with great packs of goods for good children and that he actually goes up on the top

of buildings and slides down the chimney. Recently "he comes on airplanes," and poor little children are fooled only to come to the place when older to find that Christmas has lost its joy. However, if parents would teach the truth about the Birth day of the Lord Jesus Christ, when the little ones grow up, they would still have a living Christmas.

A lady said to me the other day, "When I found out the truth about the Santa Claus myth, I lost all the joy that I had in Christmas."

"I always told my children the truth about Santa Claus and I am glad that I did. I wanted them to love their parents and their Christ."

Christ the Greatest Gift to Man

Certainly the season of the year that we call Christmas is a time for giving. Millions of people begin early to shop for the things that they want to present to their children, and relatives and friends. This is not always in the spirit of Him Who loved the world so much as to give His only begotten Son to a lost world. Often we give because we expect a gift from others. We are ashamed not to give. Then there are those who make gifts out of their great wealth which they have received from their patrons. Well, there are so many ways in which people have drifted in the habit of making Christmas gifts. But the one who Gave His Son to save the lost from death and hell, gave to those who could not make a like gift. If we want to give for the joy of sending the Christ like spirit to others, we can do it by giving to the poor, unfortunate, widow and her orphan children and to the sick and distressed. Yes, make a gift to them who can never repay it in dollars and cents, and then we can hear the Master say; "In as much as ye did it unto one of these, ye did it unto me." Such a gift will mean a blessing to the soul and spirit of the giver. A gift to missions or to Christian Education, or the worn-out minister of the gospel, or to an orphanage, and it will count for Christ and He will not be "crowded out."

"The Word Made Flesh"

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the

Word was God." . . . "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth" (John 1:1, 14).

The incarnate Word of God in the hearts of those who believed God and the incarnation of the Word in the flesh makes two incarnations of our Lord on the earth. His incarnation in the flesh is a mystery that human minds have never been able to comprehend. The Greeks counted it foolishness and it was a "stumbling block to the Jews." Infidels and skeptics have mocked at the assertion, but the believers in the Lord Jesus have accepted the declaration of the truth by faith and blessed the world by a living faith in the Son of God. Yes, the incarnation of the Word is a mystery, but the incarnation of the Lord Jesus in the life of men is still a greater mystery. May we listen to Paul when he says: "For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones" (Ephe. 5:30). Then Paul sums it up and says, "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Ephe. 5:32).

This is one of the truths that caused Martin Luther to break with the Roman Catholic church. Luther learned that the incarnation of Jesus Christ in the heart of men was not the result of a priest making offerings and sacrificial gifts, but as a direct gift of God by His word in the sacrificial offering of Jesus Christ. The Roman Catholic priesthood does not allow their people to contact God directly by faith in the Lord Jesus, but the priest has to step in and make the way possible. The roman Catholic church teaches that there is no salvation without the priest. Martin Luther believed "The just lived by faith." We are "saved by grace; through faith," a direct entrance by the way of Christ, who said "I am the way, the truth, and the life." And that "No man cometh to the Father but by me." Not by the way of a priest, but by the way of Our High Priest—Jesus Christ. The Incarnate Christ gives us Christmas.

Will We See Jesus this Christmas?

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Would it not be wonderful if every Christian this Christmas would let this text burn into our hearts (John 12:21), "We would see Jesus." The day this text was spoken was a BIG day in Jerusalem. This was the day when Jesus fulfilled the prophecy (Zech. 9:9). Of all the thousands that crowded into the city on that day, it is said only of the Greeks that they wanted to SEE JESUS: Some had come for the purpose of renewing old acquaintances, some from curiosity, others to see the wonders of the great temple, some driven by a legal fear, some from habit or custom. No doubt some were there for the reason that takes many people to home-comings, reunions, and memorial gatherings. Then, of course, the religious ceremonies were very dear to the heart of many of the people, they were moved by mere soul worship, the emotional part of man's nature. Strange as it may seem, it is not said that the Greeks came to worship, or to take a part in the religious rites, yet they are the only ones that we have any record of who really wanted to "see Jesus." Tradition says that Dr. Luke was one of the Greeks who "wanted to see Jesus." O, that this were the desire of every child of God on this Christmas. We do not expect this of the world. The world is getting ready for Christmas, with its paganism and superstitions and mere religious activities, with its commercialization of the season, with its debauchery and drunkenness, its dancing and celebrations. Yet, Jesus, whose birthday we are SUPPOSED to commemorate is forgotten. But the greatest tragedy is that even among Christian people, among many of our churches, much of our activities are about a ritual, a program, a creed and not about Christ. The large part of our activities will be about Christmas trees, lights, mangers and gifts and entertainment. How many will go

to church on that day because it is customary or a religious merit, or because of the beautiful program, the splendid singing, the splendid pageantry which characterize the day, and NOT TO SEE CHRIST. How many of us know that there is no record of the early church keeping this day at all.

I wonder how much of Jesus we will see as we approach the holiday season. The most of us are going to be so busy, we will have little, if any time, to see Jesus. We will be pushing and milling around in the dime and department stores with our feet burning, head aching and heart palpitating. We will return home, tired, our patience exhausted. Many of us will have to live on aspirin, carbonated water, etc., for the next week or ten days because we have overloaded our stomachs with too rich and too great a quantity of rich food and drinks. And poor mother, what will be her lot this Christmas. She will in most cases be the cook, the scrub woman, the maid and the waitress. What percentage of Christians do you think will sit quietly with the Bible, and in silent, solemn reflection upon what this day really means.

Another view of Christmas is that to many it brings an excuse for debauchery from which they would shrink at other times. How often have you heard the remark, "This is Christmas, and it only comes once a year." When one looks around seriously, they wonder if it would not be well, a real blessing, to abolish the day altogether, rather than have it debauched and abused, and stripped of all its better meaning. Strictly speaking, the unbelieving world has no right to celebrate Christmas, the birth of the One whom they reject and have nailed to the cross as a criminal. Jesus is the Greek form of Hebrew Je-Hosuah. This is supposed to be a day in which we commemorate His birthday. What sense can there be in a Christ rejecting sinner, who believes not the Bible, nor the

Person of the Book, thereby denying the truth of God concerning Jesus to celebrate the day as one of GOOD CHEER? Unsaved persons who will curse and swear and take the name of Christ in vain the year round and then go to church on Christmas day and listen to the story of His birth, enter into the pageantry and celebrations, when they have not accepted Him and do not intend to do so after Christmas day. The great error is that the fully accepted association of the birthday of Jesus with the coming of Santa Claus, a fat, old, rollicking, jovial fellow, has succeeded in making men forget that Christmas was originally designed to call our attention to Jesus Christ. Santa Claus is supposed originally to have been the Bishop of Myra. An innkeeper in a nearby village murdered some boys, dismembered their bodies and put them in brine. The Bishop in a vision, saw what had occurred. He forced the innkeeper to confess and the Bishop's prayers restored the boys to life. Since then he has become the patron Saint of Children. Santa Claus, through the centuries has acquired many characteristics which the Bishop did not have. He comes down the chimney because of the ancient custom of cleaning the chimneys on New Year's Day, so that good luck might enter the household. It is a pity that the world does not observe the "Santa Claus" idea on the first day of the year, instead of tying it up with the day we are supposed to commemorate the birthday of our Christ. But such is the subtlety of Satan. Anything to take men's minds off of Christ. In many of the homes called Christian homes the wholly fictitious and mythical character of St. Nick will be placed on the pedestal of worship, and Jesus will be forgotten. Take a look into the homes of the very rich, and see the millions of dollars worth of toys, then into the homes of the poor and destitute and see the shrunken bodies of the children. O, yes, on Christmas many have a spurt

of charity, and give back to those whom they have robbed, some of the crumbs that fall from their overloaded tables, and then feel really self-righteous over their generosity. Then take a visit into the homes of Mr. average working man, and see the useless toys, and presents being prepared for friends and acquaintances. Then take a peep at the bills, the debts, they have assumed, which will keep them slaving the balance of the year to pay. Yet, how many of us give to the One whose birthday we are supposed to commemorate on that day. In fact, in too many countless instances, we rob Jesus to give presents to some one else on the birthday of Jesus.

To many among those who claim to be Christians, the season means a season for an "up turn" in business. A man who is very prominent in my home town, Richmond, Va., said to me a few days ago, "I am glad Christmas is about here, I look to this season to get me out of the red." He, like many others, hope to make market of the sentimentality and superstition of the Church and the gullibility of the public, crazed by the holiday spirit, to unload their surplus and many times, shoddy stock, and fatten their pocket books. Mind you, this was a deacon in a very large church here in the city of Richmond.

O, that we, as Christians, should send up the same petition of the Greeks, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Then listen to the terse and brief answer. How rich in teaching, "The hour is come when the Son of man should be glorified." Note that he did not say "shall" be glorified, but **SHOULD** be glorified. Jesus knew that He would be rejected, that instead of going to the throne, he would go to the cross. Truly, He came unto his own things and his own people received him not." Even in their elaborate ritual, their religious fervor, they did not see Jesus. They were so busy celebrating the feast, they forgot Him. What will this holiday season mean to you? My friend, unless you see Him, high and lifted up, you will have lost the blessing, this inspite of all your elaborate ritual, and pageantry. Unless He

is the center of attraction in all of our services, we will have lost the blessing waiting for true worshippers.



SOUTH CAROLINA TAKES FIRST PLACE IN \$100,000 CAMPAIGN

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Business Manager

South Carolina is "way out front" in the \$100,000 Expansion Program of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Her quota of \$3,750.00 to be raised by December 31, 1947, has already been exceeded by \$337.00. North Carolina follows with a close second, lacking only \$13.20 of having met her quota of \$15,000 as of December 1, 1947. She, too, will exceed her quota by the last of the month.

The National Association in 1945 launched the \$100,000 Expansion Program for the purpose of accelerating the growth of the Institution and expanding its facilities. Quotas to be raised by December 31, 1948 were assigned to the various states. Certain goals were to be reached by December 31, 1947. The standing of the states in relationship to this program is listed as of December 1, 1947:

State	Goal by End of 12-31-47	Amt. Pd. on Goal as of 12-1-47	Arrears '47 Quota
South Carolina	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 4,087.06	*\$ 337.00
North Carolina	15,000.00	14,986.80	13.20
Texas	3,750.00	3,390.15	359.85
Florida	1,875.00	1,076.33	798.67
Michigan	2,018.72	1,056.70	962.02
Mississippi	1,875.00	905.63	969.37
Arkansas	1,327.53	130.53	1,197.00
West Virginia	1,875.00	504.28	1,370.72
Georgia	5,625.00	4,213.15	1,411.85
Kentucky	2,812.50	905.69	1,906.81
Alabama	3,750.00	1,614.98	2,135.37
Virginia	2,812.50	598.50	2,214.00
Illinois	3,750.00	773.78	2,976.22
Missouri	5,625.00	2,562.39	3,062.61
Ohio	3,750.00	270.08	3,479.92
Oklahoma	5,625.00	1,349.29	4,275.71
Tennessee	9,375.00	4,386.06	4,989.00

It is only a matter of simple addition to see that the entire campaign is \$32,122.32 in arrears. This does not mean that the College is not operating at its present capacity with ALL bills paid—but it does mean that the institution cannot expand its facilities nor enlarge its services to our people, unless our income more

nearly approximates the goal as set forth in the Expansion Program.

Can the Goal be Reached? If the answer lies in the fact as to whether our people are financially able—the answer is "Yes." The goal is certainly not beyond our ability.

How Can It Be Done? I would make these suggestions: 1. Let the leaders of the states which are in arrears begin NOW definite action through the respective state organizations to meet the goal. 2. Let every pastor present and press home to his people the claims of Christian Education as expressed through the Free Will Baptist Bible College; thus leading his people to support the Expansion Program through regular monthly offerings. 3. Let there be a mighty bestirring of our people throughout all the states to talk, pray and give until the task is done and the goal is reached.



SUPPOSE THIS HAPPENED!

(A Short-Short Story)
By L. Everette Ballard

The Stranger walked along the street, gazing into the store windows, gayly decorated for Christmas. Finally he paused in front of one of the largest of the stores, and looked long at the display, so attractively arranged in the window.

A native of the city standing near the Stranger remarked upon the beauty of the window. "It is beautiful," responded the Stranger. "It seemeth to me that thy people must be celebrating."

The native now gazed earnestly at the Stranger, attracted by His quaint manner of speech, and decided that He must be a foreigner of some sort, or one who was a bit mentally sick. "Sure, we celebrate Christmas," he said.

"Christmas? What is Christmas?" asked the Stranger.

Now the native was sure that the Stranger was unfortunately ill in mind. He decided to show the spirit of Christmas in being charitable and humor him.

"Christmas," he replied, "is the birthday of the Christ."

"O," said the Stranger, "I see. The birthday of thy Christ." Then after a pause, he continued. "Thy Christ must be an aged one, judging from the many pictures of him in the windows. His long white beard doth make him most venerable looking."

"Oh, no!" said the native. "Those are not pictures of the Christ! Those are pictures of Santa Claus!"

"Is not Santa Claus the name of thy Christ?" asked the Stranger.

"The name of our Christ is Jesus," replied the native.

"Wilt thou show me the name and the picture of thy Christ?" asked the Stranger.

The native searched the window in front of them, and the nearby windows but could see no picture of Jesus. Finally he said, "I am sorry, but I see no picture of Jesus."

"'Tis a strange way thou hast of celebrating the birthday of thy Christ," the Stranger mused. Then he addressed the native:

"Doth thy family and thy friends keep thy birthday also?" he asked.

"Oh, yes!" replied the native, a bit glad to get away from the subject of Christmas. "They always set a big dinner for me, and all my family gather to celebrate my birthday each year. We have a great time!"

"And doth thy father, an aged uncle, or some venerable friend, sit at the head of the table and receive the honors in thy stead?" asked the Stranger.

A light began to come to the native. A bit humbled he replied:

"No, I sit at the head of the table and receive the honors. It is my birthday, and my family would not want another to receive the honors in my stead."

"I see," said the Stranger. "The strange custom thou hast of celebrating the birthday of thy Christ is not followed when it cometh to thy birthday. Thou dost receive for thyself the honors upon thy birthday, but Santa Claus receiveth them upon the birthday of thy Christ."

The native found no answer to make to this. In shame he looked away from the stranger for a mo-

ment. When he turned back the Stranger was gone—swallowed up by the crowd, who just then were rushing down the sidewalk, for there had been a loud cry raised, "Here comes Santa Claus! Here comes Santa Claus!" But the native did not feel like joining the crowd. Deep in thought he made his way in the direction of his home.



CHRIST MAKES CHRISTMAS

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There was never a Christmas before Christ. It is true that feasts were held at about this season of the year by some of the ancients, but never a Christmas! In our mad rush of preparation for this occasion, I fear we forget the real purpose of this blessed day. This is Christ's birthday—not Santa Claus—and He should be honored above all others. God gave His Son by virgin birth, bringing together man and God.

God gave His Son in preference to angles. They could only proclaim Him King, never could they be the Saviour of the world. He came to give riches, yet was without a place to be born, except the cattle's shed. In being born among the cattle, He was saying, "Never again shall they die for sins, but I shall die once for all." He borrowed bread to feed the hungry, a penny to drive a truth to the heart of His hearer, an ass to ride upon, and was at last buried in the grave of another, yet He is our reason for Christmas.

The first exchange of gifts was to the Savior. I fear we leave Him out too often in thinking of others. His should be the first name on our list. What have you given Him this Christmas? The Persian wise men brought gifts to Him almost two thousand years ago, and I believe we would enjoy this season more if we, too, would give "unto the Lord."

Those at the Inn passed up a great opportunity in refusing entrance to Mary and Joseph. They could have had the privilege of having had the Saviour born in their midst—but the

world has never had time for the greatest gift. Announcement of His birth was not made at first to the priests, but to laymen, the humble shepherds on the hillside. The common people have ever received Him gladly. I am so glad for the interest of this Saviour in folk of humble origin. The wise men of the day followed His star. Is it not true that the wise man of every age have followed Him? Yes, until this present hour the wise have followed Christ. The burden of my heart is that we may follow Him more readily and sincerely. Do you tell your children as much about Christ at this season of the year as you do Santa? I dare say that many children in our homes do not know the real meaning of Christmas.

God's gift puts man's best gift to shame. We can never repay the Father for the gift of His Son, but we can let Him know our appreciation by working for Him. Shall we give a gift to Him this year? Surprise your pastor by taking to your church a good offering the Sunday before Christmas, just in HONOR OF THE LORD'S BIRTHDAY. Then remember the Mission fields. I trust you have remembered the missionaries in a special way, the Bible Colleges, our aged ministers, and orphan homes. May God bless you all, and make this a real Christmas to the great FREE WILL BAPTIST Family in all the world. Christ makes the Christians' Christmas.





BELIEFS THAT MATTER

(Lesson for January 4)

Lesson: John 20:30, 31; Acts 16:11-15; I Timothy 4:16; I John 5:1-5.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.—I John 5:1.

It should be understood that while the natural man cannot understand the Christian faith (I Cor. 2:14), that fact does not indicate that the Christian's faith is irrational. Indeed, the reason the unsaved man cannot understand the things of God is that man's reason is perverted by sin. The man who acts on the demands of the gospel will prove the rationality of it to himself as well as experience the blessings of it.

The uniform testimony of the Word of God is that belief is most important. What a man thinks in his heart is what he really is. It is out of his heart that his works proceed.

This lesson touches on a very fundamental and basic fact. We are dealing with belief that will make us what God wants us to be. The alternative is that we cannot be what God wants us to be if we do not so believe. It does matter very much what a man believes, when we see the relationship of that faith to life.—Moody Monthly.

Have you time to read Genesis 16 and 21? Both Jews and Arabs are descendants of Abraham. If Sarah had believed God, Ishmael would never have been born, and the present-day struggle in Palestine would be unheard of.

II. Heart of the Lesson

(a). Christianity Means Belief in a Person (John 20:30, 31).

These "other signs" refer to miracles. Various words are used to describe the supernatural acts of our Lord. They are called **wonders, miracles and signs**. The appropriateness of the word **signs** is apparent. These acts of our Lord were indeed tokens of who He was, as well as what He was.

The fourth Gospel records nine specific signs: (1) The turning of the water into wine, (2) the healing of the nobleman's son, (3) the healing of the infirm man, (4) the feeding of the five thousand, (5) our Lord's walking on the water, (6) the healing of the man born blind, (7) the raising of Lazarus, (8) the resurrection of our Lord, (9) the miraculous draught of fishes.

Each of these miracles has its definite relationship to the teaching ministry of our Lord recorded in this Gospel. Without going into the particular relationship of the miracle to the narrative, we can certainly see the cumulative effect of the recording of the nine signs attesting exactly what John speaks of, namely, the Messiahship, the Deity, and the Saviourhood of our Lord. Said the apostle, "These signs are written that men may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that they may have life (salvation) by believing in his name."

(b). Christianity Means Confession of a Person (Acts 16:11-15).

The importance of public confession of faith is frequently sounded in the Word of God. Perhaps the outstanding passage is Romans 10:9, 10. Belief in the full, well-rounded sense in which it is presented in the New Testament involves taking a stand on the Lord's side. The passage in Acts 16 tells us of such a stand being taken by Lydia.—Moody Monthly.

(c). Christianity Means Living for a Person (I Tim. 4:16; 1 John 5:1-5).

Now the Apostle was not only an organizer, but he was a wise organizer. One time there came to our city a young minister. His denomination sent him here to establish a church. The people who had asked for this church were not converted people: they were not at all interested in our Lord Jesus. When the young pastor saw what it was he had come to organize he refused to proceed with the organization. In that he was wise: for unless the members of the church are converted people, unless they really believe that the Lord Jesus is their Saviour, there will not be any church.

General Booth understood this. In an age when Mission Boards thought they could establish churches by building neighborhood houses, he exclaimed, "Take a poverty-stricken drunkard out of the slums, get him to sign the pledge and if possible to keep it, clean him up and give him a good suit of clothes, remove him and his family to a nice, little home in the suburbs, give him gainful employment, and then let him die and go to hell unsaved—really, it is not worth while, and I for one would not attempt it." When men close with Christ, their outward circumstances will soon undergo a marvelous change. Paul was very wise in not putting the cart before the horse: our Lord Jesus said, "All these things shall be added unto you" who seek "first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness."—Selected.

We feel sure our **Advanced and Senior** Quarterlies will supply the helps that adults and young people need, and we pray that all the readers of this paper, and the publishers also, may have a year of great spiritual blessing in 1948.



A PRESENT FOR PAPA

"One Christmas-eve, about six years ago, duty compelled me to spend the night at the prison, instead of at home, as I had anticipated. Early in the morning, while it was yet dark, I left the prison for my home, my pockets full of presents for my little girl. It was a bitter cold morning, and I buttoned my overcoat up to protect myself from the cutting wind that swept in from the lake. As I hurried along, I thought I saw somebody skulking in the shadow of the prison wall. I stopped and looked a little more closely, and then I saw a little girl, wretchedly clothed in a thin dress; her bare feet thrust into a pair of shoes much the worse for wear. In her hand she held tightly clasped, a small paper parcel. Wondering who she was and why she was out so early in the morning, and yet too weary to be interested, I hurried on. But I soon heard that I was being followed. I stopped, and turned around, and there before me stood the same wretched-looking child.

"What do you want?" I asked sharply. "Are you the keeper of the prison, sir?" "Yes, who are you, and why are you not at home?" "Please, sir, I have no home; mamma died two weeks ago, and she told me just before she died that papa was in prison; an' she thought maybe he would like to see his little girl now. Please, can't you let me see my papa? To-day is Christmas, and I want to give him a present."

"No," I replied gruffly, "you will have to wait until visitors' day," and started on. I had not gone many steps when I felt a pull at my coat, and a pleading voice said, "Please, don't go." I stopped once more, and looked into the pinched, beseeching face before me. Great tears were in her eyes, while her little chin quivered with emotion.

"Mister," she said, "if your little girl was me, and your little girl's mamma had died an' her papa was in the prison, an' she had no place to go an' no one to love her, don't you think she would like to see her papa? If it was Christmas, and your little girl came to see me, if I was keeper of the prison, an' asked me to please let her

see her papa to give him a present, don't you—don't you think I would say yes?"

"By this time a great lump was in my throat, and my eyes were swimming in tears. I answered, 'Yes, my little girl, I think you would, and you shall see your papa; and taking her hand, I hurried back to the prison, thinking of my own fair-haired little girl at home. Arriving in my office, I bade her come near the warm stove, while I sent a guard to bring No. 37 from his cell. As soon as he came into the office and saw the little girl, his face clouded with an angry frown, and in a gruff, savage tone he snapped out:

"Nellie, what are you doing here; what do you want? Go back to your mother.' 'Please, papa,' sobbed the little girl, 'mamma's dead. She died two weeks ago an' before she died she told me to take care of little Jimmie, 'cause you loved him so; an' told me to tell you she loved you, too—but, papa,'—and her voice broke in sobs and tears—'Jimmie died, too, last week, and now I am alone, papa, an' today is Christmas, papa, an'—and I thought maybe as you loved Jimmie, you would like a little Christmas present from him.'

"Here she unrolled the little bundle she held in her hand, until she came to a little package of tissue paper, from which she took out a little fair curl, and put it in her father's hand, saying as she did so: 'I cut it from dear little Jimmie's head, papa, just afore they buried him.'

"No. 37 by this time was sobbing like a child, and so was I. Stooping down, 37 picked up the little girl, pressed her convulsively to his breast, while his great frame shook with suppressed emotion.

"The scene was too sacred for me to look upon, so I softly opened the door and left them alone. In about an hour I returned. No. 37 sat near the stove, with his little daughter on his knee. He looked at me sheepishly for a moment, and then said, 'Sir, I haven't any money.' Then suddenly stripping off his prison jacket, he said: 'For God's sake don't let my little girl go out this bitter cold day with that thin dress. Let me give her this coat. I'll work early and

late; I'll do anything. I'll be a man. Please, Sir, let me cover her with this coat.' Tears were streaming down the face of the hardened man.

"No," I said, 'keep your coat; your little girl shall not suffer. I'll take her to my home and see what my wife can do for her.' 'God bless you,' sobbed the prisoner. I took the girl to my home. She remained a number of years, and became a Christian by faith in the Lord Jesus.

"A few years later I visited Nellie and her father, also a born-again believer, in their neat little home on a quiet street. It was a real joy to see the change in that man. Because of his reformation, he had been pardoned, and was now living an upright Christian life with his daughter, whose little Christmas gift had broken his hard heart."—A true story.



THE FIRST CHRISTMAS NIGHT

B. F. Parham,
Dallas, Texas

The stars shone so bright
That first Christmas night,
In Bethlehem long ago.
Mary and Joseph had traveled so slow
On the back of a donkey all day.
They came to an inn seeking a place to stay.
But there was no room in the inn that evening tide,
So Joseph led Mary to the stable where the cattle abide.
Before dawn came the next morn,
Our Saviour was born!

The angels came to earth
And proclaimed His birth
To the shepherds gathered below.
The wise men came from afar
Guided by the Christmas star,
Bringing gifts to worship the King.
The story never grows old
Though it's often retold;
We'll love it anew
When in Glory with the angels we sing!



You can not walk with God and run with the devil.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Ralph Norton, a lanky lad of ten years, looked critically over the stock of Bibles in the large dime store.

"Aw—look, Jim!" he whispered to his younger brother. "There—that big one with the words 'Holy Bible' on the front! See? It has red edges which turn gold when you look at it right, Jim. I wish I had that one to give to Mother," he finished longingly.

Ralph had been saved about a month before in revival meetings at the church, and he hoped, almost beyond hope, that he could buy a nice, big Bible for his mother's Christmas present.

"Well, why don't you pray for it?" suggested practical little Jim, whose firm belief in prayer could not be daunted.

"Do you really think Jesus would help me to get a Bible as big and as beautiful as that one?" doubtfully asked Ralph.

"Why, sure! Didn't He heal Mamma when she was so sick—the time that daddy came home so drunk and threw her against the wall? You know she could hardly open her eyes that time, because she was so sick. And Jesus made her well. He can give you a Bible too. I'll help you to pray for it."

So every night when the boys knelt by their beds, they sincerely added this little request.

"Oh, God, please help Ralph to get a big Bible with red edges that turn gold for Mamma's Christmas. For Jesus' sake, Amen," prayed little Jimmie.

"Dear Jesus, I am Your boy now," said Ralph. "Please help me to get a Bible before Christmas."

And Mrs. Norton, hearing only the word "Christmas" in the murmured prayers sighed deeply. Hers was a life worn by days of toil and those terrible anxious moments when her husband would come home from the

tavern habitually drunk. She had no money for the boys. In fact, she doubted whether there would be any Christmas in their house. Every penny her fingers could earn by continually stitching away on fineries for others had to be carefully stowed away and spent on food. Yet, she was deeply glad that her little boys wanted the things of God rather than following in their father's footsteps.

Day after day Ralph would stop at the store and look to see whether his Bible was still there. If only he could get enough money to buy it, but money was scarce and so was work for ten-year-old boys. He had found that out when he went from house to house mowing lawns wherever he could.

It was the day before Christmas. Crowds were hurrying to do their last minute shopping lest some friend be forgotten. Ralph stood cowering near the counter. Fear was written on his face, for his Bible was being ruthlessly handled by the many customers. But relief, almost audible, possessed him as each one laid the Book back. He had forty cents in his pocket and lacked but a dime more to pay for the book. Perhaps he could ask the salesgirl to keep it for him until he could pay for it. So determining, he waited until the busy girl came to where he stood.

"Please Ma'am," he quavered before she had time to turn away, "I have forty cents and the tag says the Bible costs fifty cents. Could you keep that big one until I can pay for it?"

"No!" snapped the tired salesgirl who at that moment was not disposed to be courteous to any poor little boys with ragged appearances and appealing brown eyes.

"Not even for a half-an-hour," he asked wistfully. "I want it to give to Mother to-morrow. Daddy burned hers, you know! Please keep it for me."

"I don't have time for little boys. I told you once I couldn't keep it.

Now go on like a good little man," she finished with a stray note of tenderness as she noticed tears gathering in Ralph's eyes.

Disappointed and downhearted he turned away stumbling blindly through the busy crowd. How could he make a dime before the store closed? He would neither steal or beg and the situation looked pretty hopeless to him.

"Help me, Jesus," he prayed as he stumbled blindly into the arms of a big man with his arms full of packages.

"Why, hello, little man," he shouted cheerily above the din. "What's the trouble? You don't look very happy at this Christmas time. Come, won't you tell Uncle Lem all about it?" he concluded drawing Ralph to a more secluded corner.

"I'm sorry, Mister. I wasn't watching. I'll be all right now," he said shamefacedly as he tried to slip away. "Don't go yet, little man," commanded Uncle Lem, and he laid a detaining hand on his comrade's arm. "You were crying, weren't you? Is it that you are afraid Santa won't bring you what you want to-morrow?"

"Oh, no! Mister," exclaimed Ralph, eager to not give the wrong impression. "No, Sir, it was only that I want to buy Mother a Bible for Christmas and I don't have enough money. I need one more dime."

"And won't your Papa give you the dime, Son?" asked Uncle Lem.

"Oh, no! He was the one that threw Mother's good Bible into the fire and burned it. You see, he drinks," added Ralph apologetically.

"Oh—I see! But how did you get the rest of your money for the Bible?"

"Why, Jimmy and I prayed that I would get enough, and I mowed lawns until I got eighty cents. Only, you see, I had to give half of my money to poor little Jimmie so that he could have some Christmas, too."

"And what will he do with his money, Son?"

"He's going to buy a pretty cake for Mamma. He saw one in the store for forty cents, and we never have pretty cakes, nor chicken or lots of milk like we used to before daddy

started to drink. I wish he wouldn't do it! He gets so angry with us, and he even threw Mamma against the wall so that she got so sick she could hardly walk or see."

"Poor little woman," murmured the man furtively wiping moisture from his eyes.

"What is your name, Son, and where do you live?" he asked. "I want to meet your mother and Jimmie."

"Oh, my name is Ralph Norton and I live in 1151½ So. Rainer St. But, Mister, it's getting late and I must earn another dime. Good-by." So saying he slipped away.

Night came on and Ralph turned weary steps homeward. Nowhere was he able to find work whereby he might earn a dime. He had offered to carry parcels, mow lawns, and run errands, but everyone had seemed too gay to notice him at all. With heavy heart he realized that he could not give Mother the Bible for Christmas. Well, he could get her something else, so he bought her some pretty handkerchiefs he was sure she would like.

Christmas morning had scarcely dawned when a rap was heard on Norton's back door. Mrs. Norton hurriedly opened it, thinking that perhaps some neighbor needed assistance.

"Mrs. Norton," asked the tall, broad-shouldered man genially. "Merry Christmas to you and yours. May the peace of the Christ-child rest and abide within your hearts."

"Thank you," murmured Mrs. Norton. "We give you the same greeting."

"I have brought Ralph a Christmas present, Mrs. Norton. You may find that which will be useful to you, too. The Lord led your son to me yesterday, for which I am grateful. Again I say 'Merry Christmas,'" he concluded as he lay a large basket on the steps and turned away.

"But—who are you?" gasped the astonished woman.

"Just a servant of the same Lord you serve," came the answer as the young man drove away.

Imagine the rejoicing when Ralph received a beautiful tool chest, and Jimmie an electric train.

"Oh, and goodies, too," chanted

Jimmie amidst the wild Indian dance he executed as his mother took out cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, a big chicken and other staples.

"Oh, and here is something else," exclaimed Ralph as he excitedly drew from the bottom of the basket a beautifully wrapped gift.

"To my dearest Mother. From Ralph" read the inscription.

With trembling hands Mrs. Norton tore off the wrappings. Yes—it was just the thing for which she had longed and prayed. It was a beautiful Bible of soft leather binding and printed on India paper. "Oh, and it has a concordance too," she whispered softly.

"Why, Mamma—that isn't the Bible I wanted to buy you, but it is so much prettier and better. And look, Jimmie, it does have red edges that turn gold! Isn't Jesus good to us?"

"I just knew He would send it," murmured Jimmie contentedly. —Cousin Grace, in *The Youth's Visitor*.



MY CHRISTMAS DIMES

Each year I wish that I had more
To spend at some exclusive store;
And still each year, I have much less.
'Tis very trying, I confess!

First there are Christmas cards to choose,
Or else a lot of friends I'll lose.
The "quarter" kind would please my pen,
But I must buy those "five for ten."

I count up all my kith and kin—
I even count the "in-laws" in;
And then I add, subtract, divide,
Before my gifts I can decide.

When I from mathematics cease,
I find I have a dime apiece!
A dime! Indeed! What can I buy?
I start to thinking with a sigh.

I look at pencils, pens, and such,
And ask the usual "How much?"
I gaze and think, and play for time—
What can I buy with just a dime?

Outside, the "Army" lassie's bell
Reminds me of the poor as well;
Her eyes—they look me through and through—

I drop right there a dime or two.

A little lad with shoes apart
Tugs at the feelings of my heart;
Red fingers round his papers clasp—
Again the dimes get by my grasp.

Upon the ground an old man sits,
Pencils between his fingertips;
Some of my dimes to him I give,
For he is blind and has to live.

As night comes on, I homeward turn.
My dimes are gone. Was it a sin
To so forget my kith and kin?

Whose birthday is it anyway
We celebrate on Christmas Day?
—Elizabeth S. Fernald



A GUIDEBOOK PLUS

A Christian traveler was packing his suitcase for a trip when he remarked to a friend, "There is still a little corner left open in which I wish to pack a guide-book, a lamp, a mirror, a telescope, a book of poems, a number of biographies, a bundle of old letters, a hymn book, a sharp sword, a small library containing 66 volumes; and all these articles must occupy a space about three by six inches." "How are you going to manage that?" inquired his friend. The reply was, "very easily, for my Bible contains all these things."

You will find this to be true if you read your Bible through this year. Stay with it; you'll be glad you did.—Brethren Missionary Herald

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ANOTHER FAITHFUL SERVANT CALLED TO HIS REWARD

On November 10th about 3:30 a. m., God in his infinite mercy called home another of his faithful servants, namely, Brother John Henry Owens. Brother Owens was a resident of Wilcox county. He was born and reared there, and had made it his life time home. He was 77 years old, 9 months and one day. Brother Owens was converted when a young man and united with the Free Will Baptist church and lived a life of consecrated, faithful service with them while yet comparatively a young man, his home church was organized, and at which time he was a charter member and was ordained the first Deacon. The church was erected right close to the edge of his yard. The church and the cause of Christ had been his only aim in life. At the time of his funeral there was a steady downpour of rain. Despite this, the church could not begin to house the many friends that gathered to pay their last tribute of love and respect. They were willing to stand out around the door and windows to hear and see the last of the one that had lived such a Christ-like life of influence and service before them. Many of those present were weeping and were not conscious of the rain falling.

Brother Owens left almost in his dying words the following message to his family: "When I came from the Doctor I was dead. God had revealed to me a new life. I am going to be a new young man." Then he tried to describe the place where Jesus had carried him and showed him would be his home. He tried to explain and rejoice until he just weakened away. That place is beyond man's comprehension even after he has a perfect vision of it. Brother Owens leaves to mourn his departure, a faithful Christian wife, three sons, five daughters, two step-sons, three step-daughters, nine grandchi'dren, nine great-grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren. His funeral was conducted at his home church, Nov. 11, at 2:30 p. m., Antioch Bush church, Pitts, Ga., Wilcox County. Officiating ministers were his pastor, N. R. Sullivan, assisted by Rev. W. A. Wilson, his wife's pastor of the Methodist church, Abbeville, Ga. His body was laid to rest under a mound of beautiful flowers in Pitts cemetery, Pitts, Ga., there to await the coming of the Lord.

Servant of God well done
Their glorious warfare is past;
The Battle is fought, the victory is won

Thou are crowned at last.

Let victory exalt her joyous voice
Now in trumpet song.
O grave where is thy victory,
And where oh, death, thy sting.

Sent in by his pastor,
Rev. N. R. Sullivan.

TYSON.—It is with sad heart that I attempt to write the death of my mother, Mrs. Hattie Tyson, who passed away August 26, 1947. She had been in ill health for over six years and had a stroke on Tuesday before she died on Saturday. Mother was born in 1875 and would have been seventy-two years of age in October if she had lived until that time. She had been a faithful member of Friendship F. W. B. church for over forty years, and attended church regularly as long as her health would permit. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. L. B. Manning, assisted by Rev. W. L. Hart.

The memory of those happy days,
When the family was together,
With Mother in her rightful place,
Will live in our hearts forever.

—Written by her daughter,
Mrs. J. C. Cobb, Route 1,
Farmville, North Carolina

GONE THE YEAR OF '47

Mrs. Edwin Roper,
Ransomville, N. C.

Old year almost passed,
You've not failed to do your part;
To bring rain, and sunshine,
To each and every waiting heart.

The fields have been bountifully
flourished,
With Heaven's golden grain.
Now the reapers go forth to harvest,
Will they share with God their
gain?

Your forests have been so lovely,
With flowers, and leaves of green,
Each little bird has worked so gayly,
Taking time, sweet notes to sing.

As the green turns to brown, red,
and yellow,
And the little birdies go to bed,
One might think your world is dark-
ness,
Nothing lives, but all is dead.

But as we sit and quietly ponder,
Over many ages passed and gone,

We catch a glimpse of Bethlehem's
manger,
Where a darling baby boy was
born.

No longer darkness dims our vision,
For there shines a glorious light,
Many there have gone to worship,
Guided by the Star so bright.

Yes, dear year of '47
Sent to us by God above,
You have brought us many proofs
Of our Saviour's unfailing love.

So as you pass and fade forever,
A new born year we welcome in.
God give us grace to take advantage
Of each opportunity that it brings.
Mrs. Edwin Roper,
Ransomville, N. C.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

When Christ was born the shepherds
crossed
The hills to Bethlehem;
The wise men journeyed from the
East
A bright star guiding them;
How proud was Mary as they showed
to her
The gifts they brought the Babe, the
gold and myrrh.

What can I give the gentle Christ
This lovely Christmas Day,
What can I give acceptable
To Him in every way?
I have no gold, no myrrh, no frank-
incense,
But I have love and have reverence.

If I can spread the story of
The wise men and the star
And leave my door of hope and faith
and helpfulness ajar,
If I can aid someone whose path
proves rough,
Do you suppose my gift will be
enough?

—Carmen Malone

If you would climb to the heights
you can not wallow in the depths.

The excesses of youth are as drafts
payable in old age.